



# McDowell County Board of Elections

**ERS**  
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, November 12, 2024

**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:**  
Barbara Hilty  
Suzanne Fisher  
Joan Messner  
Susan Elliott  
Elizabeth Gibbs  
Patrick Williamson

**Opening**  
Quorum is present.

**Minutes**  
The minutes of the previous meeting, November 5, 2024 was presented. Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. The staff will prepare the ballots in Absentee by mail and Old Fort #2 for the random sample audit to be conducted.

2. The Supplemental civilian Absentee ballots received on Election Day and the UOCAVA absentees were presented. 18 Exception forms, 4 military, 1 overseas, 26 civilian absentees. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. One cure is still pending.
3. The provisional ballots were presented by precinct. See attached provisional report.  
Marion #1- 4 approved- 1 pending – Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
The 4 ballots for Marion #1 were inadvertently placed in the supplemental absentee ballot tabulator. Those 4 ballots were removed, placed in correct provisional tabulator. The supplemental ballots were recounted after tabulator was set to zero.  
Break--  
Marion #2- 1 pending- Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
Marion #3- Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
Marion #4- 1 approved- Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
Marion #5- JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
PG#6- 3 approved- Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
WM#7- 9 approved- 1 pending- JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
CC#8- 3 approved- 1 pending- JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
Dys#9- 5 approved- Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
GW#10- 6 approved- JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
Hig#11- 1 approved- JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
MC#12- 4 approved- 1 pending- Dean Buff motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
Nebo#13- 3 approved- Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
NC#14- 1 approved- 2 pending- JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
OF#1- 1 pending- Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
OF#2- 1 approved- JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.  
TC#17- 2 approved- Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
4. The random sample audit was completed by the board verifying the totals for the machine vs hand count totals for Presidential race in the Old Fort #2 and Absentee by mail ballots. Tom Cline motioned to accept the difference in the absentee by mail machine totals 358 and hand count 359 which one ballot was marked with blue pen and had stray marks surrounding oval, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. No difference in Old Fort #2 was found. Della Watson motioned to accept the random sample audit for Old Fort #2, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
5. If a recount is necessary for a statewide race the recount would be held November 20.

### General Discussion

**Public Comments**

Barbara Hilty

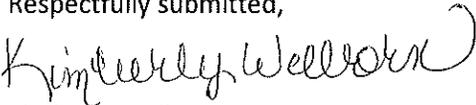
Suzanne Fisher

**Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and Canvass is Friday, November 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Dean Buff motioned to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

November 13, 2024