



# McDowell County Board of Elections

Dean Buff, Chairman  
JR Hachadurian, Secretary  
Kim Welborn, Director of Elections

## MEMBERS

Dean Buff  
JR Hachadurian  
Tom Cline  
Kay House  
Della Watson

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Dean Buff *AB*  
JR Hachadurian *JRH*  
Tom Cline *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, March 22, 2022 were presented. Kay House moved to approve the minutes; Della Watson seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

#### **a. Absentee Ballots**

Jane presented the board with twenty-three (23) Absentee Ballot request forms. Three (3) of the request forms were for unaffiliated voters that did not request a ballot style. Jane state that phone messages as well as emails were sent to the voters, requesting that a new request form with a ballot style selected would be necessary to receive an absentee ballot for the 2022 Primary Election. Della Watson made a motion to accept the absentee ballot request forms and to try to reach out to the three (3) voters that need additional information on their forms. JR Hachadurain seconded the motions. No Discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

#### **b. One-Stop Workers**

Jane presented the board with a slate of one-stop workers for the 2022 primary election. Sherry Helton (Rep) – Coordinator, Diane Arrowood (Dem), Teresa Proctor (UNA), Rhonda Washburn (Rep), Anna Stockton (Rep). One more Democrat name will be submitted at the next meeting if a Democrat cannot

commit to working an Unaffiliated worker will then be used. Kay House made a motion to accept the slate of workers for the 2022 Primary Election with the exception of an additional democrat or unaffiliated worker be added. JR Hachadurian seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**c. Additional Training Date**

An additional training for April 20 at 5:15 pm will be held for election poll workers

**d. Petition Issues**

Petition pages for the Randy Branton for Unaffiliated Candidate for Sheriff were presented to the board to examine the signatures that appeared to be signed by someone other than the voter. All questioned signatures were examined by all board members. Kay House made a motion to send all the signatures in question to the state board of elections for further examination. Della Watson seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**General Discussion**

- a. Jane reported that Michelle Price, McDowell County Democrat Party Chair, called and requested that the county board of elections submit an article to The McDowell News regarding Voter Fraud and List Maintenance concerns. Jane reported that she responded to Michelle by sending a link from the NCSBOE website with the process of regular voter list maintenance processes as well as a link for combating misinformation. After discussion from the board members, Kay House made a motion that Jane should send an additional response to Michelle by email, stating that if the party wishes to have something published in the paper, the party would need to contact the media. Any additional information that is needed for a news article, the elections director or deputy director, will respond to the McDowell News per their request. Tom Cline seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**Public Comments**

None

**Personnel Issue**

Kay House made a motion to go into a closed session regarding a personnel issue. The personnel issue was discussed and no decision was made.

**Adjournment**

Kay House motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:23am. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Respectively Submitted,



Jane Dale Propst, Deputy Director

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