



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: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

Board Members Absent: Della Watson - *DM*

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

Public Attendees: Susan Elliott

Opening

Quorum is present.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, March 15, 2024 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. The Second Primary Ballot for May 14, 2024 was presented. JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
2. The pollworkers for the May 14, 2024 Second Primary was presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The staff had to make numerous calls due to so many that were unable to work. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
3. The temporary transfer of precincts for the Second Primary was approved and all 8,912 letters were sent to every household that are registered Republican or Unaffiliated. Advertisements for this change are on website, social media, etc.
4. All voter registrations from 2018 were destroyed on Thursday, May 21, 2024 by Deputy Director, and Election Assistant witnessed. The records were placed in bin to be destroyed by the vendor Shred-It.

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5. The updated County Board Member Manual suggests that all board members use a separate email address for board correspondence only. Staff checked with County IT about using county email addresses however the county only purchases very few as well as the accounts can never be deleted. A suggestion/discussion would be each board member if they choose to, get a new email account with name and mcdowellboe through gmail to be uniform.

General Discussion

Public Comments

Susan Elliott- Discussion of Judge at polling place during Primary election and comments made toward Observer at the polls.

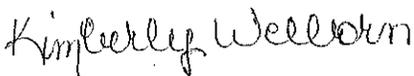
The board discussed other issues with this Judge and will discuss further at a later date once staff examines the procedures to follow.

Next meeting April 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. If no absentees are returned by then the meeting will be cancelled.

Adjournment

Kay House motioned to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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