



McDowell County Board of Elections

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

MEMBERS
Dean Buff
JR Hachadurian
Tom Cline
Kay House
Della Watson

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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

Board Members Absent:

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

Public Attendees:
Barbara Hilty
Elizabeth Gibbs
Suzanne Fisher

Opening
Quorum is present.

Minutes
The minutes of the previous meeting, January 3, 2024 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. The Quarterly Report was distributed.
2. An updated pollworker list for the March primary for Election Day and Early Voting was presented. Kay House motioned to approve the workers for Early Voting, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. Della Watson motioned to approve the workers for Election Day, seconded by Tom Cline. Kay House states that she cannot approve due to the Marion #3 precinct being out of party balance. The motion carried 4-1.
3. Two additional student election assistants were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

4. The testing of all the voting equipment was conducted by PrintElect on Monday, Tuesday, January 22, 23, 2024. All reports, tabulator tapes were presented with zero errors. Ballot test decks are generated by the state approved test script generator and PrintElect prepares the test deck. The statewide Mock Election is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
5. The Civilian Requests 1-35; OVR-1-3; Mil-1 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
Four ballots received- 1 UOCAVA; 3 Civilian. (see attached list)

General Discussion

JR Hachadurian began discussion of emphasizing the importance of ensuring that with all the new law changes and new Chief Judges that the board worry less about the party balance and more about the training.

Public Comments

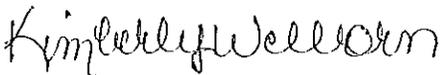
None

The next meeting will be held February 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

January 30, 2024