

Goochland County Electoral Board  
Minutes September 11, 2023

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 9:10am. Present: Chair Pam Johnson, Vice Chair Bob Walker, Secretary Wanda Taylor and Director of Elections/General Registrar Ryan Mulligan. Also present were Goochland residents: Joanne Cousins and Buddy Bishop.

Citizens Comments: There were no comments.

On a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by the Secretary, the minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as printed with correction.

- The Director of Elections/General Registrar was unable to submit the latest voter registration counts. He notified the board that he was waiting, and Goochland was number 158 in the hopper.
- Appointment of Officers of Elections: handled in close session.
- Absentee Update: The Director of Elections/General Registrar updated the board on the code to process until you have ballots for the elections.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Tent City: The discussed how they have not authority over the placement of the tents. The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that he had talked to the county attorney and the county administration encouraging guidelines be developed. The chair stated that she will write a letter of encouragement.
- Early Voting Schedule: Confirmed with Director of Elections/General Registrar to begin early voting on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to 7:30pm. They will be closed on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and open on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by the Chair to confirm the dates, seconded by the Secretary. The motion passed.
- Provisional Canvass meetings: After discussion it was decided to start provisional on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:am and the canvass meeting will start at

noon. A motion was made to confirm the dates, seconded by the secretary. The motion passed.

#### Officers' Reports:

- Chair: Discussed VA for fair elections and stated that she will write a letter to the editor to encourage voters. She also stated that she will be attending the North Central District meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Fredericksburg.
- Vice Chair: Stated that he will be attending the North Central District meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Fredericksburg.
- Secretary: will be at the Northern District meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> in Warrenton and will also attend the North Central District meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Fredericksburg.

There being no further business, on a motion by Chair seconded by the Secretary the board went into close session at 10:33am pursuant to State Code Section §24.2-3711 (A)(34): Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security matters made confidential pursuant to §24.2-625.1 and Security.

The board began Logic & Accuracy Testing.

The Vice Chair moved to return to open session at 3:54pm, seconded by the Chair and to certify that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered. The motion passed.

The Vice Chair moved to approve applicants #1 and #2 as Officers of Elections. Second by Chair. The motion passed.

The Vice Chair moved that future L&A Testing be conducted with one member of the Electoral Board in attendance, with a rotation of members beginning with Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Second by Chair. Discussion provided information that this is legal and would also not require posting public notice as is

the case with more than one Board member present. It allows oversight by the Board and continues observation by political party representatives. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm

Respectfully Submitted

*Wanda Taylor*  
Wanda Taylor, Secretary