

**Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 22, 2014**  
**Kootenai County Administrative Building, 451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The Vice Chairman, Tony Wisniewski, presided. Sheila Waller was the Secretary. James McMillan was the Parliamentarian.
- II. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by Jim Hollingsworth.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Michael Burgess.
- IV. **Programs and/or Special Guests:** Wayne Hoffman of the Idaho Freedom Foundation spoke regarding Idaho's dependence on the Federal Government.
- V. **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:** Forty-eight (48) members were present.
- VI. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes for the June 24, 2014 Reorganization Meeting:** The minutes were accepted as written.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Doug Balija presented the Treasurer's report. The report is on file.
- VIII. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Parades & Events:** Abbi Sonesen gave the report for the Parades & Events Committee. We have participated in parades in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, and Rathdrum. Hayden, Spirit Lake, and Athol parades are coming up. Everyone is encouraged to participate by helping to set up and/or walk in the parades. This helps get our candidate's names out to the voters. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.
  - **Fair:** Barbara Hedden gave the report for the Fair Committee. Doug Balija provided additional details. Everyone's participation is needed for this year's fair booth. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. The booth location has been moved to a different location due to remodeling of the Fair entrance. The Committee receives ten tickets for our use to enter the fair. It is not known whether helium will be available for balloons.
  - **Website:** Stan Drennan gave the report for the Website Committee. The website has been redesigned to be easier to navigate and update. Current events are being posted. There is a page that includes all the precinct committeemen. Cards were passed around for committeemen to provide their contact information for the web site.
- IX. **Unfinished Business:** None
- X. **New Business**
  - A. **Voting for Precinct 32 Candidate**

Jeff Populus was elected precinct committeeman for Precinct 32.
  - B. **Republican Unity and Future of the Republican Party**

Jim Hollingsworth spoke concerning where the Republican Party is headed. His remarks are attached to these minutes.
  - C. **Headquarters Options**

Doug Balija gave a report on the amount of money that was spent on the headquarters in 2012, including the amount of money donated to candidates.

MOTION: Jennifer Locke moved that we forgo the expenses of establishing a KCRCC campaign office this year and give the \$4000 savings to the Elections Committee to use as they see fit for mailers and media expenses to promote GOP candidates with a focus on county and legislative candidates.

The motion passed.

**D. Chairman's Remarks**

The Vice Chairman gave a report on the status of the Chairman.

**E. Resolution KC-1416-005: Integrity in Government**

Don Bradway moved to adopt the Integrity in Government Resolution which states:

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee cannot endorse, either expressly or implicitly, any candidate that refused to submit the Candidate Disclosure statement to the Idaho Republican Party prior to the 2014 Primary Election, as described in Article X of the Idaho Republican Party State Rules; and,

*Resolved*, That endorsements include, but are not limited to, written endorsements for publication; participation or campaign materials in Republican parade entries or floats; participation or campaign materials at Republican headquarters; participation or campaign materials at Republican fair booths; participation or campaign materials at any Republican function; listing Republican candidates for office on any official Republican website or social media page; and,

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Chairman will prepare a press release that must be sent out for publication in all area newspapers no later than 30 days prior to a Primary Election and/or a General Election stating that the candidate has refused to submit the Disclosure Statement and that the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee cannot endorse said candidacy.

**Point of Order**

**By:** Tom Robinson

**Context:** Discussion between Kellie Palm and Toby Schindelbeck regarding the Integrity in Government Resolution.

**Point:** Precinct Committeemen are not allowed to debate between themselves.

**Ruling by the Chairman:** That's correct. You need to address your comments to the Chair and then I will act accordingly.

**Point of Order**

**By:** Gary Ingram

**Context:** Discussion between Hank Martin and Toby Schindelbeck regarding the Integrity in Government Resolution.

**Point:** You've already ruled that remarks should go through you. There shouldn't be debate between whoever is presently speaking and the sponsor of the resolution who's already made his opening statement.

**Ruling by the Chairman:** Point well taken.

MOTION: Duane Rasmussen moved to table the Resolution. The motion failed on a counted show of hands vote of 22 in favor, 29 opposed.

<b>Point of Order</b>
<p><b>By:</b> Gary Ingram</p> <p><b>Context:</b> In response to a call for the question and referring to Anita Banta.</p> <p><b>Point:</b> This lady (Anita Banta) has been standing here for two or three speakers and I don't think it's proper to call for the question without recognizing someone that wants to debate.</p> <p><b>Ruling by the Chairman:</b> If a speaker has not been recognized and a call for the question has risen from the ranks of the committee I must honor that call for the question.</p>

MOTION: Toby Schindelbeck moved to withdraw the Resolution for a future meeting. The motion passed.

**F. Resolution KC-1416-006: Support for Missouri Republican Chairman Ed Martine**

Bjorn Handeen stated there is no "e" at the end of Mr. Martin's name.

Bjorn Handeen moved to adopt the Resolution which states:

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee supports Martine's call for an investigation; and,

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee urges our RNC delegation to contact Ed Martine and do whatever is necessary to help him demand accountability for these unethical campaign practices; and,

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution gets emailed to our State Chairman Barry Peterson, our National Committeeman Damond Watkins, and our National Committeewoman Cindy Siddoway.

MOTION: Kellie Palm moved to table the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion failed.

AMENDMENT: Sheila Waller moved to drop the last two Resolved paragraphs and send the Resolution to Mr. Martin.

AMENDMENT: Bryan Crabtree moved to strike "Barry Peterson" from the third Resolved paragraph.

<b>Point of Order</b>
<p><b>By:</b> Hank Martin</p> <p><b>Context:</b> Amended motion made by Bryan Crabtree.</p> <p><b>Point:</b> The motion that's on the floor is to strike two paragraphs. How can you have an amendment to amend a paragraph you want to strike?</p> <p><b>Ruling by the Chairman:</b> The Chairman concurred with the Parliamentarian who explained that the secondary amendment must be dealt with first. If the maker of the secondary amendment moved to withdraw the motion and the motion passes, the maker of the first amendment could also move to withdraw. If the first amendment is withdrawn, a new motion to amend could be made.</p>

Bryan Crabtree moved to withdraw the secondary amendment. The motion passed.

The amendment passed.

The motion to adopt the Resolution, as amended, passed.

**G. Resolution KC-1416-007: Maximum Impact of 2014**

The meeting was adjourned before this was presented or discussed. It will be included as Unfinished Business in the August meeting.

**H. Resolution KC-1416-008: Colorado Dog Protection Act**

The meeting was adjourned before this was presented or discussed. It will be included as Unfinished Business in the August meeting.

**Adjourn:** 8:59 PM

Minutes prepared by Sheila Waller, Secretary

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KCRCC Secretary

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## ATTACHMENT

### WHERE ARE WE HEADED *by Jim Hollingsworth*

#### INTRODUCTION

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Republicans

I would like to speak to you this evening concerning where we are headed, both as a party, and as a central committee. As Republicans we have pretty strong opinions of what it means to be a Republican and why those who reject those principles ought not to call themselves Republicans.

#### OUR FOUNDATION

We are told that “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Ladies and gentlemen we are living in a time in which serious efforts are being made to destroy those foundations.

Let us start with our foundation, the things upon which we can all agree. We just finished celebrating the birthday of our country and I judge that an appropriate place to start, with The Declaration of Independence.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident...” This was not something that men had to be taught, but it was self-evident, something that all just naturally understood.

“That all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...” Notice that these rights are given by God and not some government agency.

“That among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness...” Note that it does not say these are the only rights, “but among these”. There are other rights, but these are without doubt the most important.

“\_\_ That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the consent of the Governed...” Note again that governments do not give rights, but are instituted to protect those rights.

By this great document we declared our separation from Britain. In conclusion we read: “\_\_ And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.” It has been well stated that many of the 56 signers gave up their lives, and their fortunes.

After the Revolutionary War we went on to produce the U.S. Constitution, probably the most important document ever produced by man. The Founders saw immediately that more was needed and thus the first Ten Amendments, the Bill of Rights. But, those statements that were designed to protect our rights and served us well for over 100 years are now being used by the Courts to take away those rights.

Our own Idaho Constitution begins with these words: “We, the people of the state of Idaho, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessings and promote our common welfare do establish this Constitution.”

Coming closer to our own time we have the Platform of the Idaho Republican Party. This great document has stood the test of time, and when one tried to change it to remove what he called ambiguities he did not even get a hearing. He attempted to gut the Preamble, words that are almost sacred to most Republicans.

#### HERE WE STAND

These are things upon which we, as Republicans, can all agree. In fact if we cannot agree on these principles then we need to ask ourselves why we are Republicans.

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## **ATTACHMENT (*continued*)**

So, we have a great foundation, but now, we need to agree on where we are headed. A ship without a rudder will never get anywhere. We need to set a goal with many smaller goals leading up to it.

And, I submit to you that we will never reach our goal if we allow our meetings to be broken up by Roberts Rules. Roberts Rules of Order, which were written to provide for the orderly progress of any meeting are often used to create disorder, to hinder progress.

### **CAN WE AGREE ON AN OVERALL OBJECTIVE?**

As a party most of the things we seek to change have to do with the overreach and unconstitutional operation of the Federal Government. Some of these things are obvious, but others are not. We need to list those things that are being done in violation of our founding principles and begin the task of correcting them. Time will not permit me to list them here, but I think it important that we as a body begin to list them and begin to take action to make them a reality. Even in our own state, the most Republican state in the Nation, there are many issues that need serious consideration.

Can we as a body set aside our differences and pick some goals toward which we can all work? Can we, through our discussions, set goals that will return to us the freedoms we had when this great nation was founded? Rather than debating different aspects of Roberts Rules we need to spend time debating and discussing issues that are important to our present day; issues such as a constitutional convention; immigration reform; religious freedom; marriage, and the sanctity of life.

I trust we are all here seeking to make the Idaho Republican Party more successful. If we are here for any other reason then maybe we ought to consider becoming a part of a party with which we do agree. Thank you so much for your time.

Jim Hollingsworth