



McDowell County Board of Elections

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Della Watson

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Board Members Present: Dean Buff *AB*
Tom Cline
JR Hachadurian *JRH*
Kay House
Della Watson -- *DJW*

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Kim Welborn, Director
Jane Propst, Deputy Director

Public Attendees: Michelle Price; Barbara Hilty; Roxan Wetzel; Elizabeth Gibbs

Opening

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

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, October 4, 2022 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

- 1) No additional student election assistant applications have been received.
- 2) The absentee ballot request forms were examined by the board. Civilian 285-382, Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
26 absentees have been received. The board examined, JR Hachadurian motioned to approve and place in tabulator, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
- 3) 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 5-0.

General Discussion

- 4) The Director expressed a concern about appointing workers in as Chief Judges that have never worked at the polls in any capacity due to the fact that we cannot move poll workers from precinct to precinct due to political party constraints. After discussion, both political party chairs were present; Michelle Price, Democrat Party Chair, and

Roxan Wetzel, Republican Party Chair were asked to join the meeting to discuss this issue to see if an agreement could be decided upon. After a lengthy debate, Kay House motioned: "given the okay from both political party chairpersons (which both were in agreement) that if a Chief Judge resigns between now and November 8, 2022 the election staff have the authority to make those changes if possible from either within the approved pollworker list as of 10-11-2022, or to defer to the same party as the pollworker resigning, or to make the replacement from an experienced person from one of three options either, Democrat, Republican, or Unaffiliated, and to also refer to the political party chair's list, Tom Cline seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Public Comments

Michelle Price spoke to the board concerning appointing poll workers and totals of absentee ballots.

Adjournment

Kay House motioned to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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