



McDowell County Board of Elections



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, April 30, 2024

Board Members Present: Dean Buff *DB*
JR Hachadurian *JRH*
Kay House
Della Watson *DM*
Tom Cline *TC*

Board Members Absent:

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

Public Attendees: Barbara Hilty

Opening

Quorum is present.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, April 16, 2024 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. Six absentee ballots were presented to count for the May 14, 2024 Second Primary. All six had completed the Photo ID Exception Form. Della Watson motioned to approve the forms, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. Kay House motioned to approve the ballots, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
2. The Early Voting for the 2024 General Election was discussed. The recommendation from staff is to conduct Early Voting within the Board of Elections office, and the Old Fort Depot; to vote all three Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each of those days. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
3. A voter left the voting enclosure before making sure the ballot was accepted in the tabulator on the first day of Early Voting. The precinct officials realized the voter had not circled the ovals but instead had placed check

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marks, therefore the tabulator would not accept the ballot. The precinct officials placed the ballot in a yellow ballot bag for the board to duplicate. Della Watson motioned to approve the duplication, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

4. Staff traveled to Wilkes County Board of Elections to pick up 30 voting booths that were given away. After the second primary, staff plans to obtain 30 more. If the county had to purchase these new the cost is \$255 per unit plus shipping, but with a lot of elbow grease from staff they look brand new.

General Discussion

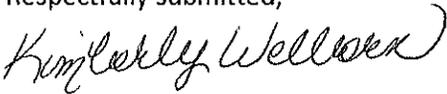
Public Comments

Next meeting May 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

May 1, 2024