

MCINTOSH COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
May 8, 2023
BOARD MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: DeCalvin Hughes at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION: DeCalvin Hughes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Present

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

Public Participation: None.

Approval of Agenda – DeCalvin Hughes made a motion to remove item 8D. Letter Re: Investigation from the agenda. Michael Mock seconded the motion. Mr. Hughes gave two reasons: 1. Any investigation/disciplinary action or action of the Board would have to be done in executive session which would not be public. There is a level of confidentiality when that happens and we cannot breach that. 2. This same question was posed in an earlier meeting and the attorney addressed it at that time. He made the point that the letter did not constitute an open records request. After a lengthy discussion and vote the motion was approved 3-2. Item 8D. was removed.

Mr. Mock made a motion to add to the agenda the following: Form an ad-hoc committee to clean-up voter rolls. Mrs. Fly seconded the motion. Mr. Hughes asked who would be on the committee. Mr. Mock suggested that it should be members of both parties. Mr. Nix recommended that there should be a written proposal to the Board and put on next month's agenda so that he could review it and properly advise on it. Mrs. Gale added that this is our purge year and the staff is working on this right now. The vote was 5-0. Approved. This item was added to New Business.

Mary Fly made the motion to accept the agenda; Michael Mock seconded. Motion Approved.

Reading of Minutes/Approval

Mary Fly read the minutes of April 10, 2023. Michael Mock made a motion to accept the minutes without corrections. Marilyn Lynn seconded. Approved.

Board/Committee Reports This concerns the workshop held April 17, 2023. Michael Mock stated that the word "apart" on page one under Board Member Roles, last line should read "a part" and, on page two under "Mr. Hughes asked for guest comments:" clarification should be made in the sentence regarding poll workers to read: The comment was made that no poll worker ever must declare a party **while acting within their duties**. Meaning, of course, when they are not serving as poll workers, they can.

Unfinished Business

A. Policy Manual – We need to put the policies and standing rules in order in a written form and add them to the existing proposed policies (from March). Policies simply refer to advisable things although not enforceable; standing rules are enforceable. Mr. Hughes handed out a list of Proposed Policies for public participation in open meetings and a Voter Complaint Form and asked that we add to or delete from it. He requested that all members bring in policies they would like to discuss or add to the manual. He also suggested that a time limit might be recommended for public meetings. After discussion we decided to review these at the next workshop.

B. Schedule Town Hall Meeting. To be addressed at the workshop.

C. Certify Election Results. *Michael Mock made a motion that an official public meeting* be called each time we certify election results in the future, according to 21-2-493. Mrs. Fly seconded. Mrs. Gale asked for clarification on that rule. Mr. Nix did not comment at this time. Mrs. Gale stated that this meeting would have to be held by Friday of the election week as the State requires the results to be certified by the following Monday. The certification by the Board would require a simple majority. Motion Approved.

New Business: A. Schedule workday for Workshop. Tuesday, May 16th at 3 pm was suggested and approved.

B. Form an ad-hoc committee to clean-up voter rolls. This item was overlooked.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Mrs. Gale reported that the PPP is scheduled for March 12, 2024. State Training will be held in Athens Sunday, December 10 through Wednesday 13. New printer should be in before 5/30/23. A meeting was held on April 27th for Region 11. Early voting will begin Tuesday, May 30th with 2 Saturday mandatory voting days. The election will be held at the Darien Fire Station.

Chairman: No Report

Attorney: Nothing new to add. One letter was received from a party but required no action, no response.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday, June 12, 2023 AT 6:00 PM at the office.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Joseph Washington. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:59 PM.

DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN

MARY FLY, SECRETARY