

**Kootenai County Republican Central Committee Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014**

**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 Doug Baliya.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was led by Sharon Culbreth.
- IV. **Programs and/or Special Guests:** None
- V. **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum:** Forty-five (45) members were present. Doug Baliya, Ruthie Johnson, and Dirk Mendive were present although they were not included on the roll call.
- VI. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes for the October 28, 2014 Regular Meeting:**  
MOTION: Rick Currie moved to approve the minutes as emailed. The motion passed.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Doug Baliya presented the Treasurer's report. The report is on file.
- VIII. **Committee Reports:**
  - **Elections:** Jennifer Locke gave the Elections Committee report. We had a successful election. Improvement was seen in District 2. The County races were also a success. Robo calls reached Republican households in Kootenai County. People were effective at walking their precincts. Jennifer thanked everyone who came out and walked and who stuffed literature.
  - **Lincoln Day:** Don Bradway gave the Lincoln Day Committee report. Tickets are available after the meeting (see Barbara Hedden). Purchasing before December the cost is \$55 each or \$100 per couple. In December the price goes up to \$65 each or \$120 per couple. Still working on a speaker. Items are needed for the silent and live auctions. See Don for ideas on auction items or sponsors. Carol Goodman announced she would be in charge of auction items and that people can contact her regarding items to donate.
  - **Coeur d'Alene Chamber:** Gary Ingram gave a report on the Coeur d'Alene Chamber. The Public Policy committee of the Coeur d'Alene Chamber was looking into endorsing or voicing support for Common Core. Gary told them of some of the problems with it and advised them it was not right for consideration for endorsement. Quite a few of the Chamber members felt the same way. The effort was dropped.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Resolution KC01416-011**

MOTION: Melanie Vander Feer moved to bring this resolution to a vote before the body. The resolution states:

*Resolved*, The Idaho Republican Party as stated in the 2012 National Republican Party Platform citing it, “does not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level which is best based on free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence; therefore be it

*Resolved*, The Idaho Republican Party recognizes the CCSS for what it is—an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived “normal;” therefore be it

*Resolved*, The Idaho Republican Party rejects the collection of personal student data for any purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parents and that it rejects the sharing of such personal data, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parents with any person or entity other than the school or education agencies within the state of Idaho; therefore be it

*Resolved*, In consideration of the 2012 National Republican Party Platform specifically states the need to repeal the numerous federal regulation interfere with State and local control of public schools, (p36); iv the Idaho Republican Party rejects this CCSS plan which creates and fits the country with a nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the Idaho Republican Party calls on the Idaho State Board of Education to design an appropriate exit plan and develop a transition plan to higher quality, less invasive standards and testing; and further call on the Governor and the Idaho State Department of Education to initiate said exit plan to withdraw from the Idaho Core Standard and implement approved superior quality transition plan; therefore be it

*Resolved*, we ask the Idaho State Legislature to discontinue funding programs in association with the Common Core State Standards Initiative – the Idaho Core Standards, and any other alliance that promotes and tests for similar or same curricula, standards, and assessments, and make provisions to restore Idaho’s education back to state and local control.

AMENDMENT: Dean Isaacson moved to strike “Resolution 2014-P3” from the title of the resolution. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

AMENDMENT: Gary Ingram moved to replace “we ask” in the last resolved with “The Kootenai County Republican Central Committee requests” so that it reads:

*Resolved*, The Kootenai County Republican Central Committee requests the Idaho State Legislature to discontinue funding programs in association with the Common Core State

Standards Initiative – the Idaho Core Standards, and any other alliance that promotes and tests for similar or same curricula, standards, and assessments, and make provisions to restore Idaho’s education back to state and local control.

AMENDMENT: Dean Isaacson moved that the first mention of Common Core State Standards be followed with “(CCSS)”. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The resolution, as amended, was approved.

**B. Resolution KC-1416-012**

MOTION: Bjorn Handeen moved to accept the resolution as written.

The resolution states:

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee urges the Idaho State Republican Central Committee to disavow the appointment by Stephen Yates of Larry Craig to the position of Finance Chair; and

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee kindly requests Chairman Stephen Yates to use better judgment in future appointments.

The motion passed.

**C. Resolution KC-1416-013**

MOTION: Jim Hollingsworth moved to accept Resolution KC-1416-013.

The resolution states:

*Resolved*, That the Idaho Legislature not support any so-called green programs (mainly wind and solar) with any financial support; and be it further

*Resolved*, That public utilities not be required to support the construction or use of wind and solar energy programs which result in higher utility rates.

AMENDMENT: Sheila Waller moved to insert “the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee calls on” in the first Resolved so that it reads:

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee calls on the Idaho Legislature to not support any so-called green programs (mainly wind and solar) with any financial support; and be it further

The amendment passed by unanimous consent.

AMENDMENT: Allen Richardson moved to insert the words “federally funded” in the first Resolved so that it reads:

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee calls on the Idaho Legislature to not support any federally funded so-called green programs (mainly wind and solar) with any financial support; and be it further

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

AMENDMENT: Sheila Waller moved to add “by the Legislature” to the second Resolved so that it reads:

*Resolved*, That public utilities not be required by the Legislature to support the construction or use of wind and solar energy programs which result in higher utility rates.

The amendment passed by unanimous consent.

AMENDMENT: George Mitchell moved to delete “so-called” from the first Resolved so that it reads:

*Resolved*, That the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee calls on the Idaho Legislature to not support any federally funded green programs (mainly wind and solar) with any financial support; and be it further

The amendment passed by a voice vote.

The motion passed as amended.

**D. Chairman’s Remarks:**

The Chairman made no remarks.

**Adjourn:** 8:18 PM

Minutes prepared by Sheila Waller, Secretary

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KCRCC Secretary