Board of Voter Registration & Elections of Richland County

Zoom Meeting

September 8, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mrs. Anjanette President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2022.

Moment of Meditation

Mrs. President asked for a Moment of Meditation.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. President asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. It was moved and seconded. The vote to approve the Agenda was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dunn moved to approve minutes from August 18 and 24, 2022. Mrs. Washington seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Interim Director Report – Mr. Terry Graham, Sr.

The remainder of poll workers will be paid on 9/9/2022 by direct deposit and paper checks.

Past poll workers have been contacted and many are willing to work. Staff has been visiting different areas in the community to pass out flyers, posters and packets to recruit poll workers for the upcoming election. Open enrollment is in progress and will continue until 9/30/2022. The Precinct Division will be conducting poll manager training. Training locations and dates are being coordinated.

There was standing water in the warehouse after heavy rains. No machines were damaged.

Poll workers will make an extra $50.00 for the upcoming election and future elections.

Voter Registration Manager- Elaine Pilot

Online Motor Voter, online registration and DSS voter registration applications are being processed. Many voter registration cards sent out following Redistricting. Many cards were returned due to cards being sent to old addresses. Cards were sent for deceased voters. Cards were sent with incorrect information (DOB, Gender, Race, etc.) These cards will not be updated until after the election due to current work being done to prepare for the election. Ms. Pilot explained the amount of cards returned. Voting on Election Day will not be affected. Board and community members raised concerns, and Ms. Pilot addressed their concerns. New cards will be sent based on the correct information in the Voter Registration and Elections System/Database.

Election Systems Coordinator- Christina Frye

Ms Frye is not concerned about churches who have not replied about building usage, because these locations are always available for polling locations.

Machines were covered with heavy plastic and will continue when rain is expected.

Electronic Pollbooks are in week three of program updates, and it may go into four weeks, due to slow internet at the warehouse. Working on getting 5G Mifi for the warehouse. PLTS will have be assigned to six or seven zones/locations. Mr. Graham will be sending warehouse photos to County Administrator Brown.

Absentee Services Coordinator- Sheron Harris

UOCAVA deadline is 9/24/2022. Military and Overseas ballots will be mailed. The last early voting location has been secured, making those five locations. Reached out to approximately 75 poll workers to make sure at 15 election workers at each location. Deadline for response is Monday. Then the division will begin to pack supplies for those locations. Approximately 2,000 absentee ballot applications were received. R2I2 location has an event on October 28, so it will be suggested to go early or on one of the other days.

Public & Board Comments

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Washington thanked everyone for their efforts and solicited help from new media to promote awareness.

Executive Session

None needed.

Next Regular Meeting

October 13, 2022 at 5:00pm, in person.

Adjournment

Mrs. President asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned.