

REPEAL THE REPEALERS

Again, I'm running for Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Precinct 18 Committeeman. Sometimes I wonder why I do it by expending so much time, energy and money. The last four years the KCRCC meetings were less fun than a root canal and more fun than a heart attack. I question my common sense in being involved in Republican politics. I keep telling myself, no more.

Last night while canvassing my precinct 18, I was shocked by the responses of loyal Republican voters. I explained to them that the Idaho Republican Party has a plank in the GOP platform which repeals the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution, eliminating their right to vote for Idaho's two U.S. Senators. None of them knew that the plank existed and were stunned by the fact. I provided each voter a link to the Idaho GOP website with the platform and plank.

The majority of the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee supports the plank to repeal the 17th Amendment. I seriously doubt that any of these majority let the voters in their precinct know they support repeal of the 17th Amendment. Since each precinct committeeman represents their respective precinct in the local Republican Party, why have they failed to disclose they are a "repealer"? I know why, because it would upset the voters in their precinct. The "repealers" are simply not being honest with the people they represent. These "repealers" call themselves conservatives, principled, honest and fighting for your rights. In reality, they would rather give your voting rights away and not even let you know what they did. Are these the kind of representatives that you elect to run the Republican Party?

My race for Precinct 18 Committeeman has taken on a new meaning. It's time to repeal the "repealers" in the Republican Party. I will never vote for any Republican candidate whose goal is to eliminate my right to vote. To eliminate or reduce a voting right is not a Republican principle and repealing the 17th Amendment should not be in the Idaho GOP Platform. As I think about my new found energy in repealing the "repealers", I wonder if any of the "repealers" are Republicans. It's time to change the name KCRCC which is currently the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee to the Kootenai County Repealer Central Committee.

I'm so looking forward to the GOP Primary to be over and done. If the repealers are not reelected, maybe just maybe the KCRCC monthly meetings will compare to a prolonged hatch and a good day of fly fishing on the Henry's Fork of the Snake or even the South Fork of the Snake.

Listed below is the list of Kootenai County Republican Party Leaders who support repeal of the 17th Amendment. These are the KCRCC "repealers" that must be repealed.

Precinct	Leader	Position Held
3	Melanie Vander Feer	Legislative District 2 Secretary
6	Tina Jacobson	Former KCRCC Chairman
10	Neil Oliver	KCRCC Chairman
16	Ruthie Johnson	KCRCC State Committeewoman
23	Courtenay Ellison	Legislative District 3 Secretary
29	Bryan Crabtree	Legislative District 3 Vice Chairman
33	Sheila Waller	KCRCC Secretary
34	Carol Goodman	Post Falls School Board
36	John Cross	GOP Region One Chairman
40	Barbara Hedden	KCRCC Lincoln Day Sales
45	Jim Brannon	Kootenai County Clerk
52	Bjorn Handeen	KCRCC State Committeeman
57	Dirk Mendive	KCRCC Youth Committeeman
63	Tony Wisniewski	KCRCC Vice Chairman
65	Ron Mendive	Idaho State Representative
66	Doug Balija	KCRCC Treasurer
	Angela Cross	KCRCC Legislative District 3 Chairman
	Rep. Phil Hart	KCRCC Legislative District 2 Chairman