BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ken Raymond Chairman

Secretary

Fleming El-Amin Member



Steve Hines Director of Elections

FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 25, 2014

Meeting Called to Order

A special meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor meeting room on August 25, 2014. The meeting convened at 5:30 PM, Chairman Ken Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Director-Steve Hines, Deputy Director-Lamar Joyner Chris Duffey, Jacob Wright, Tunya Mayfield Other County Staff - Assistant County Attorney-Lonnie Albright

<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

Welcome New Director

Steve Hines was welcomed on board.

Public Comment Session

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have two minutes or less to speak. The speaker's name and address should be stated for the record. Questions should be included during the allotted time and answers would be given at the close of the session. A speaker's time could not be given to another individual. At the close of the public comment session, no additional statements or questions would be heard from the public. The public comment session included the following speakers:

Luther Lott - 1205 Hudgins Hill Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 Fred Falin - 7030 Stancliff Court, Clemmons, NC 27012 Tim Fishel - 3684 Fraternity Church Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27127 Susan Campbell - 1208 Brookstown Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 Jo Anne Allen - PO Box 284, Winston-Salem, NC 27102 Carol Sapp - 3855 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 Jeanette Davis - 4835 Sutton Place, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 Dan Besse - PO Box 15306, Winston-Salem, NC 27113

Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to close the public comment session. **Motion carried unanimously.** In response to public comment, Chairman Raymond stated that the Board would respond to comments during the Early Voting discussion.

WSFCS Administration (Security/Safety concerns)

Attorneys Dionne Jenkins and Sam Mills of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools were present to answer questions from the Board. After the discussion, the Board was accepting of all of the suggested changes with the exception of moving Precinct 205 from Paisley Middle to Cook Elementary. Member El-Amin was against the move due to the accessibility at Cook and the lack of evidence that there were any concerns from the Paisley staff. The Board agreed that a person could be added at the polling location for security. Secretary Russell agreed to setup a time for a site visit. Chairman Raymond moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to accept the WS/FCS proposed changes with the exception of moving Precinct 205 (Paisley Middle). **Motion carried unanimously.**

Precinct 904 (W-S Professional Fire Fighters HQ)

After a site visit by staff, Precinct 904, formerly Mission Hispana, has moved to the Winston-Salem Professional Fire Fighters Headquarters at 3725 Crosland Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Chairman Raymond moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to use the Winston-Salem Professional Fire Fighters Headquarters as the polling location for Precinct 904. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Early Voting Discussion

After listening to comments from concerned citizens, Board Members discussed their views on the Early Voting plan. Member El-Amin suggested that they adopt the plan that included Brown & Douglas Rec. as the alternate site to alleviate the conflict at South Fork Rec. Chairman Raymond and Secretary Russell wanted the plan to remain as initially submitted, thus including South Fork Rec. The Board did not present a motion to take a vote because there was not a change to the plan.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Raymond requested that the Board members review the minutes of July 15, July 22 and July 28, 2014. Secretary Russell moved and Member El-Amin seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes of July 15, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.** Member El-Amin moved and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes of July 22, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.** Secretary Russell suggested amending the minutes from July 28, 2014.

Adjournment

Member El-Amin made and Secretary Russell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion** carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Approved:

Ken Raymond, Chair

Date

Stuart Russell, Secretary

Fleming El-Amin, Member

Date

Date

Attachments on File: Activity Schedule for South Fork Rec. (Cricket's Nest Craft Shop)