



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 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
Jeff Hovis, Visitor

ABSENT: None

4:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Connie Meyers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 1st, 2022 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Jim Moore and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 71 new registrations and 142 removals for the same period. The confirmation mail process and death notices widely contributed to the removals.

Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat – 3,807, Republican – 13,532, Green Party – 27, Libertarian – 93, Working Class – 18, Unaffiliated – 2790, and other parties – 167, for a total of 20,434.

On March 10th Steve has a directors meeting via Google Meets.

Steve has the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget completed and submitted. He requested a pay increase for the Election Judges beginning with the 2022 Gubernatorial General Election due to the fact that Early Voting hours have increased.

Steve is currently working on the inventory.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mail-In Ballot Applications were mailed to registered voters in early February. To date the office has processed 679 that were returned requesting Mail-In Ballots.

The candidacy filing deadline has been extended until March 22nd at 9:00 p.m.

Congressional redistricting is still in the courts. Election Directors had a meeting last week expressing concerns about the election timeline. It was decided to authorize MAEO (Maryland Association of Election Officials) to express our concerns to the State Board of Elections.

Steve attended a virtual legislative meeting on March 1st pertaining to HB35/SB0158. MACO (Maryland Association of Counties) supported this Bill requiring a 50/50 split with State/County for election equipment, storage and other election relevant materials that are required by the State Board of Elections. Some language was added to the bill after it was filed. Hopefully MACO will step in to revise the presented Bill.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve received correspondence from a voter stating her discontent when voting in the previous election. Steve responded to the voter and insured her that everything was handled properly.

George C. Edwards, State Senator, sent Steve correspondence to thank him and the Board for the Census information and to keep up the good work.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at 4:00 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.

Lois Martin, Board President