**Board of Elections and Registration Meeting Minutes**

February 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm in Richmond Hill, GA by Andrew Johnson. In attendance: Kathryn Downs, Cindy Reynolds, Linda Van Heulen, Mathew Kent, Penny Dubois, Lee Ergle, Andrew Johnson, Nevin Patton, Keith Spitznogle.

1. **Approval of Minutes from January Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Lee Ergle

 Motion Second: Nevin Patton

 Motion accepted: unanimous

1. **Old Business**
	1. Election Supervisor Position Posted 1/31/2023. Have received 13 applications to date.
	2. Cindy Reynolds updated Board on GAVREO Conference Highlights:

The new Georgia Registered Voter Information System (GARViS) has been implemented and is operational.

New State Mandated Cellular Poll Pads.

 New Batteries will only weigh 25lbs. Vs current weight of 60lbs.

Election Certification must be held during a special called Board Meeting with a quorum.

1. **New Business**
2. Board members should have and only use a county email address.
3. Bryan County will have City elections in November.
4. The New Cellular Poll Pads will afford real time voter records at state level. No more delayed updates to an individual’s vote record.

For Advanced Voting the New Cellular Poll Pads can utilize a special printer.

The additional cost for the complete set includes printer, case, and Flip Stand is $645 per set. We are considering requesting 10 sets.

Questions were raised as to: Who is responsible for cellular service at polling sites, State or County? How will we arrange service for the county?

We will revisit at the March meeting the decision to order additional Poll Pads until we get a full accounting of the Cellular Data Service requirements and expense. We will also review whether an additional (10) units will be suffienct for our needs.

A video of the New Cellular Poll Pad stand and printer system was shown.

1. Webpage Updates:

Updated with new and current board members.

Precinct #9 will move from Administration Building to the New South Bryan Devaul Henderson Park Recreation Gymnasium at 215 Henderson Park Blvd.

New 2023 Election Calendar has been uploaded.

1. **Announcements**

Next meeting is scheduled for March 16 at 4:00PM in Bryan County Commissioners Conference Room 66 Captain Matthew Freeman Dr. Richmond Hill, GA 31324.

1. **Adjournment**

No further comment or business to discuss. Motion by Penny Dubois to adjourn and a seconded by Lee Ergle. The meeting adjourned at 4:30PM.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Keith Spitznogle, Secretary