

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Absentee Supplemental/Provisional Meeting
Board of Elections Conference Room
March 14, 2024
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wallin called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball, Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; and one member of the public.

Agenda:

Motion (DS, JW) to amend the agenda and agenda items "2024 Second Primary Resolution to count absentee ballots and set Absentee Meeting Schedule" and "2024 Second Primary Early Voting Staff approval." The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Minutes Approval:

Motion (DS, BB) to approve March 4, 2024 meeting minutes and March 5, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Members Reports:

- Member Ball expressed appreciation to the office staff and poll-workers for well-run primary election.
- Secretary Smathers echoed member Ball's comments and reported to the board that the office staff is addressing concerns the poll-workers had with a specific procedure. Secretary Smathers thanked the board for addressing the need to combine precincts for the upcoming Second Primary.
- Member Ponder echoed previous comments made by board members about the election. Member Ponder complimented the office staff on the preparedness for potential personnel issues at the Hot Springs precinct.
- Chair Wallin spoke about this Board of Elections willingness to work together.

Director's Report:

The Director notified the Board of a change in how Canvass Reports will be presented during the Canvass Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Preparatory Steps to Count Supplemental Absentee Ballots:

Board members verified the public count of zero on the Supplemental Absentee DS200.

Supplemental Absentee Ballots' Approval for March 14, 2024, Meeting:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots:

- Mars Hill Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **one** CIV Absentee Ballot. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- North Marshall Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **two** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Military (MIL) Ballots:

- Walnut Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **one** MIL Absentee Ballot. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Preparatory Steps to Count Provisional Ballots:

Board members verified the public count of zero on the Provisional DS200.

Provisional Ballot Approval/Denial for March 14, 2024 Meeting:

The Board reviewed a total of **forty-four** provisional applications.

Provisional Voting Reason: "ID Not Provided – Exception -Reasonable Impediment"

- Motion (BB, DS) to approve **one** provisional application. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Provisional Voting Reason: "Incorrect Party"

- Motion (DS, JW) to deny **ten** provisional applications. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Provisional Voting Reason: "Incorrect Precinct"

- Motion (DS, DP) to approve **sixteen** provisional applications. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Provisional Voting Reason: "No Record of Registration"

- Motion (DS, JW) motion to deny **thirteen** provisional applications. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Provisional Voting Reason: "Previously Removed"

- Motion (DS, JW) to deny **two** provisional applications. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Provisional Voting Reason: "ID not provided – No exception form/return with ID"

- Motion (DS, JW) to deny **two** provisional applications. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

BALLOT DUPLICATION

Secretary Smathers marked the ballots while member Ball called the contests for duplication purposes.

PREPARATORY STEPS TO SECURE COUNTED BALLOTS

Board members verified the public count of **four** for the Supplemental Absentee DS200 tabulator and the public count of **seventeen** for the Provisional DS200 tabulator. Voted ballots were sealed and secured for storage. The board closed the DS200 tabulators, and the director imported and uploaded the supplemental and provisional results.

Other Matters:

Motion (DS, JW) to allow the director to retrieve ballot that was cast twice during early voting and conduct a manual edit to election results. The motion pass unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, JW) to approve the 2024 Second Primary Early Voting plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, BB) to approve resolutions to transfer voters to adjacent precincts for the 2024 Second Primary Election only.

Motion (DS, JW) to approve resolutions to relocate polling sites for the 2024 Second Primary Election only. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

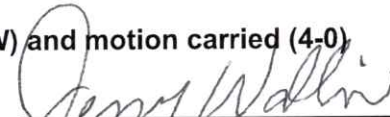
Motion (DS, BB) to approve 2024 Second Primary Resolution to count absentee ballots and set Absentee Meeting Schedule. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (BB, DS) to approve the 2024 Second Primary early voting staff list as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Public Comment:

Cheryl Williams spoke about the canvass process.

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. (DS, JW) and motion carried (4-0)



Jerry Wallin, Chair



Dyatt Smathers, Secretary