



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: Friday, October 4, 2024

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

Board Members Absent:

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

Public Attendees: Barbara Hilty
Susan Elliott
Elizabeth Gibbs
Joan Messer
Elizabeth House

Opening

Quorum is present.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, October 1, 2024 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. The destruction within the Town of Old Fort due to Hurricane Helene and the use of the Old Fort Depot as an Early Voting site was discussed. A suggestion from Kay House to use the Crooked Creek Fire Department as an alternate site. Kay House motioned to abandon the use of the Old Fort site due to not being suitable with no power, internet, water, cell, etc. and to expand efforts to advertise making it easier to ensure voters know the Marion site is available, seconded by Tom Cline. McDowell County Transit will be contacted to set up transportation for any

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voters needing to come to Marion to vote early and proper signage will be distributed throughout the county including shelters and distribution sites. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

General Discussion

Due to the flooding, the polling places for Election Day will be evaluated and inspected for use. Any changes to the sites will have to be approved by the NC State Board of Elections. Further directions from the state are forthcoming early next week.

Public Comments

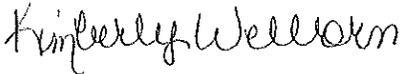
Susan Elliott and Joan Messer.

Adjournment

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

October 4, 2024