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JESSICA R. NORANBROCK
DATA APPLICATION SPECIALIST

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ELECTION INFORMATION
SYSTEMS SPECIALIST

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ATTORNEY

ATTENDEES: Michael W. Detmer, President
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Ralph C. Lewis, Secretary
William E. Batson, Substitute
Hubert H. Wright, IV, Attorney

Gwendolyn H. Dales, Election Director
Jessica Noranbrock, Data Apps. II

ABSENT: Robin A. Willey, Substitute

GUESTS: None

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 26, 2019

Call to Order and Determine Quorum:

President Detmer called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM; quorum was determined.

Welcome any Guests:

None

Report any Board or Staff Absences:

Robin A. Willey, Substitute

Approval of Minutes:

January 16, 2019 Minutes – Mr. Corkran motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Detmer, approved.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Election Director's Report:

- **Budget: FY 2019– January 2019 year/date/monthly expenditures.**
Director Dales distributed the monthly budget.

Old Business:

- **Update on Nagel Investigation – Lawyer is defending her**
Director Dales informed the Board the lawyer is defending Ms. Nagel, there is no lawsuit against the Board.

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- **Manual Audit Results – 0% Variance**
Director Dales informed the Board there was no difference between the manual count and the machine count for the precincts SBE chose for our Manual Audit.

New Business:

- **Begin prep for Nov. 2 Hurlock Election, February 28 meeting**
Director Dales said we are gearing up for the Hurlock Municipal Election. Mr. Corkran asked what races will be on the ballot this year. Ms. Dales said it would be Wards 3 and 4, and the election will be held on November 2, 2019.
- **Summary of Ongoing Legislation**
Director Dales mentioned the “Universal Registration” Bill is on the table and most likely will pass. She has spoken with other Directors and they are planning on hiring at least two (2) new staff members to implement Universal Registration and the new processes for Same Day Registration on Election Day. Mr. Corkran asked how voters are considered prequalified on Election Day to register and vote that day. Ms. Dales said they get prequalified through the MVA. Our main concern is connectivity at all of our polling places. The estimated cost is \$1,000 per polling place, but that doesn’t include the cost for antenna boosters, hubs, etc.
- **May 21 – 24th MAEO Conference**
Director Dales distributed an information packet for the upcoming conference, and informed Mr. Wright a hotel room for him has been reserved and to let the office know if he decides not to attend so the reservation can be cancelled.

FYI:

- **MAEO Connect24**
The current edition of the MAEO newsletter (Connect24) was distributed.
- **Legislative Process**
A document explaining the Legislative Process was distributed.
- **Note – Committee Meetings we participate in:**
Absentee Voting
Modernizing Absentee Ballot Procedures Subcommittee
Election Technology Committee
Early Voting/Election Judge Committee
Early Voting/Election Judge Subcommittee – Revising the Online Library
Election Judge Workgroup
MAEO Newsletter (Connect24)
Eastern Shore Best Practices

Director Dales informed the Board that Kim Jones was in Baltimore City assisting with their Manual Audit, and we had assistance from Charles County and Talbot County for our Manual Audit.

Additions to the Agenda:

None

Public Comment:

None

Confirmation of Next Meeting:

Mr. Lewis spoke with Ms. Willey and asked the Board if the next meeting could be scheduled at 5:30 PM to accommodate Ms. Willey's schedule. Mr. Detmer said 5:30 PM on a Monday or Tuesday would be fine with him. It was decided that the Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:30 PM in Room 110 of the County Office Building.

Closed Session:

- **Personnel**

Mr. Detmer motioned to go into a closed session, seconded by Mr. Corkran, at 4:26 PM.

Resumed regular meeting at 4:43 PM.

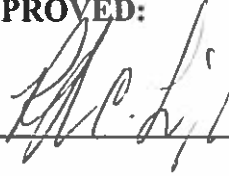
Board Comment following Closed Session

The Board discussed office positions.

Adjournment:

Mr. Corkran motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Detmer. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

APPROVED:

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