

**Democratic Party of Washington County  
Central Committee – Minutes of the February 28, 2018 Meeting  
Held at PCC Willow Creek – 241 SW Edgeway Dr., Hillsboro, OR 97006**

**7:01 – Call to Order:** Chair Louise Currin called the meeting to order. Secretary Patrick Maguire recorded the minutes. Central Committee members were present as indicated in the attendance log, and a quorum was found to be present. **Agenda:** The Chair moved to amend the presented agenda. Dan Jensen raised a point of order regarding the amendment of an item previously considered. The Chair ruled that the amendment proposal was in order but would require a two-thirds affirmative vote to pass. The motion to amend the agenda passed. The prepared agenda was approved as amended. **Minutes:** January 28, 2018 minutes were approved as presented. **Introductions:** New guests were invited to introduce themselves. Elected officials present were Marc San Soucie, John Hutzler, Margaret Doherty, Kathryn Harrington, Martin Granum, Felicita Montebianco, Lacey Beaty, Anthony Martin, and Kyle Allen. Candidates for elected office present were Rafael La Grotta, Ryan Spiker, Ryan Deckert, Kate Kristiansen, Kimberly Culbertson, Rachel Prusak, Kathryn Harrington, and John Hutzler.

**7:14 – Treasurer’s Report:**

- **The Treasurer** presented a report that included key financial information. Bank balances were: *Membership Savings* \$3,986.93; *Business Savings (Karen Schouten Fund)* \$1,748.53; *Business Checking* \$36,388.76; *Total* \$42,124.22. *Incoming Blue Horizon Donations* in the past month were \$1,996.00. *Total Receivables* for the past month were \$6,599.49. *Total Expenditures* for the past month were \$6,993.10. *Total Blue Horizon Donations* to date were \$5,352.28. The Treasurer announced that a Budget and Audit Committee meeting was held to audit the accounts for the 2018 calendar year, Chair Louise Currin was present along with two former treasurers, and the books were successfully balanced. The Treasurer, as **Chair of the Budget Committee**, announced that the budget will be presented to the Central Committee at the March meeting.

**7:20 – Vice Chair Election:**

- Jo Six moved that “should no one receive a majority vote on the ballot for the First Vice Chair, that the candidate that receives the lowest number of votes be dropped from the next ballot.” The motion passed. The Chair announced that three candidates nominated for the position: Will Hobbs, Jeremy Likens, and Gabe Mendez. Linda Erickson moved that “the nominations be closed.” The motion passed. The candidates were invited to speak and take questions. After balloting, the results of the first round were: 59 votes for Will Hobbs, 55 votes for Jeremy Likens, and 36 votes for Gabe Mendez, with 2 abstentions. A second round was ordered, with Mr. Mendez removed from eligibility. Dan Jensen raised a point of order regarding the number of votes being greater than the number of PCP’s in attendance. The Chair counted the PCP’s in attendance and ruled the election legal, and proceeded with the second round. After balloting, the results of the second round were: 83 votes for Will Hobbs and 59 votes for Jeremy Likens with 2 abstentions. The Chair declared Mr. Hobbs duly elected as the First Vice Chair for the term ending in November of 2018.

**7:47 – Committee, Caucus, Delegation, and Field Director Reports:**

- **Contributions and Endorsements Committee** – Wendy Kroger reported for the Endorsements Committee. Candidates spoke briefly before the Central Committee took action on endorsements. In the election for Judge of the Circuit Court District 20 Position 6, one candidate applied for endorsement: Stephen Burke. On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Ms. Kroger recommended and moved that the Central Committee endorse Mr. Burke. After

discussion, the motion passed. In Beaverton City Council Position 1, one candidate applied for endorsement: Lacey Beaty. On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Ms. Kroger recommended and moved that the Central Committee endorse Ms. Beaty. The motion passed. In Beaverton City Council Position 2, one candidate applied for endorsement: Kate Kristiansen. On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Ms. Kroger recommended and moved that the Central Committee endorse Ms. Kristiansen. The motion passed. In Beaverton City Council Position 5, two candidates applied for endorsement: Marc San Soucie and Rafael La Grotta. On behalf of the Endorsements Committee, Ms. Kroger recommended and moved that the Central Committee endorse Mr. San Soucie. The motion passed.

- **Office Committee** – Bobbi Wolf reported that the open house planned for March 10 has been rescheduled.
- **Community Outreach** – Cody Climer reported that the March for Our Lives will be held on March 24, and students who would like to participate should contact him, and a fundraiser for that purpose is being held. A meeting of the Community Outreach Committee will be held March 19.
- **Training and Education Committee** – Nancy Lewis reported that a training program is planned for April 7.
- **Finance Committee** – Victoria Long, chair of Springfest 2018 planning program reported that Lisa Allen is serving as emcee of the event. Tickets are on sale presently. Linda Erickson reported that advertisements are being sold in connection with this event. Bobbi Wolf reported that the Blue Horizon program is seeking additional supporters.
- **Rules Committee** – Dan Jensen reported that the rules amendments have been postponed until next month.
- **Latino Outreach Committee** – Wlnsvey Campos reported that the Latinx Outreach Committee is working to engage more people in party activities.
- **State Central Committee Delegation** – Sal Casteñada reported that the state platform convention is to be held March 16-18, and many delegate vacancies exist.
- **First Congressional District Committee Delegation** – Keith Haxton reported that a meeting will be held in the coming days, and SCC delegates should also attend that meeting as elections for SCC standing committee chairs will be held.
- **Progressive Caucus** – Keith Haxton reported that the Progressive Caucus will hold meetings on the Third Thursday of each month, and election reform will be the focus of the caucus.
- **Field Director** – Carl Fisher reported that Democrats are running for every seat representing part of Washington County in the state legislature except Senate District 13 and House District 24. In District 32, with a retiring incumbent, there are three Democrats running. PCP filing deadline is March 6. A county chair candidate forum is happening March 1 in Tigard.

#### 8:50 – New Business:

- **State Platform Convention Delegation Chair** – Dan Jensen moved that Jo Six serve as delegation chair to the state platform convention. The motion passed.
- **Net Neutrality in Oregon** – Will Hobbs moved the adoption of a motion “In Support of Preserving Net Neutrality in Oregon. The motion passed. The full text of the motion as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Clean Energy Jobs Bill** – Dale Feik moved “that the Washington County Democratic Central Committee support Senate Bill 1541 which creates a new framework for Clean Energy Jobs Bill based upon health risks which were initiated by Governor Kate Brown after the 2016 discovery of toxic chemicals in Portland.” The motion passed.

- **Standing Rules on Recall Petitions** – Alex Clemens moved to “amend section 1 of the standing rules regarding recall procedures by striking ‘twenty-five percent (25%)’ and adding ‘ten percent (10%)’.” Jamie Rodriguez moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed. The main motion failed.

**8:56 – Continuing Business:**

- **Resolution #2017-060** – The Central Committee resumed consideration of “*Supporting Legislation Calling for Judicial Review Before Removal of Special Counsel Mueller.*” Michael Neff moved to amend the resolution to include notification of candidates. The amendment passed by unanimous consent. The main motion passed. A copy of the resolution as approved is appended to these minutes.
- **Resolution #2017-059** – The Central Committee resumed consideration of “*A Resolution to Preserve the Integrity of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon.*” The resolution passed. A copy of the resolution as approved is appended to these minutes.
- **CD1 Alternate Election** – Four people nominated for four vacancies as alternate delegates to the First Congressional District Democratic Committee: Janice Karpenick, Judith Wightman, David Coburn, and Alex Clemens. Karen Packer moved that the nominated individuals be elected as alternate delegates without balloting. The motion passed.
- **Adoption of the County Platform** – Dan Jensen moved: “we will only discuss those items that someone requests. You may just tell us what you want to discuss. We will then consider those requested items, before we adopt the platform, as amended, with one final vote. We will need to limit debate to 30 seconds for each person. Please tell me which items you would like to discuss.” The motion passed. Garrett Fleenor moved to postpone consideration of the platform until the next regular Central Committee meeting. Keith Haxton raised a point of order about the requirement in the bylaws that the platform be adopted before the state platform convention. The Chair ruled that the motion to postpone would only be in order if the postponement was to a date prior to the state platform convention. Mr. Haxton moved to amend the motion to postpone consideration of the platform to a special Central Committee meeting to be held before the state platform convention. The amendment passed by unanimous consent. The main motion to postpone passed.
- **Adjournment** – Alex Clemens moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn failed.
- **Amending a Previous Endorsement** – Rachel Gowland moved “to amend the motion to endorse Dana Carstensen that was passed at the last Central Committee meeting, by adding an endorsement for Juan Carlos Gonzalez.” Garrett Fleenor moved to end debate. The motion to end debate passed. The main motion failed.
- **Precinct Committeeperson Appointments** – Chrissy Erguiza moved approval of Precinct Committeeperson applications as received by the Secretary. The motion passed. Applications as received by the Secretary were: Clayton Callahan, Vanessa Castaneda, Marcus Howard, Carolyn Kohout, and Bernie Sims.

**9:43 – Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

*These minutes were prepared by Patrick Maguire, Secretary of the Democratic Party of Washington County. Please contact the Secretary by email to suggest any needed corrections at [secretary@washcodems.org](mailto:secretary@washcodems.org).*

## Appendix 1: Text of approved motion

### A Resolution of the Democratic Party of Washington County, Oregon Motion In Support of Preserving Net Neutrality in Oregon

**WHEREAS** the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), led by FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, has overturned net neutrality rules in the US; and

**WHEREAS** the Internet has become an essential aspect of modern life; and

**WHEREAS** net neutrality guarantees unbiased access to users of the Internet, an essential attribute of the Internet that maintains a level playing field for large and small companies alike, and guarantees that citizens have the same access to the Internet's resources whether they are rich or poor; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Oregon cannot unilaterally overrule an FCC regulation; but

**WHEREAS** the State of Oregon has the ability to specify terms under which state agencies may contract for various services, thereby using its significant purchasing powers to effect desired policy outcomes; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Oregon can legally require that state agencies only buy Internet services from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that abide by net neutrality rules for all its customers, thereby ensuring the availability of net neutrality access for most Oregonians, and

**WHEREAS** the Oregon House of Representatives has introduced HB4155 which embodies these principles and passed with a vote of 40 Ayes and 17 Nays, sending it to the Senate Rules Committee:

**THEREFORE**, we, the Democratic Party of Washington County (DPWC), Oregon Resolve as Follows:

1. Urge the Oregon State Senate to pass a regulation that state agencies may only buy Internet service from ISPs that adhere to net neutrality principles, and that the net neutrality protections will cover ordinary residents as well as government officials. HB4155 does exactly this and has already passed the House.
2. Urge Governor Kate Brown to sign HB4155 as soon as it passes the Senate.
3. Will communicate to Oregon State Legislators that represent Washington County our passage of this motion.

Resolution Introduced by Will Hobbs, 2/6/2018, and amended by the Resolutions and Platform Committee on that day, and further amended to become a Motion rather than a resolution, in light of the appearance of HB4155.

**Note:** *the states of Montana, New York and New Jersey have already adopted these regulations, demonstrating the viability of this approach.*

## **Appendix 2: Text of Approved Resolution**

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON Resolution #2017-060 Supporting Legislation Calling for Judicial Review Before Removal of Special Counsel Mueller A. Whereas President Trump has made remarks indicating that firing Robert Mueller, Special Counsel charged with investigating Russian interference in the U.S. 2016 election, is a possibility, and B. Whereas the investigation of Russian interference is now getting closer to President Trump and his election campaign as Michael Flynn has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and has agreed to cooperate with the Mueller investigation, and C. Whereas firing the Special Counsel would constitute obstruction of justice and could create a Constitutional crisis: Whereas, firing the Special Prosecutor would lead to a constitutional crisis, Therefore we, The Democratic Party Washington County, Oregon resolve as follows: 1. We support the following bills to protect the Mueller investigation and ask that our Oregon Congressional Delegation sign on to and actively support these bills. Bill # 1. HR 3771, the Special Counsel Integrity Act ( former Re.p Conyers), allowing for judicial review of a proposed Special Counsel removal Bill #2. S 1735, The Special Counsel Independence Protection Act (Sen. Graham), allowing for judicial review of a proposed Special Counsel removal Bill #3. S 1741: The Special Counsel Integrity Act (Sen. Tillis), also allowing for judicial review of Special Counsel removal. 2. If passed, we will forward a copy of this resolution to all members of Oregon's Congressional delegation and to candidates with a request for a response. 3. If still pertinent, we will submit this resolution to the Democratic Party of Oregon for consideration and action at their next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Submitted – Sept, 2017, Lisa Stiller, R&PC Member; reviewed by R&PC & passed forward for CC action - 12/5/2017.

### Appendix 3: Text of Approved Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY (DPWC), OREGON RESOLUTION # 2017-059 A Resolution to Preserve the Integrity of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon

A. WHEREAS DPO Article VI Plank 6 states, "We oppose the wholesale conversion of public lands to private ownership, and support the protection of state and federally designated parks, wilderness areas, recreation areas, and other resource lands.", and B. WHEREAS The Cascade–Siskiyou National Monument (C-SNM) protects 113,000 acres of extremely high biodiversity forest and grasslands at the junction of the Cascade Range and the Siskiyou Mountains in southwestern Oregon and northwestern California, and C. WHEREAS was established as an 86,774 acre preserve in a presidential proclamation by President Clinton on June 9, 2000 and subsequently expanded to 113,000 acres by President Obama in 2017, and D. WHEREAS the C-SNM is managed by the Bureau of Land Management under the Department of Interior as part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and E. WHEREAS Native Americans are known from archaeological excavations to have inhabited the region for thousands of years and nearly 100 dwelling and root-gathering sites belonging to the Modoc, Klamath, and Shasta tribes have been uncovered to date, and F. WHEREAS The C-SNM is the first U.S. National monument set aside solely for the preservation of biodiversity as it has one of the most diverse ecosystems found in the Cascade Range with two hundred species of birds known to reside or pass through the monument, and G. WHEREAS the C-SNM is noted for its significant botanical diversity due to the range of elevations and diversity of habitat types: spectacular flora includes many endemics to the immediate Siskiyou crest such as Green's mariposa lily (*Calochortus greenei*) and the federally endangered Gentner's fritillary (*Fritillaria gentneri*), and H. WHEREAS In May 2015, 70 scientists endorsed the April 2011 Cascade-Siskiyou Scientific Report and identified a need for monument expansion, and I. WHEREAS the science-based expansion of the C-SNM is formally endorsed in writing by the Talent and Ashland City Councils and their Chambers of Commerce, state Representative (Buckley) and Senator (Bates – since deceased) for the district, and J. WHEREAS Interior Secretary Zinke, acting on the direction of President Trump, has proposed to revoke or alter federal protections for the C-SNM in order to open protected lands and waters to commercial activity, and K. WHEREAS "Acting on these recommendations would represent an unprecedented assault on our parks and public lands, and undermine bipartisan progress to protect our lands and waters that dates to Theodore Roosevelt," said Jamie Williams, president of the Wilderness Society. THEREFORE be it resolved by the Democratic Party of Washington County (DPWC), Oregon as follows: 1. The DPWC vehemently opposes Secretary Zinke's proposal to revoke or alter federal protections for all or parts of the C-SNM. 2. The DPWC directs its Chair to communicate this resolution to the Oregon Congressional delegation, the State Land Board (Governor Kate Brown, Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, and Treasurer Tobias Read), as well as Senator Alan DeBoer, the Democratic Party of Oregon, the Democratic legislators of Washington County, and to the Democratic Party Chairs of Jackson County and Klamath County, Oregon, and Siskiyou County, California. 3. The DPWC calls upon its members to support this resolution by contacting the State Land Board (Governor Brown, Secretary of State Richardson and Treasurer Read) directly. Submitted: 12/3/2017, Jo Six; approved for 1st reading – R&PC, 12/5/2017.