

Augusta County Electoral Board
Approved Minutes of Meeting
June 27, 2019
General Registrar's Office, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. Present were: Cliff Garstang, Chair; Marcy Reedy, Vice-Chair; Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary; Connie Evans, General Registrar; and Robin Moyer, Chief Deputy Registrar.
- II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings. Cliff moved to approve the minutes from the May 30th, June 4th, and June 12th meetings. Marcy questioned if in the June 12th Canvass minutes we would want to include that during the review of the results tapes a correction was made to Lyndhurst's vote total from Election night. Cliff amended his motion to approve the 3 meetings minutes with Marcy's addition to June 12th. Georgia seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- III. Registrar's Report.
 - A. South River School Board possible write in candidate. Connie reported that 2 individuals, Stephen N. Bridge and Henry Thomas Goforth III, had come to the office announcing their possible intentions in campaigning as a write in candidate on the November ballot. No one from South River had officially filed prior to the deadline.
 - B. EB Salary Increase. Connie reported that the General Assembly had voted to have a pay increase for annual salaries to General Registrars and Local Electoral Board Members.
- IV. Continuing Business.
 - A. Debriefing of June Primary. Cliff stated that a few of his precincts could possibly use some additional signs. He has had made notes and will give them to Connie. Cliff encouraged Marcy and Georgia to do the same. Cliff recommended possibly in the future having all of the signs labeled by precinct. Marcy recommended holding a debriefing with American of Virginia to see what ideas they may have and to make sure they are aware of any problems we observed in this election. Cliff made a suggestion that at our next meeting we invite Chris to join us.

Marcy reported that a **party official** from Lyndhurst had called her about finding Dave Bourne campaign signs being mixed in with EB signs prior to Election morning. Marcy spoke with the OEs at Lyndhurst who confirmed they had found the signs and had put them in a storage unit out of sight, well before any voters had arrived. Marcy felt that the OEs had handled the situation extremely well and that her explanation to the **party official** regarding the action taken was accepted.

Marcy provided a follow up regarding Ridgeview's concern with campaign signs not being picked up in what they considered to be a timely manner, stating they would not agree to be a precinct if this continued. She contacted the Party Chairs asking for them to, please, see that the signs be removed and they responded positively. Connie reported that she had inquired about any regulation the County may have regarding political signs. She received an email from the Community Development Department that "a sign used to advertise or promote a candidate for public office or referencing an issue on the ballot in a forth-coming election or primary provided that the sign will be removed within ten (10) days after the election". Cliff said **that, prior to November's election**, he would be happy to draft a form letter **sharing this information with** to the Party Chairs and the Candidates Committees **sharing this**

information and inquiring if they would voluntarily prioritizing picking up the signs at Ridgeview the day after the election. ~~before the November election.~~

Cliff provided an update on the interim Court Clerk inquiry regarding OE signatures that are required on envelopes 1A and 1B. He left her a voice message and has not received a return call so he feels that his explanation was all right. He does think that in our training sessions we need to continue hitting hard the importance of OE's signing all envelopes correctly.

Cliff was curious if anyone had heard any feedback on the emergency contact information requested of the OEs on Election Day. Connie reported that about $\frac{3}{4}$'s of them were sent to her the next day in one of the envelopes. Cliff suggested that in training for the next election we ask that the OEs place their information in their lanyard, reinforcing that they remove it at the end of the day and take it home with them.

Cliff mentioned that Churchville made a suggestion to display identification signs at each table and the ballot box. Mount Solon had suggested having printed information on district boundaries (Board of Supervisors, HoD's, Precincts) available to voters. Connie will look in to this.

Cliff talked about the DOJ visit and the one that had been made 2 years ago. As of yet, nothing has been heard regarding either one. Cliff, Marcy, and Georgia have submitted all documents and photographs to Candy Hensley for inclusion with the county's report to DOJ.

Cliff informed us that one of his out of precinct OEs was concerned that he wasn't able to vote on Election Day because he wasn't in his voting precinct. We need to remind all OEs working out of precinct on Election Day to vote by way of an Absentee ballot.

Georgia mentioned that Crimora and Dooms voiced their displeasure in being moved from the Hugh Cassell Gym to the Cafeteria. The Gym's floor had recently been refinished and had not yet dried completely. This will not be an issue in November.

On a side note, Cliff asked about the Annual GR and EB Training in Midlothian. Connie said it was a nice review for her and that she enjoyed the 1-day training. Marcy stated she liked the details given from other localities regarding split shifts for OEs on Election Day. She, also, liked the idea of how some areas included the blue form to recruit OEs when voter notices are mailed out. Connie said she could certainly do that. Cliff suggested that in the past Thank You cards had been sent out following a Presidential Election to be helpful in retaining OEs and show our appreciation to them. Georgia mentioned that we could offer refreshments during our training sessions as a way of acknowledging their commitment. Connie stated the possibility of giving out lapel pins or coin purses to our OEs as a Thank You. These and other ideas will be further discussed. Cliff asked for any feedback regarding the Online Training used for this election. He felt it was hard to police and that some didn't like it. We will rethink this method of training. Marcy asked about our Cyber Security plan of action that needs to be provided to ELECT by March 1st. Connie reported she has already had a meeting with I.T. and she will have more to share soon.

V. New Business. General Registrar's Review – Reappointment

10:28 am. Cliff moved that we go in to Closed Session to evaluate and discuss the reappointment of the General Registrar. Georgia seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

11:45 am. Came out of Closed Session with all EB members adhering to Closed Session rules and regulations. Cliff asked for Connie to rejoin us and we congratulated her on her reappointment.

VI. Other Business.

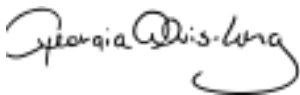
- A. Public Comments. No comments were made by the public.
- B. Board Member Comments.

Cliff, Marcy, and Georgia discussed with Connie about Know Ink and working with them for some onsite training. Connie stated that she has already reached out to the Waynesboro Registrar and there is a good possibility that we can work collaboratively with them in sharing the cost.

Cliff asked Connie about any Voter Outreach measures being taken. Connie reported that Carol will be calling the Government Teachers soon to get their input and ideas. She, also, shared that 2 days in October had been reserved at the Fishersville Library for voter registration opportunities.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm. The next meeting date is TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georgia Alvis-Long".

Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary