

Board Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2013

Attendees:

Board:

Susan MacKinnon, (D) Board President
Joseph Secrist, (R) Board Member
Walter Black, (D) Board Member
Mary-Beth Goll, (D) Substitute Member
Venita Southworth (R) Substitute Member

Staff:

Patti Mitchell, Election Director
Sabrina Fishell, Administrative Assistant

Public:

None

Susan MacKinnon, Board President called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Ms. MacKinnon asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes. Ms. MacKinnon noted that on page 5 there was a typo, it should be Pew Research in place of Pew Reserve. Mr. Black made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction and Ms. Southworth seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Polling Places:

Ms. Mitchell stated that the school board has requested that we not tour the schools until school is in session. This will enable everyone to see the traffic patterns of the buses, students, teachers and parents. Ms. Mitchell stated that in the past when using the schools, the schools delayed the openings of the school. A general discussion took place about using the schools for the election. Ms. Gayle Secrist will contact Ms. Mitchell with the date and times for the Election Board Members to tour the schools.

5 Member Board:

Ms. Mitchell asked the board members if they were okay with the draft of the letter that she emailed to them. Ms. MacKinnon stated that she incorporated some thoughts that Mr. Black emailed her into the letter. Mr. Black stated that Corey Pack is no longer the President of the Talbot County Council. There was a discussion about who is the current President of the County Council. The board members discussed the wording of the letter that will be sent to the Talbot County Council. Mr. Secrist stated he thought the \$ 500.00 the board members are paid was for the canvas only, not Election Day. Ms. Mitchell stated the \$ 500.00 they receive is for Election Day and the canvas. Ms. Mitchell also stated that in the law book, it states the board members must be on call or available during Election Day. Ms. MacKinnon stated that they needed to vote on the letter that is being sent to the Talbot County Council asking their support for a 5 member board. Mr. Black made a motion to send the letter to the Talbot County Council requesting their support to elevate the substitute board members to full board member status. Ms. Southworth seconded the motion. Ms. MacKinnon and Mr. Black voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Secrist

abstained from voting. There was a discussion about Mr. Secrist's position on abstaining from voting on the matter. Mr. Secrist explained that he was abstaining because he believed that the board was supposed to be non-partisan and this included not taking a position advocating for or against possible legislation. The motion was passed.

Website:

Mr. Secrist stated that a few months ago the website was discussed and it is still out of date. Ms. Mitchell stated that we are waiting on firewalls. She also stated that at times she can make changes or corrections to the website and at other times she can't. She has had Mr. Durham from the Talbot County IT Department coming over to assist her. Ms. Mitchell said she is looking into a company that would handle our website for us. Ms. Mitchell also informed the board members that Sandy Evans is no longer with us. She stated that she will replace her eventually.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment:

Mr. Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Goll. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabrina S. Fishell

Administrative Assistant

Talbot County Board of Elections

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