

MINUTES OF
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
May 26, 2022

Board Chair Barry Cheney called the meeting to order at 8:15am. The minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting were adopted unanimously after removing the phrase "mail-in.". The board then approved 27 CIV and 1 OVR ballot, all received timely after election day. The names of those voters can be found on the attached list. Four additional absentee ballots were received, but either too late or without witness signatures, so those were not approved and are also listed in a document attached to these minutes. The approved ballots were then fed into the tabulator.

The Board then proceeded to approve 23 of the total of 39 provisional ballots from election day, with the other 16 being rejected because the voters were not correctly registered to vote the ballots they wished to vote provisionally. Some of the approval provisional ballots needed to be re-marked by Board members because the voters had voted on incorrect ballot styles – that re-marking was done by one Democratic and one Republican member of the Board.

Amanda Duncan reported that there were 13 total write-in votes for the Mayor of Long View, but since none received five votes, no report of the write-in vote breakdown is required. Duncan also reported that the Hand-to-Eye recount in two sample precincts was completed on May 19 with no deviation from election day totals.

The Board then considered the upcoming City of Hickory general election scheduled for July 26. The Board approved unanimously a schedule for one-stop voting for that election, which will be distributed and posted on the website. The Board also approved a resolution to combine precincts as in past City of Hickory Elections: Precinct 28 voters will vote at 30, Precinct 17 voters will vote at 26, Precinct 7 voters will vote at 35, and voters in Precincts 19, 23, and 24 will all vote at 4.

Duncan reported that the Vote411.org website is now linked on the Board's website. She also reported that Hickory Mayoral candidate Hill has asked about a recount from the primary, but that such a request was premature (since it cannot be done until after canvass) and also that such a request would need to be directed to the State Board of Elections since the Mayoral race involves both Catawba and Burke Counties.

With no other items of business, Board Chair Cheney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hood, Secretary