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ATTENDEES: Michael W. Detmer, President
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Ralph C. Lewis, Substitute

Gwendolyn Dales, Director
Jessica Noranbrock, Data Apps. II

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: George L. Pfeffer

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING July 5, 2018

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

President Detmer called the meeting to order at 11:28 AM; quorum was determined.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. The meeting was led in prayer by Mr. Batson

Welcome any Guests:

None

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

None

New Business:

Mr. Detmer would like to review the election and election judges and schedule the next Board Meeting.

Director Dales reminded the Board they need to have a post-canvas meeting to reject any untimely absentee ballots and to sign minutes from the canvass. There was a meeting scheduled at the last Board meeting for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 2:00 PM. She also reminded the Board of the Absentee II Canvass scheduled for July 6, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Detmer mentioned some things on record from election day that needed to be discussed:

- The election judges not having access to the Hurlock Fire Hall break room.
- Need to talk to the Cambridge-South Dorchester High School about people coming in and out of the foyer where the polling place is located. Mr. Lewis suggested them using the teachers entrance by the cafeteria. Mr. Detmer asked why we could use the gym for the polling place. Mr. Pfeffer asked to speak and stated that they probably wouldn't allow it because they just put a new floor in the gym. Mr. Detmer said we could go to the Votech building, if needed.
- The Lakes-Straits Fire Hall polling place should not have so many tables and we need to do something about the ramp we pay to have delivered every election. Mrs. Livingston suggested going to a meeting to see if they would be willing to get permanent railing put in.
- Mrs. Livingston suggested a change at the South Dorchester K-8 School polling place located in the hallway. If the Lakes-Straits Fire Hall will install railing then we could use the ramp that was delivered there for election day at the South Dorchester K-8 School and be able to use the cafeteria. There is just a curb by the cafeteria entrance and the only ramp there is at the front entrance. Director Dales stated the ramp is provided by the State, and she is not sure if they will provide one elsewhere that does have an ADA accessible entrance. Mrs. Livingston said we need to get the judges there the Wi-Fi password, and make changes in judges. Director Dales said that we do use one of them for same day registration during early voting, and they do well. According to Mr. Corkran's understanding, it's not the Board's position to make determinations on judges, it's the Director's job, they just make suggestions.
- Mr. Lewis mentioned the election night supply return to the warehouse. He had only received two (2) complaints. The person didn't like the way it was set up and didn't feel safe. Overall, returning supplies there worked well. Mr. Detmer said that Mr. Batson shouldn't be toting boxes, we need to let the judges know there will be a wait and to stay in their cars. Mrs. Livingston thought it worked beautifully and that we just needed an extra EFS person or two (2) to stay and help out. Director Dales said that the feedback that had been received in house thus far was that they liked it. We will keep two (2) EFS as runners and two (2) EFS to help out at the warehouse election night.

Mr. Detmer asked if the light at the warehouse had been fixed. Director Dales spoke to the County Manager about the light, and he mentioned how noisy early voting was. The light still hasn't been fixed. Mr. Detmer suggested adding another police officer stationed at the warehouse.

- Mr. Detmer suggested holding a reception for election judges to build morale, and to thank all the election judges for working for the elections. He suggested having them RSVP so that appropriate planning can happen. Director Dales asked if it should be held

after the General Election, like a holiday party. It can possibly be held in the lobby of the County Office Building, with permission.

- Director Dales offered to look at the Issue Log from Election Day. Mrs. Livingston asked for it to be emailed. It can be addressed at the next Board Meeting.


Adjournment:

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 PM, seconded by Mr. Corkran.

APPROVED:







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