BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2014

THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET ON MAY 3, 2014 AT 1:00 P.M., AT 35 WOODFIN STREET, MEETING ROOM #330, IN ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE AND WHEN THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED:

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Jay Watson, Chairman  
Bob Knapp, Secretary  
Lucy Smith, Member

STAFF PRESENT:  
Trena Parker, Director  
Rachel Rathbone, Staff  
Victoria Leyva, Staff  
Bobbie Johnson, Staff

VISITORS: Patsy Gardin

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Secretary Knapp moved to approve the minutes of April 29th. The motion passed.

The Board examined the absentee applications presented by Rachel Rathbone. Rachel presented 13 applications that were deficient in some way, either missing the voter’s signature or missing signatures of witnesses. Rachel added that she attempted to contact the voters by mail but did not receive a response. Chairman Watson moved to reject the deficient ballots. The motion passed. (Attached)

Rachel presented to the Board an absentee application in which a mother signed for a voter, her son, who is disabled instead of signing as a near relative of the voter. Trena contacted the mother of the voter and the mother informed Trena that she will bring the voter to his precinct on Election Day to vote.

Rachel presented the remaining absentee applications for approval from the Board. Secretary Knapp moved to approve the remaining applications. The motion passed. (Attached)

The Board observed a 4 person bi-partisan team conduct the duplication of 1 military and 9 overseas ballots. (Attached) The team also conducted the duplication of 38 ballots from the Black Mountain Library early voting site and 1 ballot from the Election Services early voting site that were printed incorrectly by the Ballotar system which made it unreadable by the M100 machine. The M100 machines from both sites will be brought over to our board room and the duplicate ballots will be scanned into the M100 machine during our next public meeting.

Rachel informed the Board that at the Skyland Fire Department early voting site a husband and wife placed both of their ballots into the M100 machine at the same time. The captain at that site was near the M100 machine when both ballots were inserted and noticed the count on the M100 machine only increased by 1. Secretary Knapp stated that he would like to count the ballots from that site by hand and compare that number
with the ballot count on the M100 machine. Trena stated that we can re-scan those ballots during the public meeting on Election Day.

Trena informed the Board that a voter presented to vote at an early voting site but was tagged in our system as “no ballot style” due to her address showing in the county Geographical Information System that she resides in Henderson County and not Buncombe County. The captain at the early voting site contacted the Election Services office and was advised to have the voter vote provisionally. The voter asked the captain to check her husband’s information in the system and the captain informed her that her husband was not tagged with “no ballot style” because his street name was showing as ‘Branrick’ and not ‘Bran Rick’ which is how her street name was showing. The voter asked the captain to change her street name to ‘Branrick’ so she would be able to vote. The captain changed the voter’s street name and the voter was able to vote. Trena stated that our office has contacted the voters affected by this geocode update and informed them we are transferring their registration to Henderson County. The SBOE staff has been consulted. General Statute 163-227.2 states the Board is to disapprove the application, challenge the ballot and notify the voter of the challenge by mail. Secretary Knapp made the motion to disapprove the ballot and to register the challenge. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Jay Watson, Chairman

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Bob Knapp, Secretary

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Lucy Smith, Member
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**Absentee Ballots - Precinct Sec.**

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**Election Date:** 05/06/2014

**Buncombe County Board of Elections**

**Dated:**

- **Date:** 05/06/2014

**Resigned:**

- **Date:** 05/06/2014

**Authorized Signature:**

- **Sign:**
- **Name:**