MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
November 2, 2026

1-Board Chair David Hood called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. All members were present.

2-Minutes from 10/27 meeting were approved by Board.

3-Review of Absentee ballots.

333 Civilian ballots were reviewed. 3 ballots were placed in wrong envelopes. Husband and wife switched envelopes. In case of third envelope, wife placed husband's ballot into her envelope. Office will attempt to contact voters, have them vote on election day. Board voted to approve 330 ballots.
24 Overseas ballots were reviewed and approved.
11 Military ballots were reviewed and approved.

330	tonight's machine counts	604	provisional ballot machine 63
+ 24		599	
+11		1,203	
365			

Previously scanned 837 ballots. 365+837= 1,202 Machine count of ballots scanned does not match record of voters count. Board will investigate and attempt to reconcile difference of 1.

2 additional judges have resigned and have been replaced. Board voted to approve the replacements.

Provisional ballots reviewed. 65 provisional ballots were received. Office recommended to Board that we approve 63 of the 65. 1 Voter voted earlier at Mountain View, but thought they received the wrong ballot. Once they got provisional ballot they realized it was correct. Board voted not to approve.
Second voter previously voted at Mountain View on 10/15. Board voted not to approve.

Duncan reported that a total of 39,448 voters cast ballots through early voting, 32.85% of eligible voters.

Office received 7 absentee ballots that were not in compliance with rules. 4 ballots were placed into outer mailing envelope,1 had no witnesses or voter signature, 1 had only one witness and 1 contained no ballot. All of these voters were contacted by the office. 6 said they would try to vote on election day, 1 is in Tennessee.

There being no other business, Chair Hood adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Cheney- Secretary