

Goochland County Electoral Board  
Minutes August 12, 2024

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 6:00pm. Present: Chair Pamela Johnson, Vice Chair Bob Walker, Secretary Wanda Taylor, Deputy Registrar Leanne Wight. Also present was Goochland residents Jennifer Strozier, Debbie Griffith and Cumberland resident Luke Fleischman.

Citizen Comments:

- Jennifer Strozier stated that the recount was stellar, and she is excited about the election and to please let her know how they can help. She also stated that she is looking for to the approved OOE list.
- Debbie Griffith stated that the recount was handled superbly by Ryan and staff.
- Luke Fleischman stated that he appreciates the opportunity to observe and learn how Goochland Electoral board functions.

On a motion by the Secretary, seconded by the Vice Chair, the minutes for June 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2024 were approved as printed with correction. The motion was carried.

*Report from the Deputy Registrar:*

1. *Registration Counts:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar submitted the latest voter registration counts. There are 22,386 active voters and 878 inactive voters in the county. The board reviewed the registration count by precinct and noted that the newly created precinct 403 – West Creek has 1,349 active e voters.
2. *Appointment of Officers of Elections:* will occur in closed session.
3. *Other:* The Director of Elections/General Registrar stated that Civics, a SBE – State Board of Elections certified voting equipment Vendor, has severed their contractual relationship. The board discussed the impact and determined that it would be minimal and felt confident in the Registrar knowledge to sufficiently support county voting equipment.

*Unfinished Business:*

1. *Training Schedule:* No change

2. *Additional L & A Testing*: Bob Walker will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> @9am in room 270.
3. *Other*: The board discussed the need to draft a policy for registration felonies where rights have not been restored to assist the Director of Elections/General Registrar with guidance on when to report the offense to the attorney. The chair stated that she will create a draft for the board to review.

*Unfinished Business:*

- *5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District GOP primary Recount Report*
  - The recount went well.
  - It was announced that Electoral Board members Bob Walker and Pam Johnson were quoted in the Richmond Times Dispatch.

*New Business:*

- *November General Election Ballot Order*
  - A motion was made by the Vice Chair, seconded by the Secretary to instruct the Director of Elections/General Registrar to order 105% ballots per precinct.
  - After discussion on the possibilities of running out of ballots, the motion carried.

*Officer reports:*

- *Chair* – stated that the board does an awesome job working together. She asked the Vice Chair to consider the Chair role in 2025.
- *Vice Chair* – stated that he sent a note to Sheriff Creasy to thank him and his staff for their support. The Vice Chair stated that he has been working in the office to release the Deputy Registrar for lunch.
- *Secretary*: - stated that she has plans to attend the district meetings

There being no further business, on a motion by the Secretary and seconded by “that the Electoral Board go into closed session pursuant to State Code Section §2.2-3711(A)(1): Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.” The motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 6:35pm.

At 6:54pm, the Board returned to Public Session. The Vice Chair moved “that the Electoral Board return to public session and certify that only public business matters lawfully exempt from opening 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 Secretary seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion was made by the Secretary to accept all 19 applicants for OOE as fit to perform the election duties pending review by the chief. The motion was seconded by the Vice Chair and the motion carried.

For the good of the order, the meeting ended at 6:59pm  
Next meeting will be September 10, 2024, at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wanda Taylor".

Wanda Taylor, Secretary