Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration Tuesday, March 4, 2014 4:00pm

Board Members in Attendance

Mr. Allen Dowdy, Chair

Ms. Adell Adams, Vice-Chair

Ms. Elaine DuBose

Mr. Herbert Sims

Staff in Attendance

Mr. Samuel Selph, Interim Director

Ms. Lillian McBride, Deputy Director of Voter Registration & Absentee Services

Ms. Chelle Epps, Manager of Voter Registration

Ms. Becky Brown, Precinct Coordinator

Ms. Cheryl Goodwin, Election Systems Coordinator

Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Precinct Clerk

Ms. Turquoise Hayes, Absentee Representative

Ms. Christina Frye, Voter Representative

Ms. Amie Brunson, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

• The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present to allow the meeting to proceed and that the meeting had been properly posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act requirements.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

• The Board Members reviewed the minutes from February 26, 2014. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved 4-0.

Adoption of Agenda

• A motion was made to approve the meeting's agenda. Seconded. Approved 4-0.

Interim Director Comments

- Mr. Samuel Selph, Interim Director, informed the Board Members that he had visited the Statehouse and has spoken with legislators who are working on fashioning legislation to keep the office going.
- For the March 11, 2014 Blythewood Election, there will be 5 iVotronic Machines deployed to Blythewood Park.
- The Town of Eastover Election will be held on April 8, 2014. Voting will be done at 1 polling location with 2 iVotronic Machines.
- For the upcoming June 10, 2014 Primary, over 1700 poll workers will be working and 25 new precincts will be implemented. Letters will be mailed to all voters affected by the new precinct changes.

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- Ms. Becky Brown, Precinct Coordinator, provided the Board Members with a snapshot of the March 11, 2014 Town of Blythewood Elections. Ms. Brown stated that all the machines are ready, the polling location has been reserved and the workers are ready to work. All supplies will be checked in on Election Night.
- Ms. Lillian McBride, Deputy Director of Voter Registration & Absentee Services stated that she had provided the Board Members with a packet of information that includes information regarding Election Day and election night. As of today, there are 0 absentee voters for the Town of Blythewood Election.
- Mr. Selph stated that the office contains an able and willing staff that is capable of carrying out the duties of the Elections & Voter Registration Office.

Executive Session

- A motion was made to proceed into Executive Session to discuss personnel related issues. Seconded. Approved 4-0. The Board entered into Executive Session at 4:14 p.m.
- A motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 4:33 p.m. Seconded. Approved 4-0. The Board indicated that no action and no votes were taken during Executive Session.
- Mr. Selph stated that the reason for the Executive Session was for the Board to decide on his salary as Interim Director.
- Mr. Dowdy made a motion to set Mr. Selph's salary at \$2,500 semi-monthly for the remainder of his tenure as Interim Director. Seconded. Approved 4-0.

Board Chair Comments

 Mr. Dowdy stated that the Elections & Voter Registration Office will wait for instructions from the Legislative Delegation before making a decision regarding a permanent Director. Additionally, the Board and the Elections & Voter Registration Office will continue to diligently work to ensure all votes are counted.

Adjournment

• There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Seconded. Approved 4 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Recorded by: Amie Brunson, Administrative Assistant

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