

**MCINTOSH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

**January 9, 2023**

**BOARD MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** DeCalvin Hughes at 6:08 PM.

**INVOCATION:** DeCalvin Hughes

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All Present

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** DeCalvin Hughes - CHAIRMAN, Mary Fly – SECRETARY, Joseph Washington, and Doll Gale – ELECTION SUPERVISOR. Mr. Hughes recognized that there was a quorum.

**Public Participation:** There were 5 visitors. No visitor requested to speak at this meeting.

**Approval of Agenda** – Joseph Washington made the motion to accept the agenda as is and Mary Fly seconded. Motion Approved.

As the December minutes were not available, they will be subject to approval at next month's meeting as well as January's.

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisor:** Mrs. Gale asked to report at the end of the meeting.

**Chairman:** Mr. Hughes stated that elections of officers are required to be completed at the beginning of each year.

**New Business: A. Elections of Officers.** We can nominate Board of Election Officers or accept the persons in their respective positions as is. Joseph Washington made a motion to accept the positions "as is" and Mary Fly seconded. Marilyn Lynn's proxy for keeping positions as is was accepted. Motion approved, therefore the officers in their current positions will remain in those positions for 2023.

**B. By-Laws.** The current By-Law document is due to be revised and Mr. Hughes stipulated a few items that need amending at this time.

1. Article 3, the current document requires seven (7) board members but that was changed a few years ago to five (5) and had not been updated.
2. 8.1 States that the Board shall hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each month and a quorum shall consist of four (4) members [based on the seven

Board members then required]. The amendment would be to change the quorum number to three members required of the five total current Board Members.

3. 8.2 Any special called meeting may be called by the Chairman or any three members of the Board after proper notification of time and place, with only one item on the agenda. Proper notification is at least 24 hours: in the newspaper, on website, social media, etc. Mrs. Gale stated that we use the County Commissioner's Webpage.
4. 9 Amendments to By-laws are to be amended at any time by an approval of a quorum of board members and the amendment suggests change to approval of 4/5 of Board rather than a quorum so that no group can gain control of the by-laws, "so at least 4 out of the five would have to approve."

Mr. Hughes stated that the amendments are proposed 30 days prior to voting on them so they will be on the agenda next month. If there are any other proposals to be made, we need to add them as soon as possible. He suggested requirement of attendance of meetings might be something to consider.

**C. Discussion of Meeting Dates.** Michael Mock requested changing meeting dates due to his schedule. February's meeting will be on the first Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, due to our conference training on the following week. The next 5 will be held on the second Monday of each month: March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>. Joseph Washington made a motion to accept these dates. Mary Fly seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mr. Mock also requested that the months of August, September and October be held on the first Mondays and November and December to be held on the third Mondays. Since the first Monday in September is Labor Day, we will not be able to hold it that day. We will address these dates later in the year.

**Superintendent's Report:** We have received the new GARVIS software (new statewide election system) and have been doing training on it for three days last week in Athens. This office will be closed on January 21<sup>st</sup> for training on GARVIS in Glynn County. Our office training must be completed by January 31<sup>st</sup> as we go live on the GARVIS system on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Training Conference on Jekyll begins February 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no CES certification in 2023.

There will be new batteries for the BMDs for the next elections and new poll pads. The old 98 lb. batteries will be replaced with much smaller and lighter batteries. The poll pads will be more interactive and handle the paperwork done in the office at early voting and print out a verification like a small receipt on voting days. Reporting should be much quicker as well. We will try them out on the city council election in November.

Mrs. Gale stated that she and Jason Nix had answered the investigator's questions. The audit came out great for all 159 counties. Mary Fly commented that the counts came out perfectly matched to the tapes, computer counts to the paper ballots.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** Monday, February 6, 2023 AT 6:00 PM at the office.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Mary Fly and seconded by Joseph Washington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:40 PM.**

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**DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN**

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**MARY FLY, SECRETARY**