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MINUTES

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

135 Dixon Drive, Chestertown MD 21620

August 1st, 2024

Present:

Lisa Thompson, President
Paul Showalter, Secretary
Mary Walker, Member
Barbara Reed, Member

Staff:

Cheemoandia Blake, Election Director

i. Call Meeting to Order

Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 8:37 am and declared a quorum was present.

ii. Welcome Guest(s)

Dawn Jacobs
Dawn Wright

III. Report Board Absences

Scott Lockerman, Vice President

IV. Approval of Minutes

Lisa Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4th, 2024. Mary Walker seconded the motion; the motion passes unanimously.

V. Directors Report/Attorneys Report

VI. Documents

- a. Board Minutes – June 6th, 2024
- b. July EAC Update
- c. National Mail Registration Form
- d. PG24 AG & OSP Polling Place Law Enforcement
- e. Precinct Voter Count – September
- f. PEP – Election Director's Evaluation

VII. Old Business

- a. Canvass Minutes – approved by the board, submitted to SBE.
- b. Mail In Ballots – any additional ballots received after the canvass will be presented at the next board meeting.
- c. Clear Ballot- documents were presented to the board. No additional audit is needed since the differences in the results between the two systems were less than 0.5%.
- d. PEP – Evaluation – Completed and submitted to SBE.

VIII. New Business

- a. Temporary Staffing – in need of EFS, Greeters, L&A Tech for the upcoming election.
- b. Pems – (Post Election Maintenance) due August 30, 2024
- c. Kent County Fair – Board decided to participate at the next event only on Friday and Saturday.
- d. Legacy Day – TBD if the election office will participate in any future events.
- e. Maeo Conference – held at Baltimore County Board of Elections. Lisa Thompson, Paul Showalter, Mary Walker, Barbara Reed and Cheemoandia Blake will be attending in person. Scott Lockerman will be attending via webinar.
- f. PP2024 - Board members will not be assigned to the same polling place for the upcoming general election.
- g. Election Judge Complaints - Advised Barbara Reed that all ED/EV/Polling Place etc., complaints should be directed to the Election Director. Board members should not be contacting election judges regarding election related complaints.
- h. Chief Judge Lessons Learned – was held June 14, 2024, at the election office. All location were represented but 7-1 KCPL.
- i. Republican Judges - all position has been filled, still in need of standby republican judges.
- j. Election Judge Training – Board members are encouraged to attend. Please make Michelle Meekins aware of what training sessions you will be attending due to space constraints.
 - Sept. 10th – 12th – 9 am – noon and 1 pm -4 pm
 - Sept. 18th 1 pm – 4 pm
 - Chief Judge Training – Sept 19th – 9 am – noon and 1 pm -4 pm
- k. Voter Participation Center – non partisan group mailing voter registration applications.


IX. Closed Session:

No closed session.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, Paul Showalter made a motion at 9:22 am. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barbara Reed. Motion passed by all. The next meeting is scheduled for September 5th, 2024, at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,



President



Secretary