

**Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2015**

Kootenai County Administrative Building, Room 1A/B, 451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The Chairman, Neil Oliver, presided. Sheila Waller was the Secretary. James McMillan was the Parliamentarian.
- II. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by Dirk Mendive.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Mike McDowell.
- IV. **Programs and/or Special Guests:** The Idaho State Legislators called in and talked about their activities in Boise.
- V. **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:** Fifty-one (51) members were present.
- VI. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes for the November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting:**
MOTION: Allen Richardson moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Doug Baliya presented the Treasurer's report for December 2014 and January 2015. The report is on file.
- VIII. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Lincoln Day:** Don Bradway gave the Lincoln Day Committee report. The Lincoln Day Dinner is February 28th. Tickets are \$65 each or two for \$120. Don encouraged the members to buy tickets and also to sell them. Bill Whittle will be the guest speaker. There will be a live and silent auction. The Committee is discussing the possibility of having an on-line auction. Auction items for donation should be given to Carol Goodman.

The Lincoln Day Dinner Facebook page is LincolnDayDinner-KCRCC. Mr. Bradway encouraged the members to "like" the Facebook page and spread the word to others. Pictures of some auction items are on the Facebook page.

A Power Point presentation will be shown at the Dinner featuring pictures of Kootenai County Republican events. Send pictures to Reina Rodriguez for inclusion in the Power Point. Credit card sales will be available this year.

There will be two 50/50 raffles.

An ad will be placed in the Nickel's Worth. A new flyer that shows Bill Whittle as the speaker is being produced.
 - **Legislative:** Tom Robinson reported on the Legislative Committee activities. There will be a town hall meeting on Saturday morning, January 31st. Setup starts at 8:00 and the meeting starts at 9:00. The meeting is at St. John's Orthodox Church 4718 E Horsehaven in Post Falls. The meeting will run from 9 to 11. The legislators will tell what they are doing in

Boise and then there will be a question and answer session. Most of the legislators have said they will be there.

A Meet & Mingle session will be held on February 28th with elected officials at the Post Falls American Legion. It is open to the public. Mr. Robinson described an opportunity for precinct committeemen to send post card invitations for this event to Republicans in their precincts. The post cards will include the name of the precinct committeeman who sponsors sending them out to their precinct. The cost for each card is approximately 41 cents each at four cards per page. A sign up sheet was sent around for precinct committeemen to indicate interest in sending post cards. A cost estimate for each precinct as well as a draft of the post card was also provided. The event will take place from 12:30 to 2:30. The Hall has been rented from 11 to 3. Sheila Waller explained that the Lincoln Day Dinner cannot be included on the post cards because the Kootenai County voter list will be used to get the addresses. A condition for using the voter list is that it cannot be used for soliciting customers.

IX. New Business

A. District 2 Meeting

Phil Hart announced that the Vice Chairman's seat for District 2 is vacant. A meeting to nominate and vote on candidates for District 2 Vice Chairman will be held 20 minutes before the next Central Committee meeting.

B. Nominations for Precinct 20

Carol Goodman nominated Luke Sommer.
Agnes Kane nominated Bob Smith.

C. Budget Committee Report

Doug Baliya presented the projected budget for 2015.

MOTION: Allen Richardson moved to sell or donate the furniture that is in storage to save costs. The motion passed.

MOTION: Allen Richardson moved to eliminate the flags from the budget.

MOTION: Toby Schindelbeck moved to postpone consideration of the present motion until the March meeting. The motion passed.

A sign-up sheet was passed around to indicate interest in serving on a fund raising committee.

MOTION: Fred Meckel moved to postpone until the March meeting any further discussion on the projected budget for 2015. The motion passed.

D. Report on Winter Meeting

The Winter Meeting Report was given by Angela Cross, Toby Schindelbeck, and John Cross. Their remarks are summarized below.

Angela Cross—Rules Committee

Eight rules were submitted. Three were passed. The first two were passed unanimously and served to clean up existing rules.

A description of each rule change follows.

- 1) Replaced language that said “Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Republican State Central Committee whenever they are applicable and consistent with the Idaho election code” with “The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Idaho Republican Party in all cases to which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent with state law, State Party rules, or any special rules of order the Party may adopt.”
- 2) The Hall of Fame Awards committee was changed because it was the only committee that we have at the State Party that has co-chairs instead of a chair and vice chair. The rule change replaced the co-chairs with a chair and vice chair and lined out who would be on that committee. The committee will now consist of a chairman and vice chairman, the seven regional chairmen, and three past Hall of Fame Award recipients appointed by the State Party Chairman.
- 3) A new section was added to the Presidential Caucus rules regarding absentee voting. The new section states: “Each county during the year of the Republican Presidential Caucus may form precinct for absentee voting to be conducted as follows...” The rule includes details regarding how the absentee voting will be conducted. Counties may choose whether to have absentee voting as part of the Presidential Caucus. The County Chairman would be in charge of the absentee voting and responsible for anything that goes wrong.

Toby Schindelbeck—Resolutions Committee

There were about eighteen resolutions submitted. Three or four were pulled due to people who asked for them to be on the agenda not showing up for the meeting.

- 1) Support of Freedom for School Choice. Parents dissatisfied with public school can move their children to a charter or private school and the tax dollars associated with that student would follow the student to the new school. Promotes competition and freedom of choice. Passed on a vote of 9 to 7.
- 2) Support of Removal of IPAB from Obamacare. IPAB makes recommendations to limit Medicare's budget by reducing reimbursements to doctors. The committee believes this is unconstitutional. Passed 15 to 1.
- 3) Support of Independent Review of LTAC. This is the Local Technical Assistance Council. They work with the Idaho Department of Transportation. LTAC is not reviewed by any elected officials. The resolution calls for an independent board to be able to review LTAC. Passed 15 to 1.
- 4) Resolution Opposing Common Core (same resolution passed by the KCRCC in November 2014). Passed 13 to 3.
- 5) Support of State Legislature in Securing State Ownership of Public Lands in Idaho. Passed unanimously.

- 6) Opposing Further Federalization of Idaho Lands. This has to do with national monuments and national parks. Passed 14 to 1.
- 7) Repeal of Tax on Food. Passed 11 to 3.
- 8) Support of Repeal of Presidential Caucus in Idaho. Passed unanimously.
- 9) Opposing Fast Track Authority in International Partnerships. This has to do with the President's ability to fast track certain partnerships. Fast track allows the President to negotiate trade agreements with the understanding that Congress will approve or reject the agreement within 60 days of submission. Passed 8 to 7.
- 10) Support of the Proportional Allocation of Delegates at the National Convention. The resolution was written by Tony Wisniewski. Past caucus was winner take all. The resolution calls for proportional allocation of delegates. Encourages candidates to campaign in Idaho. Passed 10 to 5.
- 11) Permanent School Levies. Presented by Danielle Ahrens, Bonner County Chairman. Once school levies are passed, they never go away. Levies passed later are layered on top. Resolution calls for getting rid of permanent levies.

Copies of the rules and resolutions are available at idgop.org. All the resolutions passed by the Resolutions Committee were passed by the full body.

John Cross—Wrap Up

- 1) Presented a rule change much like the resolution on the proportional allocation of delegates. It failed.
- 2) We have been picking away at the Presidential Caucus. There was opportunity to speak with Scott Bedke, Senate Pro Tem, and the new Secretary of State. Found there is support for changing to a Presidential primary in March. This would be a Presidential primary only and would be held in conjunction with school elections that take place in March. A big part of the problem is this will cost money. We have word from the Executive Chairman that this will pass out of the Senate State Affairs committee and probably pass in the Senate. However, in the House State Affairs committee we have Tom Lurcher who is the Chair and Brent Crane. Brent is strongly in favor of the Caucus and wants to keep it. We are working to change some minds in Boise. On that committee from our area is Vito Barbieri, Don Cheatham, and Kathy Sims. If those people are in your precinct, please call or email them to let them know it is important to us that this gets out of State Affairs and has a chance to be heard on the House floor. This has to be done this legislative session in order to avoid the Caucus in 2016 because the RNC wants to know sometime in October as to what system we are going to use. Please call your reps. If we get rid of the Caucus and go to a primary the absentee ballots will be taken care of by the County.
- 3) There is going to be a strong push to raise the gasoline tax. Talk to your reps about either holding the line on the tax or put in some kind of a trigger as was discussed before such that if gasoline reaches \$X per barrel then the tax goes away. Something to keep it down.

4) It was a good meeting. The committees ran very well. The meeting was over by noon on Saturday. Chairman's luncheon was held and was a good idea. We got to meet with the leadership of the House and Senate. People asked questions of the leadership regarding the Caucus, the Presidential primary, the gas tax and other things.

Other comments made by John, Toby, and Angela regarding the Caucus:

- 1) John: There are 32 delegates. In the caucus it is technically possible for more than one candidate to receive delegates. But that does not happen. There is a final vote where someone gets all 32. We were trying to change that so there could be some second place and third place delegates.
- 2) Toby: There was a resolution to get rid of the caucus that passed unanimously. This was P12 – Resolution Supporting Repeal of the Presidential Caucus in Idaho. The resolutions are a wish list. What we need to do now is put pressure on our elected officials to follow through on what the Party wants.
- 3) Angela: The reason this [eliminating the caucus] did not make it out of the Rules Committee is because they were trying to eliminate the caucus but there was nothing to take its place. We learned that this had to go through the Legislature.
- 4) Toby: In the Resolution there was something to take the place of the caucus. Presidential candidates would be listed on the March primary ballot instead of having a caucus.

The Chairman inquired whether there was any objection to allowing Jim Pierce to speak. No objections were raised and Mr. Pierce was allowed to speak.

Mr. Pierce served as Chairman of the Rules Committee. He explained that the feeling in the Rules committee was that if the caucus were eliminated then the election would default to the May primary. The Rules Committee did not want the election to be held in the May primary but rather the March primary. The Committee decided to let the Legislature take care of this and then during the Summer Meeting the rules would be matched up.

E. Resolution KC-1416-014

MOTION: Don Bradway moved to accept Resolution 1416-014 Resolution Supporting the Fully Informed Jury.

The resolution states:

Resolved, That the Kootenai County Republican Party hereby notifies the Legislature and the Governor that the citizens of Idaho are entitled to be informed of their rights as jurors to determine the law as well as the facts in any controversy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Kootenai County Republican Party wishes that the Idaho Legislature and the Governor enact an amendment to the Idaho Constitution requiring judges to inform jurors of their right to judge both law and fact in

accordance with each juror's conscience, the Idaho State Constitution and the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Kootenai County Republican Party chairman distribute, to each Republican lawmaker this resolution, and report to this body any comment or concerns any of our lawmakers have with a fully informed jury or this resolution.

The motion passed.

F. Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman encouraged the members to buy Lincoln Day tickets and also to sell them.

G. Discussion on Resignations

The Chairman read the KCRCC Bylaws Section 5.9.

The Secretary announced the members who have missed six meetings in the last 12 months period, the meetings missed, and any mitigating remarks offered by the precinct committman. The members are:

Precinct	Name	Meetings Missed	Remarks
7	David Crane	June 24, 2014 July 22, 2014 August 26, 2014 September 23, 2014 October 28, 2014 November 25, 2014	None
30	Jane Anderson	June 24, 2014 July 22, 2014 August 26, 2014 September 23, 2014 October 28, 2014 November 25, 2014	None
60	Tony Marsters	June 24, 2014 July 22, 2014 August 26, 2014 September 23, 2014 October 28, 2014 November 25, 2014	None

MOTION: Tom Robinson moved to accept the resignations as a whole.

[*Editorial Comment: Meaning we will vote on accepting the constructive resignation of all three committeemen together, not one at a time.*]

The motion passed.

MOTION: Kellie Palm moved to adjourn. The motion passed.

Adjourn: 9:19 PM

Minutes prepared by Sheila Waller, Secretary

KCRCC Secretary

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