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ATTENDEES: Thomas M. Corkran, President
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Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Jessica Noranbrock, Program Asst.
Amanda K. Forester-Cannon, Attorney

ABSENT: William J. Bishop, Member

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING August 14, 2024

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

President Corkran called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM; quorum was determined.

Welcome any Guests:

None

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

William J. Bishop, Member

Approval of Minutes:

June 11, 2024 Minutes – Mr. Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Tamplin, approved.

Additions to Agenda:

Director Dales added County Ballot Questions and information from the Eastern Shore IT Meeting

Election Director's Report:

- **Budget: June & July 2024 year/date/monthly expenditures.**
Director Dales distributed the monthly budgets.
- **Monthly CC Statement – (May, June & July 2024)**
Director Dales distributed the monthly credit card statements.

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Old Business:

- **Discuss Board Meeting Time/Day**
The Board decided to discuss the next board meeting time and day at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

- **Completed PEMs**
Director Dales informed the board that post-election maintenance (PEMs) has been completed on the voting equipment.
- **PIA Request**
Director Dales distributed a copy of the PIA request from Iowa and informed the board that we have responded with the requested documents.
- **FY 2025 Budget Approved**
Director Dales informed the board that the County Council approved the FY 2025 budget in May, which was submitted in January. Ms. Dales expressed concern over potential future legislation, like curbside voting, that would increase costs due to the fact that our current voting system is not easily portable, nor weather resistant.

FYI:

- **1 Day MAEO optional “Virtual Conference” – Aug. 20th**
Director Dales informed the board that if they are interested we can forward the information to attend virtually. Mrs. Pinkett said she would like that information.
ACTION: When available, send Mrs. Pinkett the meeting information to attend virtually.
- **Election Judges Training Sept. 7**
Director Dales informed the board that election judge training will begin September 7th.

Additions to the Agenda:

- **County Ballot Questions**
Director Dales informed the board that there will be County questions on the ballot, which could potentially create a two-page ballot. We should know by the end of the month what the ballot looks like.
- **Eastern Shore IT Meeting**
Director Dales shared pictures from the Eastern Shore IT Meeting held on August 7th in our meeting room. This was the first election officials meeting hosted in Dorchester County.

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The next Board Meeting will be held at 1000 Goodwill Ave., Cambridge, MD 21613 at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Director Dales went over canvass and election dates. The board decided to schedule a board meeting on December 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM to go over the FY 2026 proposed budget.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pinkett motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Tamplin. The meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.

APPROVED:






