MINUTES OF MEETING 10:00 a.m.
Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Spartanburg County
December 6, 2018

I. Welcome, call to order and Pledge of Allegiance  Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board present: Watson, Broyles, Church, Johnson and Thompson  Staff: Laye  Board member Byerly was present by phone.

II. Reconvene as Board of Canvassers for the Campobello Special Election of Dec. 4, 2018  Chairman  Watson reconvened the Board as the Board of Canvassers.

   a. See Agenda for Canvass Meeting – attached are minutes

III. Review Minutes of November 9, 2018 meeting – No meeting was held as Board reconvened to certify the Landrum special election

IV. Public Comment Period - None

V. Old Business:

   a. None

VI. New Business:

   a. Croft Baptist Church discussion about continuing as a polling location – Laye briefed Board on his meeting with Mr. Parker and Mr. Bulman and the secretary, Dawn, of  Croft Baptist Church to discuss the potential loss of Croft as a voting location. Mr. Parker said that at their recent business meeting he introduced a motion to retain Croft as a voting location, and that motion was approved. However, he wanted to meet with me to advise of the concerns of some members about voting there. Bsically, Mr Parker conveyed that some members felt that the documents posted to the front metal doors was defacing the building as tape was often left or tape marks. Mr. Parker will either get the doors repainted and/or put up a magnetic bulletin board for such postings. Additionally, some members felt like lights were on in rooms during voting that were not being used and that was causing extra electrical expense and sometimes outside door was left open therefore incurring some heat loss or increased air conditioning load. Mr Parker said they would have some church member there during the day to just check on such things. Basically, Croft will remain a voting location.
b. Staff items – Laye advised Board that Mary Lynn Melton submitted her formal letter of resignation to be effective March 1, 2019. Laye stated he planned to have Nichelle Nichols take over Mary Lynn’s responsibilities and hire a replacement for Nichelle’s spot. Additionally Laye advised Board of his plan to try to get approval to add another full time staff member to assist with increased work loads. Charleston and Richland Counties have about 17 staff; Greenville has up to 20 or 30 staff during elections.

c. 2019 Board schedule  Laye will publish and email to Board

d. SCARE – Laye gave each Board member a copy of the tentative agenda for the February meeting. Watson, Church, Thompson and Johnson indicated their plan to attend the conference.

e. Laye reminded Board of run-off election for Campobello mayor on Dec. 18 and certification on Dec 20 at 11:00 a.m.

VII. Miscellaneous

a. election of Board officers:  Watson nominated Rosemary Byerly as Chair and she was unanimously approved;  Watson was nominated by Broyles as Vice-Chair and he was unanimously approved;  Broyles was nominated as Secretary and unanimously approved. Board agreed to change the meeting time to the 2d Thursday or each month at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjourn – Next Board meeting January 10, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Henry M. Laye, III
Director

F. Don Watson, Chairman
Dorothy A. Broyles
Cynthia W. Church

Rosemary H. Byerly, Vice Chair
Wilhelmenia Johnson
William E. Thompson, Jr.