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ATTENDEES: Thomas M. Corkran, President
Ralph C. Lewis, Vice-President
William Batson, Secretary
Robin Connolly, Member
Hubert H. Wright, IV, Attorney

Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Jessica Noranbrock, Election Asst.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 24, 2022

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

President Corkran called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM; quorum was determined.

Welcome any Guests:

None.

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

None.

Additions to Agenda:

Director Dales would like to add a discussion regarding the Open Meetings Act to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

- **4.18.2022 Minutes**
Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Batson. The minutes were approved.

Election Director's Report:

- **Budget: FY2022 –April 2022 year/date/monthly expenditures**
Director Dales distributed the monthly budgets.

Old Business:

- **Update: Only 3 Polling Place Changes**
At the last Board Meeting the Board approved eight (8) polling place changes due to school unavailability. Since that meeting, most schools have become available and only three (3) polling places have to be changed. The polling place at Choptank Elementary school will move to the St. Luke's Church Hall. Hurlock Elementary will move to the Hurlock Community Center. And North Dorchester Middle School will move to the North Dorchester High School cafeteria. All other polling places will stay the same. Director Dales presented a sample sign that will be placed at the unavailable locations directing voters to the new location.
- **Precinct "Name Change Only" because they need to be contiguous and compact. To be reviewed and approved**
At the last Board Meeting the board approved precinct changes due to redistricting. Since that meeting, it was discovered that a few precincts needed name changes to stay contiguous and compact. No voters were moved from their current polling places with these precinct name changes.

Director Dales mentioned that since it was officially implemented last election to provide precinct level results, Dorchester County has 98 ballot styles for the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election. Office staff have been working nonstop to review and proof all the ballot styles with a faster than normal turnaround to the State.

- **Voter Notification Cards to be sent out (6,562)**
Director Dales informed the Board that SBE will print and mail Dorchester County's 6,562 VNCs that were generated during redistricting.

New Business:

- **June Election Notice**
Director Dales distributed the notice of election that will be published in the three (3) local newspapers. Mr. Corkran asked if we can make the font for "Polling Place Changes" larger. Ms. Dales said we will look at it and see, spatially, if it can be done.

FYI:

- **Election Judge training began May 18, 2022**
Director Dales informed the Board that election judge training has begun.
- **County Tech/Trainer**
Director Dales informed the Board that our current trainer, Josh, will become our County Tech once his training assignments in other counties are complete. SBE scheduled another tech for us but they backed out and placed Josh as our tech. Our previous tech, Pam, has since relocated. SBE will be sending another tech to help out with the evening classes.

Additions to the Agenda:

- **Open Meetings Act discussion**

Director Dales mentioned that the previous President of the Board, Michael Detmer, was certified in the Open Meetings Act, and that it is important that a Board Member take the training. Mrs. Connolly offered to take the training and asked for the link to be sent to her email.

ACTION: Send Mrs. Connolly the Open Meetings Act training link.

Mr. Corkran asked if we had enough election judges. Ms. Dales said we've lost a few judges and EFS but are hopeful that we should have enough.

- **Pollbook Printers Recalled**

Director Dales noticed this item was mistakenly left off of the agenda, but does appear in the Director's Report. Ms. Dales informed the Board that the new pollbook printers have been recalled and that the State will be returning our old pollbook printers to be used in the primary election. Ms. Dales mentioned that we were lucky that we hadn't started training with the new printers. Mrs. Connolly asked if they were very different from the old ones. Mrs. Noranbrock said they were a little different than the old ones.

Closed Session:

None.

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, MD 21613.

(Swearing in the Board of Canvassers and Director's PEP)

Mr. Corkran asked to have the canvass dates and other important election dates sent to the Board.

ACTION: Send the Board Members all important election dates for the primary election.

Adjournment:

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Batson. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

APPROVED:








