



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2023

ATTENDING: Connie Meyers, Board President
Randy Glotfelty, Board Vice President
James Moore, Board Secretary
Carla Tesar, Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director
Betty Pritt, Visitor

ABSENT: Charles Nolan, Board Member

Prior to the June 6, 2023 Board Meeting, the Garrett County Clerk of Court, Bill Bittinger gave the Oath to the newly appointed Board of Election members Connie Meyers, Randy Glotfelty, Jim Moore and Carla Tesar.

Immediately following, Election Director, Steve Fratz opened the floor for nominations for the office of President, Vice President and Secretary:

Jim Moore nominated Connie Meyers for President; Randy Glotfelty seconded the motion and was made unanimous. Connie accepted the nomination.

Jim Moore nominated Randy Glotfelty for Vice President; Connie Meyers seconded the motion and was made unanimous. Randy accepted the nomination.

Connie Meyers nominated Jim Moore for Secretary; Randy Glotfelty seconded the motion and was made unanimous. Jim accepted the nomination.

The new appointed Board then convened for the June 6th Board Meeting.

4:10 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by President Connie Meyers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the May 2nd, 2023 meeting was approved on a motion made by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by James Moore and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 59 new voter registrations and 33 removals in May. Active registered voters are as follows for Garrett County: Democrat- 3,692, Republican – 13,689, Libertarian – 111, Unaffiliated – 2,925, and all other parties – 204, for a total of 20,621.

Upcoming dates:

- On June 15th Steve has a directors meeting in Hagerstown.
- The office will be closed on June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

- On June 22nd Chrissy Sharpless will be attending a List Maintenance Training in Hagerstown.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Steve presented a draft of the Garrett County Election Board By-Laws to each member. After review and discussion, the following adoptions were made:
1. The Board agreed to leave the monthly board meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.
 2. A motion was made by Connie Meyers, seconded by James Moore and made unanimous to allow attendance by Board Members to campaign fundraisers held by candidates, political parties, or ballot issue committees provided the member discloses this fact to the Board and does not publicly indicate that he or she is a member of the Board.
 3. A motion was made by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Connie Meyers and made unanimous to allow Board Members to make campaign contributions to candidates or issues on the ballot in an election for which the member will be serving on the local Board of Canvassers provided the member discloses the contributions to the Board.
 4. A motion was made by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Jim Moore and made unanimous that a member shall not publicly display support or opposition to candidates or issues on the ballot in any election (including yard signs, bumper stickers, etc.) for which the member will be serving on the local Board of Canvassers provided the member discloses the displays to the Board.
 5. A motion was made by James Moore, seconded by Connie Meyers and made unanimous that a member shall not wear campaign paraphernalia showing support or opposition for or against candidates or issues on the ballot in any election for which the member will be serving on the local Board of Canvassers.
- b) Steve distributed a notebook to each Board Member with pertinent information pertaining to being a board member. Included in the notebook was a welcoming letter from State Administrator, Linda Lamone along with Board Contact Information, Election Calendar, Ethics & Standards information, Federal Election Law and a guide to conducting meetings.
1. Steve announced that the mandatory Biennial Meeting will be held October 19th in Annapolis.
 2. A discussion was held concerning Board Duties and compensation.
- c) On June 5th Steve attended a Legislative Meeting concerning two House Bills:
1. HB410 – Prohibiting a local board of elections from voting to change the location of a polling place without first holding a meeting to discuss the proposed change and providing an opportunity for individuals and organizations to testify; requiring each local board to submit a polling place plan to the State Board of

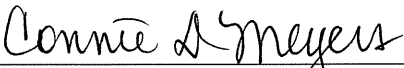
Elections at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election; altering the date of the 2024 statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City to the second Tuesday in May.

2. HB1200 – Establishing a minimum training course compensation of \$50 and minimum daily compensation of \$250 for election judges for each election day and each early voting day actually served; requiring the State Board of Elections to reimburse each local board of elections for \$50 of the extra compensation that is paid to each returning election judge; and requiring the State Board to develop and implement a marketing campaign to assist in the recruitment of individuals to serve as election judges.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by James Moore, and made unanimous by Connie Meyers.



Connie Meyers, Board President