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MINUTES OF MEETING – April 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m. in the Electoral Board Conference Room in the Elections and Voter Registration Complex in County Office Building #1. Present were Evan Farmer, Chairman, Margaret Walker, Secretary, and Bobbi Morgan, Director of Elections and Voter Registration. Guests present were Dean Vines, Democrat Party Chair, Patricia A. Dunnington, Republican Party Chair, and Greg Reid, Republican Party Representative.

Chair Report: Evan Farmer shared information from his contact with Barbara Tabb, representative of VEBA, regarding VEBA's annual meeting in March 2022.

Mr. Farmer also reported that all voting precincts are ADA compliant.

Vice-Chair Report: Absent

Secretary Report: Minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting have been approved and posted to the website.

Director of Elections Report:

REDISTRICTING: This update is from ELECT and serves as a follow up to the March 9, 2022, communication that initiated a pause on all redistricting activities in VERIS and provides clarification on growing concerns about deadlines, processes, and next steps. ELECT has experienced system and process limitations but remains sincerely committed to correcting processes, providing support, and making this easier for all parties involved. With that said, please observe the following updates:

1. ELECT's previous deadline for Congressional redistricting was March 21st. However, due to several factors this is no longer a realistic deadline.
2. Due to data concerns related to unique state and local errors, there are certain localities that will require technical fixes in VERIS. If you are in the Planned Environment or were

moved to Current Environment, please prepare for ELECT to contact you on next steps specific for your locality.

3. To address future process concerns and improve communication, ELECT is going to provide additional redistricting resources for localities. This will include trainings, check-ins, and walkthroughs with our redistricting team.

Updates on the list above will follow as plans are created. In the meantime, localities should discontinue any more redistricting work in VERIS until contacted directly by ELECT.

Update for the Gloucester County process: We successfully completed our upload on February 28, 2022 and were moved from the planned phase to current. We had zero errors and were ready to send notices to our voters. However, we were advised by ELECT to wait for ELECT to load our precincts to reflect the updated info for our voter notices. Only one of our eleven precincts was updated by ELECT, so our voter notices did not reflect the voters' location to vote. We are waiting on ELECT now as they are prioritizing 46 localities that have congressional changes. I have been assured that we will be part of the priority since we do have a precinct that moved and boundary line changes.

Per the Code of VA: § 24.2-306. Changes not to be enacted within 60 days of general election: notice requirements. B. Notice of any adopted change in any election district, town, precinct, or polling place other than in the location of the office of the general registrar shall be mailed to all registered voters whose election district, town, precinct, or polling place is changed at least 15 days prior to the next general, special, or primary election in which the voters will be voting in the changed election district, town, precinct, or polling place.

All Redistricting Maps were uploaded to our website on March 22, 2022. ELECT loaded our precincts on March 31, 2022, and voter notices will be uploaded once all records are updated. We will then schedule with Gloucester County Administration, according to the budget availability and ensure the VA Election Laws are met, for the notices to be sent.

VOTING MACHINES: Our ICE Firmware/Software Tabulator update to the latest version certified by Elect was completed on April 5, 2022. Present were all three (3) members of the Electoral Board, Evan Farmer Chair, D. Kathleen Kellar Vice-Chair, and Margaret Walker, Secretary. Also present was Republican Party Representative, Greg Reid. The Democrat Party chose not to have a representative present.

ELECTIONS: Official ORDER was posted Calling for Primaries on June 21, 2022. Appropriate authorities of the Democrat Party of Virginia (DPVA) and Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) have called for primaries for nominations for certain offices. Candidate filing for these primaries began at noon on March 21, 2022, and ends on April 7, 2022, at 5pm. The parties have until April 12, 2022, to certify their lists of candidates. If one or fewer candidates have qualified for a particular office, no primary will be held. The Gloucester County Elections and Voter Registration Website will be updated with the Primary Status.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Evan Farmer
Chairman

Margaret Walker
Secretary