



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2019

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

5:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the June 4th, 2019 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Steve attended a GoTo Directors meeting on June 13th and has another GoTo Directors meeting scheduled for July 25th.

On July 19th Steve traveled to Glen Burnie for a Homeland Security Table-Top Exercise.

Steve received the 2018 Gubernatorial Election Audit. Steve discussed the findings and his responses with the Board that he forwarded to Linda Lamone.

Steve responded to the Temporary Staffing Questionnaire from SBE, referring to the 2020 Presidential Elections. Steve requested technicians to set up and tear down modems at the polling places before and after the elections, as well as to check for connectivity.

In the next couple of weeks Steve is to be issued a cellular signal tester. All polling places must be tested for signal strength as well as which wireless carrier has the best coverage at each polling place.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the June 4th Board Meeting the Garrett County Board of Directors By-Laws were approved pending corrections. Steve presented the corrected version to the Board. They were accepted and the Board signed the By-Laws.

Oct 17th is the BIENNIAL Conference in Annapolis. The Board, Staff and County Attorney will be attending. Steve will be staying in Annapolis for the Mandatory Table-Top exercise on Friday the 18th.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

On July 3rd the State Board discussed the policy on how many Ballot Marking Devices are mandatory and/or allowed at each polling place and early voting site.

The State Board has now mandated that a minimum of 5 voters must utilize the Ballot Marking Device by 1:00 PM at early voting sites and polling places.

Legislation was mandated by the State that Marylanders who don't identify as either male or female could decline to identify a gender on their driver's licenses. Instead of "M" for male or "F" for female, Marylanders who identify as "nonbinary" could have an "X" displayed on their IDs. The State Board of Elections has adopted the same policy for voter registration applications.

At each board meeting Steve will be presenting a short training on proper use of all voting equipment for the Board members beginning with the September meeting.


Steve presented the Board with a packet of handouts:

- 1.) Welcome letter for new and reappointed Board Members.
- 2.) Ethics and Standard for Election Officials and Employees.
- 3.) Maryland Public Ethics Law Summary.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:00 PM. The August board meeting is being canceled because there is nothing to be discussed. This was accepted on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by James Moore, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois Martin, Board President