

Union County Board of Elections
Board Meeting
February 12, 2024

The February meeting of the Union County Board of Elections was called to Order at 10:00 am by Chair Libby Stephens.

A Quorum was established. Board members in attendance: Libby Stephens, Pat Christ, Riccardo Rivas, Jim Fitzgerald and Linda Hill. Several people from the voting public were in attendance. Invocation was led by Linda Hill.

Narcan Training: Jeff Fortenberry from UC Emergency Management Team. Jeff is a Captain for the Union County Fire Department (36 years) and also with the coroner's office for 10 years. Jeff provided information on the Narcan Readiness of Union County Emergency Management team. When you find someone unresponsive, the first step is to call 911 and report the situation. Check for a medical alert bracelet or necklace. Then open the Narcan packaging, place the tip up as high as you can in 1 nostril and release the dosage. Roll the individual on their side. They may begin to vomit and do not need to be on their back. Be careful, the individual may come back from the "high" and be ready to fight. Go to YouTube and search Narcan Training. There are not side effects to Narcan – if in question – give the dosage. It will not hurt the individual. It will explain this in detail. We do have 4 doses in our Elections Center. CVS/drug stores have these to purchase (there may be programs where they are given away). Highly recommend we do not touch without having gloves on ourselves. Recommends we have 4 doses in each location. I can take up to 2 doses to address the medical emergency. Narcan can assist with other opioid substances. There are different types of dispensers – read instructions beforehand to make sure we understand how to administer.

Minutes for the January 2023 meeting were read aloud. A motion was made by Riccardo Rivas, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the minutes as presented. They will be placed on the Website with the next round of updates.

Libby reported the L&A will be performed on February 15 and 16.

We have received several of the modules for use with the March election. Because of the delay in receiving the remainder, Libby negotiated an additional module and waiver of all shipping charges. This saved money for the county.

Poll Pad printers have been received. Jim has worked to update the poll pads and have them prepared for March 12.

Poll Worker Training: February 21; Location TBD. Anyone who will be working the polls will be expected to attend. Detailed training will take place the week of February 19. Three days with 20 people per day will be trained on the equipment, safety and security, and forms and signage. This is important because we have not had conducted an election for over a year.

Tabulators: We have secured 3 additional tabulators so that we can have additional equipment based on volumes in locations that allow voters to process quickly.

Encouraging early voting. Jones Creek, Pat Colwell and Ivy Log had more than 700 voters on election day in the last election (Nov 2022).

Encouraged attendees to come by during L&A to view the process. Be sure to ask your questions.

Riccardo reported that his goal is to have 17 modules ready for the November General Election.

There will be no meeting in March due to the date of the Presidential Preference Election.

The next board meeting is Monday, April 8, 2024, at 10:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Hill
Secretary