

MINUTES OF  
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
November 15, 2024

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 11 am.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting of November 14, 2024.

The Board then began the canvass for the November 2024 election by approval one additional provisional ballot, which had been pending the voter supplying identification. That was provided so the ballot was approved unanimously. Abstracts for the Supplemental Absentee Ballots were executed.

Director Amanda Duncan then reported on write-in votes. 226 were received for the President race, but the vast majority were not cast for certified write-in candidates. About 900 write-in votes were received for the Soil and Water Conservation seat, but the only write-in candidates which will shown are those who achieved at least five votes.

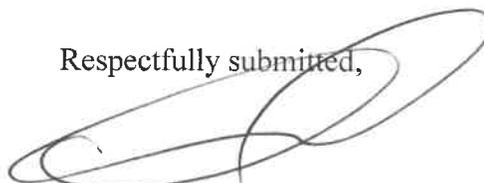
Duncan also reported on the voter history audits as part of the pre-canvass reconciliation process. The ballots cast and ballot history numbers matched exactly, except for one more ballot showing for Election Day and one less for Provisionals. This occurred because one provisional voter placed their ballot into the Election Day tabulator by mistake. This error was not important because the provisional ballot was approved for counting in any event. Duncan also reported that the hand-to-eye audits of precincts 11 and 41 matched exactly with the machine totals.

The Board then proceeded with challenges. 23 ballots were challenged by the Board on the grounds that the voter had died before election day. These challenges were all upheld unanimously. One challenge on the basis of felony status, for Louis Jay Whitmore, was not upheld because the voter established that citizenship rights had been restored prior to voting. 5 challenges based on felony status were approved unanimously. 2 challenges were made because of double voting, where the voters forgot they had voted by mail-in absentee and then voted a second time in early voting. The challenges to the 2 early voters were upheld. One challenge was made because a blank ballot had been mistakenly placed into the tabulator, this was upheld. 3 more voters who attempted same day registration were denied registration because the mailings to their new addresses all came back undeliverable.

The official election results were then signed and submitted as per state statute.

There being no other items of business, Chair Cheney then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Hood", written over a large, loopy scribble.

David W. Hood, Secretary