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**Town of Summerville
MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING
June 29, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dean Riegel called the meeting to order at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

ATTENDANCE:

Present at the meeting were commission members Tammy Williams and Dean Riegel. Chairman Gerald Byrnes was absent. Also in attendance were Todd Billman, the Executive Director of the Dorchester County Elections and Voter Registration, as well as Beth Messervy, Town Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riegel, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were accepted into record.

CHAIRMAN ELECTION:

Mr. Riegel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams, to nominate himself as the Chairman of the Municipal Election Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE:

Mr. Billman confirmed that the MEC members have completed their required training. He then read aloud the tentative notice of election. Mr. Riegel asked if the MEC should extend absentee voting in Summerville past one week as it currently has been. Some discussion followed. Mr. Billman suggested putting the discussion on a Council meeting agenda, and Ms. Messervy made a note to do so. Mr. Billman stated that there would be a separate notification in the newspapers for absentee voting.

Mr. Riegel asked Mr. Billman to discuss the impact of redistricting once the 2020 Census is complete. He asked if there was time to redistrict before the November 2, 2021 election. Mr. Billman explained that redistricting has to go through the State Legislature, and that he does not believe that there would be time to do this before the 2021 election. Some discussion followed.

Mr. Riegel questioned the integrity of voter registration and voting roles, and stated that the roles should be purged to make sure they are registered voters and living in the District that they are voting for. Mr. Billman explained that the County agency cannot delete someone from the roles, they can only deactivate a voter. The State Election Commission is in charge of deleting voters. Some discussion followed.

Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riegel, to schedule the next MEC meeting on Tuesday, August 17th at 10:00am. The motion carried unanimously.

Donna Clin with "Engage the Right", a member of the public attending the meeting, stated that she has been going to funeral homes to check to see how many deceased are still on the voter role.

Peter Gorman, a member of the public attending the meeting, stated that he would be testifying at the House Oversight Committee about the Zucker grant in the Counties.

ADJOURN

Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riegel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:59am.

Respectfully submitted:


Beth Messervy, Town Clerk