

Augusta County Electoral Board
Approved Minutes of Meeting
April 23, 2019
Registrar's Office, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:48 am following successful completion of the Logic and Accuracy testing for the Central Absentee Precinct OVO and OVI. Present were: Ruth Talmage, Chair; Marcy Reedy, Vice-Chair; Cliff Garstang, Secretary; Connie Evans, Registrar; Robin Moyer, Chief Deputy Registrar; and Gary Chatelain, Chief Officer of Election for Fort Defiance Precinct.
- II. Approval of Minutes. Marcy moved approval of the minutes of the March 22, 2019 meeting. Ruth seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- III. Registrar's Report.
 - A. Part Time/Full Time Position. Connie reported that she has hired Carol Mish as the part time assistant registrar.
 - B. Absentee Voting for June Primary. The office has so far received 21 requests for mailed absentee ballots and 5 requests for emailed ballots. As required, these ballots will be sent out on Friday, the first day of absentee voting, along with any others that are received by then.
- IV. Continuing Business
 - A. Appointment of Officers of Election. The following officers of election were appointed with terms that will expire on February 28, 2022: Haley R. Garnett (Wilson); Mary Katherine Propst (Weyers Cave); and Judy A. Smith (Wilson).
 - B. Training. Connie raised the question of what to do about returning officers of election who may not have online access to do the mandatory online training. Our training plans were reviewed: there will be three sessions for chiefs and assistant chiefs, in order to have relatively small classes, and one for new officers. The letter we send to all officers appointed for the June 11 primary will give them the link for online training but will also specify that they can do the training at a library computer station or come into the office and work at a computer in the Registrar's office. If necessary, we might schedule a session of in-person training for those who are completely resistant to the online options.
 - C. Oaths. Some of the appointed officers have not yet provided their completed oaths. The office will call those people to follow up. It was noted that for new officers and chiefs or assistant chiefs who are coming to in-person training we can get their oaths at that time.
- V. New Business.
 - A. Cliff mentioned that he and Connie had discussed the need to connect with Chris Chambers of American of Virginia about plans for delivery of equipment and signs for the June 11 primary. Connie observed that she is going to insist that Chris contact the precincts prior to delivery to make sure they know he's coming, to avoid problems we've had in the past. We also discussed the need to get a handle on our signage inventory. Connie indicated that Jerry will be looking at the

sign situation today and we'll consider having some new signs made. Cliff observed that this Primary is a good opportunity for each of the Board members to nail down with our precincts what we need in the way of signs so that we can be sure we have all the necessary pieces in November, which is going to be a busier election.

VI. Other Business.

- A. Public Comments. No comments were made by the public.
- B. Board Member Comments. Marcy suggested that we commend both the Ridgeview Christian School and the Fire Department for responding to the power outage that occurred during the November election. It was agreed that Marcy would draft a letter.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 am.

VIII. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 1:00 pm, May 16, following the general Logic and Accuracy testing that will begin at 9:00 am that morning.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cliff Garstang". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Clifford Garstang, Secretary