



The **September 19, 2022** meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Registrar's Office Annex, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, by Board Chair Robert (Mike) Auchard. Electoral Board members attending the meeting were: Robert (Mike) Auchard, Chair; Sandra Parks, Vice Chair; and Susan Threewitts, Secretary. Also in attendance: Rockingham County Director of Elections, Lisa Gooden; Election Services Online (ESO) representatives: Kimberlee Shoup-Erney and Zack Weaver. Observers: Daryl Borquist, Chair (Rockingham County Republican Party); Meriwether (Andy) Sale; Tim Jost; and Kellen Stepler (Daily News Record Reporter).

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the Logic & Accuracy (L & A) testing for the November 8, 2022 General and Special Elections.

Approval of Minutes of June 22-24, 2022 Canvass of Votes: A motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from the June 22-24, 2022 meeting and Canvass of Votes.

Ballot Order for November 8, 2022 General and Special Elections: A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks and unanimously carried, to set the ballot order at 90% of the total registered voters for the upcoming election. order ballots in the amount of 90% of registered voters.

Director of Elections Report: Lisa Gooden apprised members of the following:

- Interviews have been conducted for the Deputy Director of Elections position with the departure of Zachery Weaver and this position will be filled in the coming weeks.
- Precinct Election Officer Assignments was given to each member for review.

- Election officer trainings will be held on: Thursday, October 13 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Thursday, October 20 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 29 at 11 a.m.
- Elkton Town Council Election: Members were advised that notification has been received from Aaron Napotnik, who is seeking a seat for a 4-year term on Elkton Town Council. (A scanned copy of this filing is included below).

Lisa Gooden

From: Aaron Napotnik <unionpapercorp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 12:48 PM
To: Lisa Gooden
Subject: Intent to run for Town Council Via Write-In

Good afternoon Mrs. Gooden,

It was made aware to me that I should email you my intent regarding the coming November election. My plan is to be a write-in for the general election Elkton Town Council on November 8th.

I hope you're well!

Thank you,

Aaron Napotnik
Message Sent From Outside of our Network

- Acceptance of Certain Gifts & Funding: Section 24.2-124.1: For information, Section 24.2-124.1, the State Board of Elections (SBE), the Department of Elections (ELECT), and each local electoral board, and all offices of the General Registrar are prohibited from soliciting, accepting, using, or disposing of any money, grants, property, or services, given by a private individual or non-governmental entity for the purposes of funding voter education and outreach programs, voter registration programs, or any other expense incurred in the conduct of elections
- A copy of the current registrant count was provided for members that reflected a total number of registered voters of 56,019. The biggest concern among members was the drop in registered voters by at least 2,000 due, in part, to voters in the address confirmation process or voters who have been removed from the list.

Master Provisional Ballot Log: With the implementation of Same Day Registration (SDR) for the upcoming election, a motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to allow the Director of Elections to create a master Provisional Ballot Log prior to the start of the Canvass of Votes. While ballots will not be opened by the Director, a list of provisional voters for each precinct —whether it was Same Day Registration (SDR) or other reasons—could at least be compiled to assist in the efficiency of the Canvass process.

Precinct Visits on Election Day: The Electoral Board will visit all polling places on November 8. Members agreed to travel as a group to District 5 precincts and a few others near the district lines. Susan will compile the precincts prior to the trainings.

Unfinished Business:

- Kimberlee Shoup Erney gave an update concerning the changes in the voting machines. The current machines were purchased in 2015. The newer voting systems: Unisyn's New OpenElect Freedom Vote Scan (FVS) is an updated model machine with a 10" touchscreen display and provides the voter with easy to read and clear instructions on casting their ballot. It also has a locking case with privacy panels and a guided paper path, double feed detection. Because of the machine's built in power, the scanner process accepts a ballot in 1 second compared to the current OVO system at 4 seconds. The newer model also boots up in less than one minute as opposed to the 4-5 minute timeframe with the current OVO ballot scanning system. The cost per unit for the new FVS is \$6,200. A major benefit with this new system is when the polls are closed. The FVS will process 5,000 votes in about 7-10 minutes, which is significantly faster than the current OVO system. The Freedom Vote Tablet (FVT) is the ballot marking device for ADA voters with a cost of \$4,200 per unit. Both units have a hard (collapsible) case, thermal paper tape that is much wider than the system currently used. The ballot scanning device with the FVS utilizes a dark infrared reader and scans ballots much faster than the current voting system. Since Virginia localities must report election results by precinct, the newer FVS is a huge time saver. Lastly, she said the FVS still uses the same transport media (TM) and has a battery backup.

- Susan brought up the possible relocation of the 101-Broadway precinct. A location mentioned was the Broadway High School. Lisa Gooden noted that she has discussed potential options with Kyle O'Brien, Broadway Town Manager, and with the future development of a performance center in the town, that could be an option. Members agreed to discuss this further after the November election.

Recess: A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried, to recess this session at 6 p.m. Members agreed to meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 23, to complete the Logic & Accuracy testing.

Reconvened: The Logic & Accuracy Testing commenced at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 23, with all Board members in attendance. Also attending were representatives from Election Services Online (Kimberlee Shoup Erney and Zack Weaver.)

It was noted that by Kimberlee Shoup-Erney during the L & A testing that all machines are programmed to take any ballot; however, the individual header card is how each machine is unique to that precinct and to that election.

Motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. on September 23, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan C. Threewitts, Secretary