MCINTOSH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION September 11, 2023

BOARD MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: DeCalvin Hughes at 6:04 PM.

INVOCATION: DeCalvin Hughes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Present

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Doll Gale announced that Joseph Washington has resigned due to health issues and that Ms. Toniae Thomas will fulfill the remainder of his term. Welcome Toniae!

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DeCalvin Hughes - CHAIRMAN, Mary Fly – SECRETARY, Marilyn Lynn, Toniae Thomas, Doll Gale – ELECTION SUPERVISOR and Jason Nix – ATTORNEY. Mr. Hughes recognized that there was a quorum.

Public Participation: Lonnie Teague requested that the Board accommodate Michael Mock's request to change the dates of the Board Meeting for the remainder of the year. The denial was explained to Mr. Teague by several members of the Board.

Additions to and Approval of Agenda – No Additions. Marilyn Lynn made a motion to approve the agenda; Mary Fly seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Reading of Minutes/Approval - Mary Fly read the minutes of August 14, 2023. Minutes were accepted with a word deleted. Marilyn Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Mary Fly seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Unfinished Business – A. Monday, November 13, 2023 is the date set for the workshop concerning the Strategic Plan, Board Evaluation and Voter Education. We will meet in this office at 2:00PM. DeCalvin Hughes asked that Board Members review the duties set out for this group.

New Business: A. Mary Fly made a motion to answer Mrs. Gravitt's letter regarding paper ballots; Marilyn Lynn seconded the motion. Jason Nix presented a memorandum regarding the legality of this request. This memorandum will be made a part of these minutes. Motion Approved. Mr. Hughes stated that the Board will draft a response letter to Mrs. Gravitt.

B. Board Training will be scheduled on the same date and time as the poll workers training on opening and closing of the polls. Mrs. Gale stated it will be held during the second week of October. Date and time to be announced.

REPORTS:

Supervisor: Mrs. Gale reported that this office has received two new "hubs" for the upcoming elections. This equipment holds four BMD's, four printers and two batteries in one large station on wheels. The equipment has locking front and rear doors making the equipment inside easily accessible to poll workers. It will also make opening and closing procedures much quicker as well. Meeting attendees will be invited at the close of the meeting to view this equipment.

Chairman: No Report currently.

Attorney: Jason Nix presented two memorandums regarding the appropriate wording for the website and on the research he completed on the Ambassador Program. This is the program we use to employ County High School Students as poll workers on Election Day. Mary Fly made a motion that these two memorandums be made a part of these minutes. Marilyn Lynn seconded. Motion approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday, October 9, 2023 AT 6:00 PM at the office.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Marilyn Lynn and seconded by Mary Fly. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:50 PM.

DECALVIN HUGHES, CHAIRMAN

MARY FLY, SECRETARY