



McDowell County Board of Elections

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MEMBERS
Dean Buff
JR Hachadurian
Tom Cline
Kay House
Della Watson

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 4, 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: Michelle Price; Marty and Susan Elliott; Barbara Hilty; Suzanne Fisher (League of Women Voters); Roxan Wetzel; Craig Sink

Opening

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

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, August 23, 2022 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Old Business

New Business

- 1) Printelect (Ballot printer and equipment coder for McDowell County) used UPS to send ballots to our office and during transit one box of ballots was damaged, opened and several ballots were missing in the box upon arrival to our office. The NC State Board of Elections was contacted, and the state contacted UPS to begin an investigation. Upon review by UPS, no illegal intent was found. Printelect recoded and reprinted the ballots and equipment to alleviate anyone trying to use those ballots for this election.
- 2) Two emergency polling places for election day, Marion #1 and Marion #2 have previously listed Marion Community Building as the designated site, however, the City of Marion has requested that be changed to the Marion Depot due to several community organizations using the Community Building during the time we could need to use it as an emergency site. Kay House motioned to make the change for Marion #1 and Marion #2 emergency polling place sites from the previous site of Marion Community Building to the Marion Depot for future elections, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

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- 3) The 29 student election assistants' applications received were presented. An additional training on October 17 at 5:00 p.m. has been added. Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
- 4) The absentee ballot request forms were examined by the board. Civilian 1-284, Military 1-2, Overseas 1-4- Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. 62 absentees have been received. The board examined, Della Watson motioned to approve and place in tabulator, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
- 5) The updated list of pollworkers was presented to the board. After discussion, Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

General Discussion

Public Comments

Michelle Price spoke to the board concerning appointing poll workers. Suzanne Fisher from the League of Women Voters also spoke to the board.

Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

October 5, 2022