



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2022

ATTENDING: Lois A. Martin, Board President
Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
Connie Meyers, Board Secretary
James Moore, Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: None

4:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 1st, 2022 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 79 new registrations and 175 removals for March 1st through March 28th, with 107 removals being due to the confirmation mail process.

Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 3,766, Republican – 13,477, Green Party – 26, Libertarian – 94, Working Class – 19, Unaffiliated – 2,797, and other parties – 165, for a total of 20,344.

Steve has a Directors meeting every Thursday morning via Google Meets because of the everchanging events pertaining to the upcoming election.

The inventory is 97.4% completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve presented to the Board the following information relating to the 2022 Gubernatorial Election:

1. Election Date Change
 - The election date has been changed from June 28th until July 19th due to the court hearings that are in progress disputing the redistricting of congressional, senatorial, legislative and councilmanic districts throughout Maryland.

- On March 25th the Maryland Court of Appeals threw out the redistricting plan, stating that it is unconstitutional. The court ordered the General Assembly to submit a new map by March 30th to be heard by April 1st.
 - On March 28th the Senate went into session and approved a new congressional map. It is posted on the legislative website.
 - The Election Directors and State Board of Elections had an emergency meeting to discuss the new congressional map and the timeline needed to put this into action.
 - Steve handed out the election schedule for the 2022 Gubernatorial Election which is subject to change.
2. Vote Centers and Polling Places
 - Both early vote centers have accommodated the new election date.
 - Steve has received confirmation on 10 of the 15 polling places. Of the remaining 5, 4 have not responded yet, and 1 cannot accommodate us on the new election date.
 - The deadline to approve polling place changes is April 19th.
 3. Candidacy Deadline has been extended to April 15th at 9:00 p.m.
 4. We have processed 1134 mail-in ballot applications for the primary election.
 5. Election Judges have all been contacted concerning the new election date.
 6. Steve has received approval from the State Board of Elections on our Election Judge training manuals.
 7. Election Judges training is scheduled for April 26th – 28th and May 2nd for Chief Judges, and May 4th, 9th-10th and 12th for Machine Judges.

Steve received a request to move the monthly board meeting back to 5:00 p.m. The board discussed the time change. Approval to move the board meeting to 5:00 p.m. was made on a motion by Jim Moore, seconded by Chuck Nolan and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

