

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ABSENTEE SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
February 27, 2024  
3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wallin called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order on February 27, 2024, at Suite E, Room 16, 5707 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, 28753. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball, Member, Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; and one member of the public.

**Agenda:**

Motion (DS, BB) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**Minutes Approval:**

Motion (BB, DS) to approve the February 20, 2024, meeting minutes and February 20, 2024, executive meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**Members Reports:**

Chair Wallin expressed appreciation for member Ray Lewis attending the meeting.

Secretary Smathers reported on his early voting site visits.

**Director's Report:**

The director updated the board on Early Voting, and the final training session that was held the previous Saturday.

**Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:**

The Board verified the voting equipment chain of custody for the Absentee DS200.

The Board verified the public count of **four** on the Absentee DS200.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Beech Glen Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve **five** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve **three** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion was passed unanimously (4-0).
- Mars Hill Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve **five** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- North Marshall Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve **three** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Sandy Mush Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve **two** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

### **BALLOT DUPLICATION**

No ballots were duplicated.

### **PREPARATORY STEPS TO SECURE COUNTED BALLOTS**

The Board recorded the ending ballot count of **eighteen** ballots and sealed the machine for storage.

### **Other Matters:**

Motion (BB, DS) to approve the Election Day poll worker's list as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

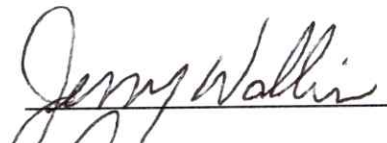
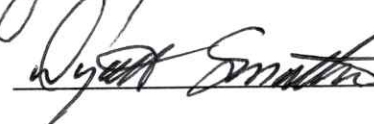
### **Public Comment:**

Cheryll Williams spoke her experience as a poll worker and the successful implementation of the ExpressVote equipment during early voting. Discussion ensued on the use of ExpressVote.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Absentee Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn at 3:48 p.m. (DS, JW) and motion carried (4-0)**

 , Chair  
 , Secretary