

**Talbot County Board of Elections & Registration Board Meeting**  
**September 8, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m. present were Marjorie Howard, Patricia Robinson and Wycene Willis. Sharman Southall from the Peanut Gallery was also in attendance.

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Ms. Willis seconded and all voted yes. In the absence of two of the Board members and the Elections assistant – the Board tabled approving the August meeting minutes and the monthly reports.

**Information Updates from Firefly**

Mrs. Howard went over information from Firefly regarding updates to the Poll Pad and training webinars for the new Risk Limiting Audit that will have to be conducted after the November election. She asked that everyone read the new ruling regarding Absentee Ballot Processing that will be in effect for the November election. It is important that everyone keep up to date with the Buzz and e-mail for information regarding new procedures.

**Voting Update:**

Runbeck will mail out ballots for all the voters on the rollover list. Counties can also contract with them to mail out ballots for regular voters. The cut off dates for these mailings has not yet been determined. Thirty-four Absentee Ballot applications have been received so far.

The Secretary of State has received a grant that may allow them to supply counties with additional ballot boxes. We would have to decide where the box or boxes would be placed. There should be more information coming soon about these boxes.

Mrs. Howard reminded everyone to carefully review the absentee ballot applications that come into our office and to follow up in a timely manner on those that are missing information.

**Upcoming Events:**

Marjorie will submit our paper ballot order to Tatnall on September 9th to ensure that we get them back in time.

New Salem's voting equipment demo is Saturday, September 26th, 10 am until 12 noon. The Harris County detail will deliver the demo equipment on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Howard arranged with Rev. Parker to have it securely locked in the Family Life Center at New Salem until Saturday morning. Their alarm system has cameras located in the area where the equipment will be set up and stored. All Board members are asked to be there at 10 am.

The football edition of the Talbotton New Era newspaper will be coming out next month and they have asked that Elections purchase an ad. A motion was made and seconded that we purchase a small ad this year. Marjorie will submit the proof for the department's ad.

Internal Training:

The Poll Pad enhancement webinars are on Firefly. Everyone was asked to complete this training before November. There are new election night and consolidation forms that we need to become familiar with as we will have to use them in November. Marjorie passed out copies of the new Absentee Voting Fact sheet that the Secretary of State has made available to the public.

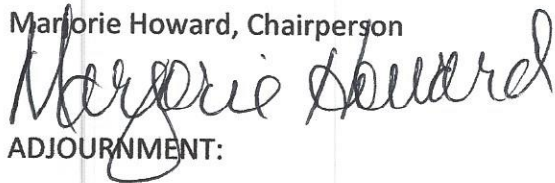
Staffing:

Due to the anticipated increase in the number of people voting and the recovery period needed by the board members out because of their surgeries. We will need additional people to work in the office during early voting and leading up to the election. A motion was made and seconded that we ask some of the experienced poll workers to assist by working in the Jackson Street office during early voting. Marjorie will talk with some of the poll managers to see if they are willing to work. We are still in need of more poll workers for election day. Mrs. Howard said that the reports of people interested in being poll workers have not yielded any results for Talbot county.

With no other business to be discussed - the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Howard, Chairperson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Howard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

ADJOURNMENT: