

Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration

March 15, 2018

Observer: Vicki Westberg

Meeting Highlights

- Meeting called to order at 4:47 PM. Previous minutes were approved.
- There were no public comments.
- Director's Report: Todd Billman reported the following:
 - Board member yearly ethics submissions due by March 30.
 - Town of St. George District 1 Special election was won with a unanimous count of all 25 votes, not write ins and no absentees.
 - Budget meeting with finance committee is 2PM March 27th in St George council chambers. Todd thinks it's a good idea for at least one board member to be present.
 - The request to fill 3 positions for the Summer/Senior Worker Program has been met: 1 for St. George and 2 for Summerville. They will be supervised by Todd and two additional election employees.
 - Summerville Council Chambers have been reserved as a satellite location for 2018 absentee voters. (June 4-8 and October 22 – November 2nd.) Research into other possible locations didn't pan out. Todd will continue to research additional potential locations for future use.
 - Todd reviewed with Admin/IT staff several protocols for security for current and new equipment.
 - Board approved a pilot run of a new voter check in system in one location for the June primary. It adds another layer of protection with three options for connectivity. There is no charge for the pilot. The state has approved the pilot and MAY provide matching funds if this system is selected. Todd will continue to solicit feedback from current users which include Richland County and all of Canada.
 - Candidate filing for the 2018 primary starts at noon on Friday March 16 and ends at noon on March 30th. Current rules require that filing be done in St George but there is a bill that may be passed that allows State House members to choose to file in Columbia or in their home county also eliminating some of the paperwork.

- Todd will make sure everyone knows (including LVW) if the June primary dates change from the current plan for June 4-8. Clerks and all previous polling locations have been confirmed and all other preparations are ready for current dates.
- Updating of firmware should be finished by the end of March. New duplicators have been ordered – wording is much more descriptive for clerks & voters. Todd will make trips to do last minute repairs and all equipment will be loaded up in May.
- Board still needs to fill 2 seats. Todd has spoken to several potential leads and asks that everyone put the word out.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM