BLAND COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Bland County Voter Registration and Elections Office PO Box 535 Bland, VA 24315 October 24, 2023

■ Call meeting to order

-- Molly called the meeting to order at 2:20pm. In attendance: Molly Thompson-Chair, Brenda Thompson-Vice Chair, Dorothy (Dot) Kidd-Secretary, and Stacy Tibbs Grady-General Registrar and Director of Elections

Approve agenda

- -Brenda made the motion to approve the agenda as is
- -Dot seconded the motion
- -All in favor, motion passed
- Approve minutes from September 26, 2023 meeting:
 - -Brenda made the motion to approve the minutes from the 09/26/23 meeting
 - Dot seconded the motion
 - -All in favor, motion passed

§ 2.2-3711. Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes.

-34. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security matters made confidential pursuant to § 24.2-410.2 or 24.2-625.1.

Brenda made a motion:

*****I move that the Electoral Board and Director of Elections of Bland County convene in closed session pursuant to section § 24.2-410.2 and §24.2-625.1 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing the Locality Election Security Standards (LESS); seconded by Molly.

The vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; Brenda Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; and Dorothy Kidd, <u>Yes</u>. The motion passed. Closed session start- 2:23pm

Brenda made a motion:

*****I move that the Electoral Board and Director of Elections of Bland County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the Locality Election Security Standards (LESS), and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.; seconded by Dot.

The vote on the motion was as follows: Molly Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; Brenda Thompson, <u>Yes</u>; and Dorothy Kidd, <u>Yes</u>. The motion passed. Closed session end- 2:24pm

Registrar informational items

-Election Update

-Stacy informed the Board that things are going well with absentee and early voting. At this time there have been 129 absentee ballots mailed and 204 in person voters.

-Officer of Election Training

-Officer of Election training will be held in three sessions (2pm, 4pm, and 6pm) on October 25, 2023. All officers that have signed up for the sessions.

■ Other business

-Next meeting date/time

- The date for the next meeting is the canvass for the November 7, 2023 election. It will be November 8, 2023 starting at 2:00pm. The conclusion of the canvass will be November 13, 2023 starting at 2:00pm.

- Adjourn meeting
 - -Brenda made the motion to adjourn the meeting
 - -Dot seconded the motion
 - -All in favor, motion passed

There being no further business Molly adjourned the meeting at 2:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy S. Kidd, Secretary

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