



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: Monday, November 7, 2022

Board Members Present:
Dean Buff *DB*
JR Hachadurian *JRN*
Della Watson *DW*
Kay House *KH*
Tom Cline *TC*

Board Members Absent:

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

Public Attendees: Michelle Price; Barbara Hilty; Suzanne Fisher

Opening

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

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 3, 2022 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

- 1) One pollworker change in Old Fort #2 since last meeting, due to sickness the Judge is moved up to replace Chief, Assistant moved to replace Judge, and one additional worker was added. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
- 2) An observer issue on Friday, November 4, 2022 at the Marion one-stop site when the Director and Deputy Director asked Mr. Sink to either go back inside to observe, stand or sit on sidewalk to observe the curbside voting, or move to the grassy area outside the buffer zone. Mr. Sink was walking around the parking lot talking on phone, in the buffer zone as well as this being a safety issue. Mr. Sink became hostile and when the Director stated that law enforcement would be contacted Mr. Sink grabbed the Director's arm. At that point he was asked to leave the property immediately. The Director spoke with Roxan Wetzel, Republican Party Chair at which time she revoked Mr. Sink as an observer to represent the Republican Party. The observer list received for Election Day was presented from Republican party chair. Kay House motioned to approve the list with the removal of Mr. Sink, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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- 3) The civilian absentee requests 653-673 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. Two overseas ballots presented to duplicate, 115 civilian absentees for a total of 117. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. One- pending cure, voter has been notified.
- 4) Kay House motioned to publicly thank all the one-stop poll workers as well as the staff for a job well done during one-stop voting, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

General Discussion

Public Comments

Michelle Price spoke to the board.

Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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