

# Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration

August 17, 2017;

Observer: Vicki Westberg

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. Meeting called to order @ 4:48 PM by Todd Billman, Executive Director  
Chair Rodney Profit participated via audio remote
2. Previous minutes approved
3. No Public Comment
4. Director's Report
  - a. \*Audit Response letter to S.E.C. – Todd read aloud his response letter. Queen complimented Todd's efficient, timely handling of the new audit process.
  - b. Special Election H113 – Election September 5<sup>th</sup> with run-off on September 19<sup>th</sup>.  
There will be two only Dorchester County voter locations: Alston Middle School and Summerville Senior Center. Board discussed who will cover these dates.
  - c. Municipal Elections – All polling locations will be open. Todd agreed when Keith asked that polling locations not change to avoid voter confusion.
  - d. Mid-Year Conference – Will meet with S.E.C. & ask for funds to maintain & eventually replace election equipment. Will address current process that ensures security of voting machines that are in place up to 24 hours. Todd made positive comments re. the recent Professional Development Class.
  - e. \*National Voter Registration Day September 26<sup>th</sup> – Tri Counties will work to promote the day and make sure voters are registered for the correct location. Suggestions discussed re. for best approach to public outreach.
5. Unfinished Business – Need to have seven Board Members but now down to four with recent resignation of Cecil Toulon. Only one candidate being considered. There was discussion on how to best conduct search.  
Board will recognize Anne Shields immediately after next Board Meeting for her own service and that of her recently passed husband and Board Member, Art Shields.
6. Meeting adjourned @ 5:28 PM

### Notes:

\*S.E.C. (State Election Commission) had sent a letter to the tri-counties that listed the required information/materials to be made available. Unfortunately, the list was incomplete. The information (Emergency Procedure Manual) was ultimately provided by the county.

Todd's response letter was to let the S.E.C. know that a complete list would have made a much smoother process. Apparently, this audit was something new for all concerned and understandably not perfect on the roll-out.

\*Idea is to make September 26<sup>th</sup> an annual date that the public automatically associates with "National Voter Registration Day", similar to "change your smoke detector battery day", or other "holidays". Some ideas include: Reach out to local news as public service announcements; maybe link to other community events (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Summerville Dream?); help facilitate other groups & look for opportunities to promote. Will be able to use some "free stuff" and download other materials from National Voter Registration group.

Todd said he would love to hear from a LWVSC representative to see how they can combine resources.