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

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

ABSENT: Michael W. Detmer, President
Robin Willey, Member

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING October 26, 2021

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

Vice-President Corkran called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM; quorum was determined.

Welcome any Guests:

None.

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

Michael W. Detmer, President, and Robin Willey, Member.

Additions to Agenda:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

• **9.28.21 Minutes**

Due to the absence of Mr. Detmer and Ms. Willey, the Board will vote to approve minutes at the next Board Meeting.

Election Director's Report:

- **Budget: FY2022 –September 2021 year/date/monthly expenditures**
Director Dales distributed the monthly budget.

Old Business:

- **Sign Early Voting Agreement**
Director Dales informed the Board the Early Voting Agreement was signed by County Council President, Jay Newcomb, at the Council's October 5th meeting. Mr. Lewis made a motion for the agreement to be signed by the Board Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Batson. Vice-President Corkran signed the agreement, in lieu of President Detmer's absence.

New Business:

- **Draft Charter Amendment Petition**
Director Dales informed the Board that she and staff met with Mr. Rideout and his group to go over their petition signature pages. Some suggestions were made about the font and format. Staff talked to the State and they said it was up to the local Board Counsel to review and determine sufficiency. The Dorchester County Board of Elections' Attorney, Mr. Wright, was sent the documents to review. Mr. Wright deemed the petition signature pages sufficient.

FYI:

- **DemTech – Chosen for New Pollbooks, 2024 Elections**
Director Dales informed the Board that the State chose a company called DemTech for the new pollbooks, to be implemented in 2024. Mr. Corkran asked if they are part of the State/County 50/50 split, and if the current pollbooks will be okay for 2022. Ms. Dales confirmed the new pollbooks will be part of the split, and that testing and upgrades will be performed on the current pollbooks for 2022. Ms. Dales also mentioned we will be receiving new pollbook printers that will work with the current pollbooks, as well as the new pollbooks.
- **Proposed Redistricting Maps – Appears Delegate Map Changed**
Director Dales explained that it looks like the proposed maps by the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission would alter the Delegate map. Mr. Corkran asked when this would go into effect. Ms. Dales said the Legislature will probably vote in January.
- **Ballot Proofing Completed for Mock Election in Nov.**
Ms. Dales explained that we will be testing equipment and ballots in-house in November for the Mock Election, and that the ballot proofing portion was complete.
- **Hurlock Election (Nov. 6, 2021) – Mayor Race Only**
Director Dales informed the Board that the Town of Hurlock Municipal Election will be a Mayor race only.

- **Judges Interest Form – 205 sent; 89 Responses (2nd Notice Sent)**
Director Dales informed the Board that a lot interest forms were sent by email, and so far there have been 10 – 12 judges respond that they won't be returning.
- **Polling Place Letter – 7 left**
Director Dales informed the Board that out of 21 polling places, there are seven (7) we are still waiting on responses for. We will be following up with them, as necessary.
- **Local Labs – Public Info. Request (Grant)**
Director Dales informed the Board that the County received a request for information on how the grant money from CTCL (Center for Tech and Civic Life) was spent. Ms. Dales believes this was requested statewide, not just in Dorchester County.

Additions to the Agenda:

Vice-President Corkran declared he attended a function held by the Democratic Central Committee; he has not donated any money.

Closed Session – Personnel:

Mr. Corkran made a motion to go into a closed session, seconded by Mr. Lewis. The Board went into a closed session at 10:22 AM. The regular meeting resumed at 10:46 AM.

Public Comment Following Closed Session:

The Board announced they went into closed session to discuss; “the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”.

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, MD 21613.

Director Dales reminded the Board that they will be reviewing the FY2023 budget and completing the Director's performance evaluation at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Mr. Lewis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Batson. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

APPROVED:

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[Signature]

William E. Batson

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