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February 3, 2025

The Newberry County Registration and Election Board met Monday, February 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the election office. Chairman Tony White called the meeting to order, and John Glasgow opened with prayer.

Board members present were Chairman Tony White, Brenda Fulmer, John Glasgow, Doretha Simpson, Henry Summer and Martha Waller. Also present were Director Sheli Madray, Deputy Director Danial Piester, Donnie Bobb and Scott Meetze.

A quorum was established with all six board members present.

John Glasgow made the motion to approve the agenda for the February 3, 2025, board meeting. Doretha Simpson seconded. The motion was approved.

Doretha Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2025, board meeting. Brenda Fulmer seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Under old business, a November 2024 General Election documented issue which was brought to the attention of the board and resolved at the January 6, 2025, board meeting has been documented and saved on a secure device. 2025 Training Program for poll workers and clerks is being updated according to Deputy Director Piester. He has been in contact with the State Election Commission (SEC) on ways to improve the training. The office is now part of One Call

Now, a new system provided by the SEC to deliver information to all poll workers and clerks with one phone call. This will save time for office staff.

The SCARE conference which was held January 28 – February 1, 2025, in Myrtle Beach was attended by Director Madray, Tony White and Brenda Fulmer. Board member Doretha Simpson was unable to attend due to a death in her family. Director Madray updated board members on some of the happenings at the conference and will email additional information to board members. Legislation will be presented this Legislative session to increase poll workers and clerk pay and to have the pay excluded from being taxed.

The 2025-2026 county budget for the Voter Registration office is due February 4, 2025. Director Madray explained that she has already talked to County Administrator Jeff Shacker about the budget and will submit it on February 4, 2025 with a few changes due to increased cost for registration fees for the SCARE conference.

Under new business, Director Madray reminded board members that their SC State Ethics Filing is due by noon, March 31, 2025, and can be filed at ethics.sc.gov.

Deputy Director Piester is reaching out to the municipalities in the county by attending town council meetings to learn who is in charge and how the offices can help each with their municipal elections. The towns are encouraged to have their elections in November of odd years. Most are very receptive.

The election office is partnering with the Newberry Arts Center to participate in the 2024 I Voted Sticker Swap where local students submit their I Voted Sticker.

The board was presented a mission statement for the office. John Glasgow made the motion that the board accept the statement as presented. Doretha Simpson seconded. The motion was approved. The mission statement is “The mission of the Newberry County Voter Registration and Election Commission is to conduct elections with fairness, transparency and security, while adhering to all election laws and remaining committed to registering voters, educating the public and ensuring the integrity of the electoral process to inspire confidence and deliver accurate results.”

Director Madray would like to develop an ethics policy for the election office.

Polling Precinct locations will be surveyed for ADA compliance. The results are due by May 2, 2025.

Effective January 1, 2025, the federal mileage reimbursement rate increased to \$.70 per mile.

At the March board meeting, the board will complete the yearly county evaluation of Director Madray. As of this week, Deputy Director Piester will become a permanent employee of the election office.

There being no further business, John Glasgow made the motion to adjourn. Brenda Fulmer seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next scheduled board meeting is Monday, March 3, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

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