



# McDowell County Board of Elections

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JR Hachadurian, Secretary  
Kim Welborn, Director of Elections

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Kay House  
Della Watson

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
**Board Members Present:** Tom Cline *TC*  
JR Hachadurian *JRH*  
Kay House *KH*  
Della Watson *DW*  
**Board Members Absent:** Dean Buff *DB*  
**Staff Present:** Kim Welborn, Director  
Jane Propst, Deputy Director

**Public Attendees:**

**Opening**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, May 3, 2022 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. Absentee ballot applications Civ. 53-71, and One-stop 269-836 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. Eight absentee ballots were presented. (See attached list) Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
- b. The final pollworker list was presented. Della Watson motioned to approve the list as of May 10, 2022, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
- c. At large republican observer list from Roxan Wetzel, Republican Party Chair was presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. The meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12 at 3:00 p.m. will be unnecessary due to observer lists being submitted early.
- d. Due to the county raise being effective immediately the Elections Assistant position can be filled before July 1 budget. Kim and Jane met with Tracey Bolick, (temporary employee) and she would like to have a full-time position. Tracey submitted an application to HR and Jane spoke with HR Director, the position does not have to be posted if the position is a transfer. Kim and Jane both recommend to the board that Tracey Bolick be offered the Elections Assistant position that is currently vacant and have discussed with Dean Buff, Chair and he was in agreement. Della Watson motioned to approve the recommendation to hire Tracey Bolick, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

- e. Petition signature issues were presented from the Randy Branton for Sheriff campaign. The email from the NC State Board of Elections investigation team was discussed. A sampling from the signatures that were questionable was examined by the state and is being sent back to the board for approval with the matter being closed by the state. Kay House motioned to not submit the sheets to the state for investigation, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. A complaint was submitted to the state by Michelle Price concerning the letter she received after signing the petition for Randy Branton for Sheriff. An email was sent and phone call made to Michelle to explain the circumstances of why she would be sent a letter. Kay House will prepare a letter to the state to give suggestions on how letters could be written concerning this issue that would be less confusing to the voter and possible rule changes for making the overall process easier for all.

### General Discussion

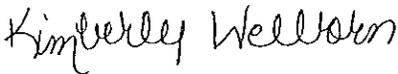
### Public Comments

### Adjournment

Kay House motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

May 10, 2022