



McDowell County Board of Elections

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MEMBERS

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JR Hachadurian
Tom Cline
Kay House
Della Watson

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021

Board Members Present: Dean Buff *DB*
JR Hachadurian *JRH*
Tom Cline (Absent) *TC*
Kay House *KH*
Della Watson *DW*

Staff Present: Jane Propst, Deputy Director

Public Attendees: None

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 2, 2021 were presented. Kay House moved to approve the minutes; Della Watson seconded the motion. No Discussion The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Old Business

a. MAT Team

Jane reported that Leighann Ayers, democrat party chair submitted two names to serve on the MAT team. Elizabeth House and Pat McLean were the two names submitted. Jane reported that Pat McLean does not show up as a registered voter in McDowell County. Jane stated that she sent Leighann an email requesting additional information on Pat McLean, such as an address or other contact information. JR Hachadurian moved to accept Elizabeth House's name to be on the MAT team. Della Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Kay House refrained from voting.

New Business

a. Random Sample Hand-to-eye Audit

Jane reported to the board that NCSBOE randomly selected Marion Precinct #3, and Old Fort #1 top contest in each ballot style to be hand-to-eye audited. Dean Buff, JR Hachadurian, Kay House, Della Watson and Jane Propst conducted the sample audit. The selected ballot bags were reopened, sorted, by precinct, and counted by hand-to eye, ballots were inserted back into the original ballot bag and resealed.

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No differences were found in either precinct. Kay House moved to accept the audit results. Della Watson seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Provisionals

Jane presented the board with 10 provisional voter applications/containers. Jane reported that all 10 provisional voters' applications were investigated by the following avenues: Geocode research, McDowell County Road book research, McDowell GIS research, contacting Old Fort Town Hall tax department, contacting City of Marion tax department, DMV provisional research report, as well as verbal affirmation regarding their continuous residency. Jane reported that after the in-depth investigation was completed on all 10 provisional applications, there is no evidence showing any reason that all 10 provisional voter applications should not be approved. All board members reviewed the provisional voter application/containers. JR Hachadurian moved to approve all 10 provisional applications. Kay House seconded the motion. Kay House stated that she felt that a in depth investigation was completed. Motion carried unanimously 4-0

1. 10 ballots were inserted into the tabulator
2. 10 ballots were removed from the tabulator and sealed.

c. Review of Supplemental Absentee-By-Mail Ballots

Jane Propst presented the Board with CIV 4 for review. Kay House moved to approve CIV 4. JR Hachadurian seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

1. 1 ballot was run through the tabulator
2. 1 ballot was removed from the tabulator and sealed.

General Discussion

Canvass for the Municipal November 2, 2021 Election will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 11 am.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Kay House motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 am. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Respectively Submitted,



Jane Dale Propst, Deputy Director
November 5, 2021