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Meeting Minutes · Absentee Meeting · February 13, 2024 · 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Edward Lewis, Member Paula Clarity, Member Randy Pelton, and Member Timothy Randall

Board Staff Present: Director Sara LaVere, Deputy Director Adrienne Rushton, Elections Election Logistics Technician Ryan Childress, and Absentee Assistant Christy Souter

Meeting Opening

Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Pelton made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Clarity made a motion to approve the minutes for the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Absentee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Absentee Ballots

Due to several key staff members out of the office with illness, ballots approved today will not be opened and scanned. Approved ballot envelopes will be secured in a ballot bin and processed at next week's meeting.

Ms. Souter presented 3 Absentee cured ballots for consideration. One ballot the voter sent in an ID to cure the ballot. Two voters indicated the ID information is within the ballot envelope.

Mr. Pelton made a motion to approve the one ballot that had a cured ballot and to approve and open the other two ballot envelopes to check for ID. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Souter presented 54 civilian ballots for approval. Each board member reviewed two ballots to confirm they were properly executed. Ms. Clarity made a motion to approve 54 civilian ballots. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. LaVere presented one ballot for review that was returned with an executed Absentee Ballot ID Exception Form. Ms. Clarity made a motion to approve the one pending ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

58 approved ballots were placed in a bin and secured with seals 2616989 and 2616988, with the seals initialed by Mr. Pelton and Mr. Randall.

Mr. Randall thanked the board and director for supporting his participation in the recent State Board of Elections conference.

Mr. Pelton thanked the Sheriff's office for their services for meetings and ensuring ballot security to and from meetings.

The board signed an audit sheet confirming the number of ballots approved today and seal numbers.

Mr. Lewis passed along well wishes for ill staff members.

Adjournment

Ms. Clarity made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.