



McDowell County Board of Elections

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

MEMBERS
Dean Buff
JR Hachadurian
Tom Cline
Kay House
Della Watson

Meeting Date: Monday, November 14, 2022

Board Members Present:
Dean Buff *DB*
JR Hachadurian *JRH*
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; Marty Elliott; Susan Elliott; Kevin Price; Elizabeth Gibbs

Opening

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

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 8 2022 were presented. Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

- 1) The provisional ballots were presented with a total of 85. (see attached list) Kay House motioned to approve the provisionals with 23 tabulated, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
- 2) The civilian absentees received total of 46 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
- 3) A matter come before the board from Kay House, Member that was given the information by a Democrat Observer, (Elizabeth Gibbs) in the West Marion precinct on Election Day that a voter came in just prior to 7:30 p.m. to vote, and the voter was told they could not vote because their name was not on the list, even though a person came in at same time and was allowed to vote. Elizabeth Gibbs spoke to the board. After researching the records, a phone number for the voter that was allowed to vote was used to try and locate a name and number for the voter turned away. The voter was Jovy Illenye and she was a registered voter, however, should have been eligible to vote a provisional ballot due to an unreported move.

Jane Propst contacted the voter and she stated that she arrived past the time to be able to vote. She states she was told by the precinct official she could have voted a provisional, but she could vote next time.

An incident report will be completed by staff, and all three Judges in the West Marion precinct and will be submitted to the state. A follow up call will be made to the voter to ensure that an address update will be needed.

JR Hachadurian had to leave the meeting before the random sample audit.

- 4) The random sample audit was conducted with no errors between machine and hand-eye recount for Absentee by mail and Old Fort 1 US Senate races. Della Watson motioned to approve the random sample audit, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

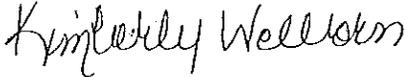
Public Comments

Michelle Price spoke to the board about the random sample audit numbers.

Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

November 14, 2022

PO Box 1509 2458 NC 226 S., Marion, North Carolina 28752

Phone (828) 659-0834 FAX (828) 659-3294

E-mail: mcdowell.boe@gmail.com * Web page: www.mcdowellboe.com