

**Union County Board of Elections
Board Meeting
May 8, 2023**

The May meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to Order at 10:00 am by Chair Libby Stephens. Linda Hill led the invocation.

A Quorum was established. Board members in attendance: Libby Stephens, Riccardo Rivas, Jim Fitzgerald and Linda Hill. From the voting public: Marsha Lodes and David Brookins were in attendance.

The Agenda was distributed and approved as presented. Minutes for the April meeting were approved with an update to the month of the current meeting.

- Cobb County Voting Modules: Libby and Riccardo met with the warehouse manager. Runbeck is the provider. The main point that was made was they make the job of getting the equipment out and set up in precincts much easier. No dropping, etc. Less equipment repairs; less wear and tear. The biggest concern was that each unit weighs 750 lbs. fully loaded. They are on 4 durable casters. 2 people can manage them with experience. It would take 4 people if they are not experience. There are some initial issues with design (grab bars, lock-screw holes not in proper place, etc.). They have to be field fitted. No installation manual. Truck rental was needed because of the need for a lift gate. Strapping down the modules will be needed for transportation. Riccardo made a motion to move forward with the purchasing process for the modules. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Libby updated us on the costs of the warranty: \$15,000 per year, we thought it was \$5,000 for 3 years. We are not going to take the warranty. It is paid to Dominion.
- Douglas County Epluse Meeting: There are features that enable us to observe what is going on in the precincts on Election Day. Federal or statewide elections, the State will pay for the cell connection costs. No longer have to upload and assign poll pads. The poll pads can be re-assigned remotely. Once the poll pads are turned on we can see that they are up and running. Observed the poll pad stands – much steadier. They are \$450+ each.
- Update on Replacement of the Vacant Republican Position: The UCRP will vote on the replacement in May and have someone on board in June.

New Business

- New Building: construction looks good to be completed by December.
- Financing for Upgrades: Quads and Poll Pads – Libby to address the financing needs with the County.

Comments

- Open Records Requests: There is a form on the UC website to submit ORRs. Ballot images are expected to be available from the SOS website. An individual can pull what they want from the site. More work will be done to establish a policy/procedure and to update the website.
- E-Mail Addresses: No update

Comments from Attendees: Limited general discussion.

The next board meeting is Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Hill
Secretary

Board of Elections Agenda

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Invocation:

Minutes

Old business:

Cobb County voting modules

Douglas Co Epulse mtg

NEW BUSINESS

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Comments:

Adjourn