MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2525 PIO NONO AVE., STE 1200 MACON, GA 31206

January 23, 2020

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Board Members Present: Dr. Henry Ficklin, Mr. Mike Kaplan, Ms. Cassandra Powell, Herbert Spangler and Mrs. Rinda Wilson

Staff Present: Ms. Charlene Maynard, Administrative Assistant

Staff absence in GA Secretary of State Training: Ms. Veronica Seals, Chief Registrar and Mr. Thomas Gillon, Elections Officer

Board of Elections’ Attorney: Mr. William Noland

Visitors Present: Carolyn Hargrove, LWV, Sandy Tharpe, Liz Fabian, Center for Collaborative Journalism, Maria Bryant, Macon-Bibb NAACP, Charisse Spangler, Yanhua D. Zhang, Tykenous Fiveash, and Elaine Johnson

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Henry Ficklin, Chairperson, called the regular meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Spangler made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019 regular Board Meeting. Ms. Powell seconded. Dr. Ficklin, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Kaplan agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Powell made a motion for the Board to make final approval to move the precinct East Macon 5 polling location which is Delores A. Brooks Recreation Center located at 3326 Ocmulgee East Blvd., Macon, GA that is under construction to the Swift Creek Baptist Church located at 4354 Jeffersonville Rd**., Macon, GA. Mr. Spangler seconded. Dr. Ficklin, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Kaplan agreed. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Mr. Spangler made a motion for the Board to make final approval to move the precinct Howard 4 polling location which is Theron Ussery Recreation Center located at 815 N. Macon Park Dr., Macon, GA that is under construction to the Macon Wimbish Road Seventh-Day Adventist Church located at 640 Wimbish Rd**., Macon, GA. Mr. Kaplan seconded. Dr. Ficklin, Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Powell agreed. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Mrs. Wilson made a motion for the Board to make final approval to move the precinct Vineville 6 polling location which is Forest Hill @ Ridge located at 3187 Ridge Avenue, Macon, GA that is becoming an Adult Care Center to the Lutheran Church of The Redeemer located 390 Pierce Avenue**., Macon, GA. Ms. Powell seconded. Dr. Ficklin, Mr. Spangler and Mr. Kaplan agreed. The motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. According to O.C.G.A. §21-2-291 and §21-2-235 Ms. Maynard requested the Board to approve the “Notice of Election Cancellation for the non-partisan Macon Water Authority District 2 office for the

March 24, 2020 Special be reflected as permanent record into the minutes of January 23, 2020. Mr. Kaplan made the motion to accept into the minutes of January 23, 2020 the Notice of Election Cancellation for the non-partisan special Macon Water Authority District 2. Mr. Spangler seconded. Dr. Ficklin, Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Powell agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Ms. Maynard provided the Board with the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Call for the Solid and Water Conservation District Supervisor non-partisan election for the General Ballot on November 3, 2020 and the GSWCC 2020 Memorandum of Agreement and the Election Superintendent. Mr. Kaplan made a motion for approval to the Call of the Solid and Water Conservation District Supervisor Non-partisan Election for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Mr. Spangler seconded. Dr. Ficklin, Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Powell agreed. The motion passed unanimously.**

***“Advertisement Notification by Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission”***

1. Dr. Ficklin advised the Board that he will be meeting with the Governing Authority about the concerns of our Polling Facilities and the matters of vendor application process with Macon-Bibb County. Our polling facilities are not vendors.
2. Ms. Maynard provided the Board an update of the polling facilities assessment for Macon-Bibb County conducted by the Secretary of State and Elections Technicians. All 32 polling sites were completed from January 21 – January 23, 2020. The Secretary of State will provide each county with a report. During the inspection of Macon-Bibb County, “that our team was very helpful and that they did not expect to complete all the locations.”

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence *(Copies of the following correspondence was provided to each Board member)*
   1. Notice of Election Cancellation for the Special Nonpartisan Election for March 24, 2020
   2. GSWCCA Agreement for the Nonpartisan Soil/Water District Supervisor for General Election, November 3, 2020
   3. Current list of candidates who have filed DOI
   4. Late filers for 12/31/2019 CCDR
2. Items from the Chief Registrar – Veronica Seals (Will be updated prior to the meeting)
   1. Active **105,822** Inactive **5,507** Combined Total **111,329** as of **01/23/2020**
   2. ElectioNet Voter Registration Dashboard Report (Registrations to be processed)
      1. DDS Department Driver Services Applications - **794**
      2. OLVR – Online Voter Registration Applications- **7**
      3. Verification of Pending Voters - **116**
3. Items from Board Members
   1. Dr. Ficklin has spoken with the visitors attending the meeting about the New Voting Equipment and the video instructor shown on office TV monitors.
4. Items from the Elections Supervisor, Jeanetta Watson
   1. Mrs. Watson to return to work on Monday, January 27, 2020
5. Final Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kaplan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. Mr. Spangler seconded. Dr. Ficklin, Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Powell agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

***Minutes transcribed by Charlene Maynard***