Minutes from the 11 May 2022 Meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am at the Sussex County Social Services Conference Room with the chair presiding.

Roll Call of OfficersLaVerne Ford.presentRonald Hicks.presentWilliam Drewry, III.present

Staff Present Registrar, William Jenkins

Chairman LaVerne Ford asked the registrar if the meeting notice had been posted and where. Mr. Jenkins said that it had and named the locations.

 Secretary's Report: Mr. Drewry read the minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting. The Chairman related the minutes would needed corrections before they were to be accepted. Corrections will be made to the minutes and presented at the next meeting.

Registrar Report: Mr. Jenkins related that the county had recently hired a new webmaster. there was a new webmaster. Mr. Jenkins mentioned cyber security policy and went on to talk about the county's re-districting and proposed updated voting locations. adopted by the Sussex Board of Supervisors. Mr. Jenkins related he would get out all the new voting cards reflecting the new locations Sussex County voters will be participating at. Mr. Hicks related that there has to be a review of the requirements for voting locations to be handicapped accessible. The Chairman requested Mr. Jenkins go over to that specific location with the building inspector to verify that it complies with the regulations. The Chairman asked if there had been any complaints about that particular handicapped ramp to which Mr. Jenkins related there had been none. Ms. Ford related she had reviewed the proposed cyber security policy. Mr. Jenkins said he would provide the information on Cyber Security. Mr. Jenkins reported that there were issues with the Waverly Precinct. The last election for Waverly Supervisor had issues with the rescue squad being in the same building. Come November, both big rooms will be needed for that election and that the rescue squad can not be in one of those rooms while voting is going on. Here also said that space was used to store the voting machines because they are climate controlled for those machines.

Redistricting Discussion: Eric Fly, the Courthouse District member of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors, gave a briefing at the request of Ms. Ford. The discussion continued about correcting the building issue at the Waverly voting site for the November elections. Mr. Fly discussed the redistricting relating that it was important to get the voting locations closer to voters in the specific districts. This new plan should be better for all the citizens in the county. Ms. Ford thanked Mr. Fly for his input and update on the redistricting.

 Election Board Computers: Ms. Ford requested discussed that all members of the Election Board receive computers in order to properly conduct the business of the Election Board. Ms. Ford made the motion that laptop computers be purchased for each board member to conduct official Electoral Board business and a printer for the secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drewry and carried with Mr. Hicks abstaining. Mr. Jenkins asked about the number of computers and printers. Ms. Ford related that the number would be three laptops and one printer which was to be issued to the Secretary. Ms. Ford related no board member should be using their own personal equipment for official business.

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Mr. Drewry made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Hicks. All board members were in favor of adjourning the meeting and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

William Drewry Mr. William E. Drewry III Secretary, Sussex County Electoral Board