

Friday, September 19, 2008

The Graham County Board of Elections met on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 5:00pm at the Board of Elections office at 18 Court Street, Robbinsville, NC. Present were Chairman Colvard, Secretary Odom, and Member Cody. Chairman Colvard called the meeting to order.

1. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Cody made a motion to approve the agenda and table item number three until next meeting. Secretary Odom seconded the motion.
2. During the public comment session, the Board discussed voter assistance statutes and the ability of the voter to request help from a candidate. Also discussed was a DRNC letter received by Director Farley regarding better accessibility for handicapped persons choosing to vote during One Stop. Chairman Colvard will submit a work order for handicap accessible door knobs and will try to get the handicap parking sign fixed at the West Ward. A letter concerning reserved One Stop parking will be drafted and sent to the Town, Commissioners, and Sheriff's Office. Member Cody asked about the requirements to register and vote One Stop on the same day. Director Farley said that interested persons should have a driver's license number or SSN or proof of residency. Director Farley will email the SBOE to find out how to get proof of residency for a spouse who doesn't have anything in their name.
3. Tabled until next meeting.
4. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve the resolution for the early count of absentees. Member Cody seconded the motion. All in favor.
5. Secretary Odom made a motion to approve minutes from 7/7/08. Member Cody seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes from 8/4/08 need to be corrected in order to reflect Chairman Colvard's absence.
6. Director Farley went over voter stats.
7. Upcoming voter registration drive was discussed.
8. Secretary Odom will verify that Republican pollworkers were contacted regarding working in the November election. Member Cody will be responsible for obtaining the Democrat pollworker list. The Board will approve the lists at the next meeting.

9. Secretary Odom made a motion to table discussion of the December district meeting until the next Board meeting. Member Cody seconded the motion. All in favor.
10. Secretary Odom made a motion for Chairman Colvard to get wireless internet service for the office. Member Cody seconded the motion.
11. Absentee meetings on October 14, 21, and 28 will be held at 3:00pm instead of 5:00pm. Member Cody made a motion to call a special meeting held on September 29, 2008 at 5:00pm to go over the buffer zone with the Party chairs. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. All in favor. Pollworker training and approval of pollworkers will also be discussed at this meeting.
12. Member Cody made a motion to table discussion on office personnel policy until October 6, 2008 meeting. Secretary Odom seconded the motion.
13. Member Cody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Odom seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Juanita Colvard, Chairman

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Steve Odom, Secretary