

**EAP May 22, 2013**

**Meeting called to order at 3:05PM by Chair Kathy Carithers.**

**Members Present:**

Natalie Alden  
Kathy Carithers  
Ed Gaston  
Leslie Goller  
Dan O'Connor  
BeLinda Peebles  
Sheri Treadwell  
Scott Wiley  
Guests: Supervisor Holland

Edits to minutes: Kathy Carithers passed out ordinance not Kim Glasgal  
"Shared" – near the bottom

**Motion for approval of previous minutes by Alden and seconded by Wiley.**

**Minutes approved by acclamation.**

**Continuing Business:**

**Website:**

Atlantic Beach information listed under upcoming elections.

Suggestions:

Link that says "videos" – listed under "Your Elections Office" then "Election Videos"

Sharing of links

Make updated videos

**Diversity of members on Canvassing Board:**

A draft letter was passed around to members.

Supervisor Holland detailed how Canvassing Board is selected, that it is specified or qualified by state law. Each of the appointing authorities are independent and don't know the makeup of the others.

Diversity categories presently listed in the letter included: political party, age, race, sex (at the time they served on the canvassing board). The group discussed and agreed unanimously that diversity categories should be ones that are found on the voter registration form.

Alden asked the data be put together on diversity of the canvassing board before sending the letter.

Panel agreed data could be listed without names.

**Practices in other counties:**

Briefly discussed: voter education, videos, outreach

**Warehouse building Matrix:**

The panel reviewed Supervisor of Elections Office warehouse matrix.

It was explained that all of the present sites in consideration are acceptable. Supervisor Holland explained they would not be considered in the matrix if they were not functional.

Discussion went on about the advantages/disadvantages to building a new consolidated building versus renting.

An analysis for each of the options, based on the matrix, was passed out to the panel members.

**New Business:**

**Merchandise:**

O'Connor asked about selling merchandise to raise funds. Supervisor Holland said it was a possibility to look into, however, hesitated because it would mean the City Council must approve funds to first purchase and create the inventory items to sell.

**SOE new business:**

Supervisor Holland gave a brief summary of the legislation signed by the governor yesterday. Supervisor Holland brought up the need for electronic poll books in light of new election laws and cited groups that presently have expressed their support for the implementation of electronic poll books. Dan and Kathy suggested EAP doing an endorsement letter supporting electronic poll books. Supervisor Holland suggested giving the panel a list with the advantages to having the electronic poll books.

**Motion by Dan that the EAP create a letter taking a positive position on electronic poll books.**

**Motion seconded by Alden.**

**Open discussion:** Goller requested data from the SOE office on the pros and cons and costs of electronic poll books. Supervisor Holland agreed. Staff provided a list of advantages, Supervisor Holland verbally cited costs and what he thought could be perceived disadvantages.

Goller asked when the most effective time would be to send the letter. Supervisor Holland explained there are separate steps: first it would be helpful to send a letter to the Mayor prior to the administration's submission of their budget to the Council, then to send one to the council.

**Vote called by Chair Carthiers:**

**4 in favor**

**2 against**

**The motion passes.**

SOE staff would draft a letter on behalf of the EAP chair and send it to the Chair. It was agreed the Chair has the authority to preview and edit the letter. The Chair will sign the letter on behalf of the panel and the SOE office will send the letter to the mayor's office.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:21PM by Chair Kathy Carithers.**