

# Washington County Democratic Central Committee

## Minutes of the July 25, 2018 Regular Meeting

Hillsboro Brookwood Library – 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy; Hillsboro, OR 97124

### 6:45 PM – Special Guest Speaker:

- **Statewide Ballot Measures:** Before the meeting was called to order, Jake Foster from Defend Oregon spoke on the topic of upcoming statewide ballot measures.

### 7:00 PM – Meeting Opening:

- **Call to Order:** Chair Louise Currin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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.
- **Introductions:** New members and guests were invited to introduce themselves. Elected officials present were Chuck Riley, Kyle Allen, and Kathryn Harrington. Candidates for elected office present were Kathryn Harrington, Sarah Grider, Shaun Goodpaster, Kyle Allen, Karen Reynolds, and Chuck Riley.
- **Agenda:** Chrissy Erguiza and Dan Jensen moved amendments to the agenda that were passed by unanimous consent. The prepared agenda was approved as amended.
- **Minutes:** Minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting of the Central Committee were approved as presented.

### 7:13 PM – Officer, Committee, Caucus, Delegation, and Field Director Reports:

- **Treasurer** – Veronica Williams presented a report that included key financial information. Bank balances were: *Membership Savings* \$7,812.74; *Business Savings (Karen Schouten Fund)* \$1,748.88; and *Business Checking* \$25,218.34; for a *Total* of \$34,779.96. *Incoming Blue Horizon Donations* in the past month were \$1,428.00. *Total Receivables* for the past month were \$2,364.16. *Total Expenditures* for the past month were \$6,628.11. *Total Blue Horizon Donations* to date were \$15,959.56. She advised that the membership savings is being held in reserve pending a final bill from Portland Community College for meeting space. The Summer Picnic Fundraiser has grossed over \$11,000 so far, with additional pledges still coming in.
- **Credentials Committee** – Chrissy Erguiza reported that at 7:00 p.m. there were 106 members present.
- **Volunteers of the Month** – The Chair recognized Laura Wadlin and Linda Erickson as volunteers of the month due to their outreach work and finance work respectively.
- **Community Outreach Committee** – Laura Wadlin reported on the progressive cookout event to be held that will feature ranked choice voting information and programs.
- **Communications Committee** – Martita Meier reported on communications features of the new party website and how members can effectively make use of it.
- **Finance Committee** – Linda Erickson reported on fundraising activity, including the recent Summer Picnic.
- **Resolutions and Platform Committee** – Jeremy Likens reported on the work of this committee.
  - **New Resolutions** – Jeremy Likens introduced on behalf of the Resolutions and Platform Committee “ *Holding Elected Officials Accountable for Climate Mitigation*” (RPC #2018-005), “*The Democratic Party Must Rescind Its Commitment to Pay-Go*” (RPC #2018-011), and “*Supporting the Unionization of Burgerville*” (RPC 2018-012). These resolutions will be scheduled for a vote on passage at the next Central Committee meeting.
  - **Resolution titled “Proactive Sequestration Policies of the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-006. After discussion, the resolution passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
  - **Resolution titled “Local Elected Accountability for Tri-Met”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-010. John McWilliams raised a point of order questioning the lack of a prior reading. The Chair ruled that first and second readings are not required, and passage of a resolution at the originally-proposed meeting was in order. Jeremy Likens raised a point of order that limiting the number of speakers was not in order. The Chair ruled that this was correct and allowed additional speakers to proceed. After a successful motion to end debate, the resolution then passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.

- **Resolution titled “Supporting ‘Keep Families Together,’ S3036”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of (RPC 2018-013). The Chair requested consent of the Committee that a non-member be allowed to speak, and it was approved. After discussion, the resolution passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Rules Committee** – Dan Jensen updated members on the work of this committee.
  - **Bylaw Change titled “Parliamentarian”** – On behalf of this committee, Dan Jensen moved adoption of BL 2018-026. Forrest Frank moved to amend the proposal, and the amendment passed. After a successful motion to end debate, the bylaw change passed, and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
  - **Standing Rule Change titled “Responsibilities of Delegates, Alternates, and Delegation Chairs”** – On behalf of this committee, Dan Jensen moved adoption of SR 2018-011. After discussion, the standing rule change passed, and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
  - **Standing Rule Change titled “Ballot Voting Procedure - Single Seat”** – On behalf of this committee, Dan Jensen moved adoption of SR 2018-015. After discussion, the standing rule change passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Campaign Committee** – The Chair introduced the newly-appointed committee chair, Adam Gretzinger.
- **Young Democrats Committee** – Gabe Mendez reported on the activities of this committee to protest unjust immigration policies and to involved young people in campaigning.
- **Information Technology Committee** – Natalia Zhang reported on the effectiveness of the new party website.
- **Training and Education Committee** – Nancy Lewis reported on opportunities to learn more about the party by attending training programs.
- **Office Committee** – Amelia Manlove reported on new party-branded apparel for purchase.
- **Latinx Outreach Committee** – Chrissy Erguiza reported on the efforts of this committee to oppose a state ballot measure to eliminate sanctuary state laws.
- **Credentials Committee Update** – Chrissy Erguiza reported that 119 members were present at 8:30 p.m., and that there are a total of 563 Committee members currently serving.
- **First Congressional District Committee Delegation** – Farrah Chaichi reported on an upcoming election to the state credentials committee to be held at the next meeting of this committee.
- **Black American Caucus** – Glendora Claybrooks reported on the joint work of the Hard Conversations group and the Black American Caucus to promote racial justice and oppose institutional racism.
- **Progressive Caucus** – Alex Clemens reported on the work of this caucus to promote ranked choice voting.
- **Field Director** – Carl Fisher reported on opportunities to work with campaigns to canvass in support of Democratic candidates.

### 8:40 PM – New Business:

- **Election for State Central Committee Alternate Delegates** – Farrah Chaichi, Julie Turrentine, and Janice Karpenick were nominated for a vacancy, and offered remarks on their candidacy. Garrett Fleenor, Devin Hunter, Dave Coburn, Kyle Martin, and John McDonald were nominated for a vacancy, and those present offered remarks on their candidacy.
- **Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons** – The Chair moved selection of Arthur George, Richard Siegel, and Jessica Angle to fill vacancies in the office of precinct committeeperson. The motion passed.
- **Announcements** – Members and guests offered announcements on various subjects.
- **Adjournment** – After a brief recess, the Chair announced that Farrah Chaichi and Kyle Martin had been duly elected as alternate delegates to the State Central Committee. The vote totals as reported are appended to these minutes. The Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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**Patrick Maguire, Secretary**

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**Date Approved**

Please contact [secretary@washcodems.org](mailto:secretary@washcodems.org) with any questions about these minutes.

## Appendix 1: Election Results

ROUND →	1	2	3	4
Garrett Fleenor	38	38	42	49
Devin Hunter	19	21	22	—
Dave Coburn	3	—	—	—
Kyle Martin	45	46	49	58
John McDonald	12	12	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>107</b>
Total Exhausted Ballots	—	—	4	10

ROUND →	1
Farrah Chaichi	65
Julie Turrentine	20
Janice Karpenick	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>
Total Exhausted Ballots	—

## Appendix 2: Adopted Resolutions

### RPC 2018-006

#### Proactive Sequestration Policies of the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District

WHEREAS the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (TSWCD) was recently empowered (2017) to collect revenues to support full time soil and water conservation efforts in the Tualatin River basin;

WHEREAS the Democratic Central Committee of Washington County supported the ballot measure that put the TSWCD on firm administrative and financial footing;

WHEREAS active management of both agricultural and forest soils is an effective way to sequester carbon and combat climate change;

WHEREAS Article VIII: Building a Sustainable Future, Plank 16 as adopted by the Democratic Central Committee (march 15, 201) calls for “increasing carbon sequestration through revegetation and reforestation”; and

WHEREAS adopted legislative Action Item #22 (adopted March 15, 2018) calls for “public projects” to bring Oregon to a state of negative greenhouse gas emissions;

THEREFORE the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon resolves as follows:

1. We specifically request that the TSWCD district evaluate options and implement programs for additional storage of carbon in forest and agricultural soils in Washington County, both in terms of methods and potential for increase; and
2. We request that the TSWCD provide a report to the residents of Washington County, to elected officials in Washington County, and the Democratic Central Committee on the potentials for, and actions being taken to increase carbon soil sequestration in the county no later than September of 2019.

*Resolution submitted by Gerritt Rosenthal, P&RC Member - April 22, 2018*  
*Approved by R&PC – May 3, 2018*

**RPC 2018-010**  
**Local Elected Accountability for TriMet**

WHEREAS public transit is essential to meeting the current and future needs of Washington County residents;

WHEREAS public transit provides a way for residents to commute to work, access education, visit libraries, and participate in many other activities;

WHEREAS local elected boards afford residents a unique and important opportunity to directly voice their concerns and meaningfully impact their communities;

WHEREAS the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet), the agency that oversees public transit in the Portland metropolitan area, is currently governed by an unelected board chosen by the Governor of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS more than 80% of TriMet’s budget of over \$700 million is sourced from the people living in the area served by TriMet, including both passenger fares and a special Portland-area payroll tax<sup>[1]</sup>;

THEREFORE the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon resolves as follows:

1. TriMet should be directly accountable to the people who use and fund it;
2. A board elected by the voters of the TriMet service area should be responsible for its governance; and
3. Washington County’s elected representatives at the state and municipal level should advocate for research into the formation of such an elected TriMet board.

<sup>[1]</sup>According to Tri-Met’s 2018-2019 Budget Statement: “approximately 95.6% of TriMet’s revenues come from three sources: payroll tax revenues (63.9%), passenger revenues (18.0%) and federal formula funds (13.7%).” Potential additional revenue from the State of Oregon authorized by the recently-approved transportation package is expected to total \$35-\$40 million annually, representing around 5% of Tri-Met’s operating revenue.

*Resolution submitted by Patrick Maguire, R&PC Member – July 3, 2018*  
*Approved by R&PC – July 3, 2018*

**RPC 2018-013**  
**Supporting “Keep Families Together” Senate Bill 3036**

WHEREAS the Trump administration recently implemented a coercive, illegal zero tolerance policy which resulted in over 2,342 children separated from their parents at the Mexican border from May 5, when the zero tolerance policy went into effect, through June 9 (US Border statistics);

WHEREAS in both cases the children were turned over to the Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Refugee Resettlement, and migrants without required papers were arrested, and their children reclassified as unaccompanied minors, (Slate, 6/15/2018), (Vox, 6/19/2018) and they were then imprisoned in what amounts to chain link cages, then put in foster homes or placed in the care of relatives, and there was no

clear plan for reuniting them and that is still the case, and furthermore, parents were and still are being deported while their children remain in the US;

WHEREAS despite the administration's claim that the separation of children from parents was done lawfully, this was not the case as it was this administration's choice, the separation was in violation of the Flores Settlement, which came out of Flores v Reno (1997), setting national standards for the treatment of minors taken into custody by DHH or ORR, and requiring the government to release children in a timely manner, preferably to parents, and requiring the least restrictive setting (Human Rights First, 02/29.2016: The Flores Settlement: A Brief History and Next Steps);

WHEREAS members of Congress and reporters have visited the detention centers, finding overcrowding conditions and understaffing, there have been reports of inappropriate discipline, inadequate medical care, and lack of needed supervision (NYT, 06/14/2018), human rights organizations, experts, and mental health groups (including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the U.N. Human Rights office) all concur that separating children from parents is a morally and ethically reprehensible act with documented lasting trauma and other psychological effects on children (Business Insider, June 16 2018);

WHEREAS on June 20, 2018, President Trump signed an executive order that reversed his policy of separating children from their parents at the border, and ordering a "temporary detention policy for all families entering this country illegally", and also seeking a modification of the Flores Settlement to allow for detainment of families for the time it takes to complete their hearings (20 days is the maximum time set under Flores) text of order from Market Watch, 6/20/2018); and

WHEREAS this order fails to protect migrants, asylum seekers, families and children as it seeks to enable the detainment of families until any legal proceedings are complete, which could be years with the request for a modification to the Flores Settlement, and the new policy in effect jails families, many seeking asylum from violent, dangerous situations and it does not lay out a plan to reunite families;

THEREFORE the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon resolves as follows:

1. The WCDCC supports Senate Bill 3036, The Keep Families Together Act, and the House companion bill, HR 6135, which prevents border agents from removing children from parents except for certain extenuating circumstances (child is in danger of abuse or neglect, child trafficking) within a 100 miles from a US border, and which requires training of border agents to enable them to act within the best interest of the child, and we oppose the zero tolerance policy;
2. The WCDCC sees the executive order to end the family separation as inadequate and disturbing, and opposes the executive order's provision for what could become years of incarceration for families, its lack of provision for a timely reunification of families, and its vague wording which leaves room for family separation if there is determined to be a lack of resources to keep families together; the WCDCC calls for legislation that will prevent this incarceration and opposes any modification of the Flores Settlement, and also demands that an immediate effort be made to reunite families, in compliance with US District Judge Dana Sabraw's order of June 27, 2018;
3. The WCDCC recognizes and would like thank Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, and Representative Bonamici for the contribution and leadership they provided to end the family separation policy and their efforts to end the zero tolerance, and their co-sponsorship of the Senate and House Keep Families Together legislation, and we would also like to recognize Senator Merkley for his trips to the border and his successful efforts to bring awareness about what is happening to families at the border;
4. The WCDCC, in agreement with Article 7 - Immigration of the 2018 Democratic Party of Oregon Platform, particularly Planks 2, 4, 9, 10 and 11 supports comprehensive immigration reform which recognizes the

humanity and dignity of those seeking asylum and all migrants, works to keep families together, and guarantees each person the due process guaranteed under law; and

5. We direct that copies of this resolution be sent to all the entire Oregon Congressional delegation, Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, and Oregon Governor Kate Brown, and note that this resolution has been submitted to the DPO for consideration at their 3rd Quarterly meeting in August.

*Resolution submitted by Lisa Stiller and Patrick Maguire, R&PC Members – July 3, 2018*

*Approved by R&PC – July 3, 2018*

### **Appendix 3: Adopted Bylaw and Standing Rule Changes**

#### **BL 2018-026 Parliamentarian**

Article VI

Section 7

f. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Chair, to ensure that all proceedings of the Central Committee and the Executive Board of the Central Committee are conducted in accordance with the Bylaws, the Standing Rules and Roberts Rules of Order; ~~conduct all election processes, including those for Central Committee officers, resolutions, and changes to the By-laws.~~ The Parliamentarian shall be an ex-officio member of the Rules Committee.

#### **SR 2018-011 Responsibilities of Delegates, Alternates, and Delegation Chairs**

Standing Rule #6:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, AND DELEGATION CHAIRS TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (SCC) AND THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE (CD1)

1. Delegates are expected and alternates are encouraged to attend all the quarterly meetings of the State SCC or 1st CD1, as appropriate.
2. Delegates who cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting should shall notify the Delegation Chair with a reason for not attending as soon as possible, in order that an alternate may attend.
3. The Delegation Chair shall send a minimum of 2 meeting notifications via email to all delegation members of their respective body. The first notice shall be sent no less than 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Delegates and alternates shall be asked, and expected, to notify the Delegation Chair whether they will be able to attend as soon as practical.
4. In the event delegates and alternates do not respond with a definitive commitment to attend by two weeks prior to the start of a meeting, the Delegation Chair shall assign an alternate who has indicated that they will attend.
5. Alternates should shall be called by gender, and then by rank order, as appropriate possible.
6. If non-responsive delegates respond in the affirmative less than two weeks prior to the start of the meeting or if non-responsive delegates attend the meeting without confirmation notice, they will be assigned an alternate position unless there are additional or unexpected absences at the delegate level.
7. Delegates who do not respond to the Delegation Chair who attend the meeting will receive credit for attending but will not be able to vote.
8. This Standing Rule shall be referenced in all meeting notifications sent by the Delegation Chair.
9. Resignation and Removal of Delegates
  - a. A delegate may resign by written notice to the Chair of their body or the County Chair.
  - b. SCC Delegates who have two unexcused absences at the discretion of the chair or three total absences have effectively resigned, and may be replaced.
  - c. CD1 Delegates who have three consecutive absences or four total absences have effectively resigned, and may be replaced.
10. If a Delegation Chair is unable to attend their respective meeting, the Delegation Chair shall appoint a temporary replacement for that meeting from the list of delegates attending.

11. Delegation Chairs will keep an up to date list of all delegates and alternates in gender and rank order. Delegation Chairs will assure the delegation lists on the website are correct and up to date and advise the webmaster of any changes as soon as possible.
12. Delegation Chairs are members of the Executive Committee. Delegation Chairs will advise both the Central Committee and the Executive Board of upcoming meetings and report on attendance, substantive discussions and actions taken by those bodies at the next regularly scheduled Central Committee and Executive Board meeting.
13. Delegation Chairs will provide the Credentials Chair of their respective bodies the list of delegates for each meeting 48 hours in advance.
14. PCPs who choose to become a candidate for an SCC or CD1 Delegate or Alternate Delegate position will sign a copy of this Standing Rule to acknowledge they have read and understand this rule.
- ~~2. The Chair of the delegation will report on delegate attendance, the agenda and outcomes of the meeting at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington County CC.~~
- ~~3. Delegates who cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting should notify the delegation Chair as soon as possible, in order that an alternate may attend.~~

### **SR 2018-015 Ballot Voting Procedure - Single Seat**

Add New Standing Rule:

#### BALLOT VOTING PROCEDURE - SINGLE SEAT

During single seat elections for which more than two candidates have been nominated, wherein voting by ballot is the method chosen by the Central Committee, ballots will be created and distributed in the following manner:

1. If ballots contain the names of all nominated candidates, the ballot shall include space for candidates' names who have not been nominated in advance;
2. Ballots will contain a space wherein members may indicate their voting preferences numerically;
3. Ballots will be given to all credentialed PCPs; a PCP is allowed to refuse their ballot if they so choose.
4. A member may indicate more than one preference for the office on their ballot in ranked order;
5. After all ballots have been counted if no candidate has a majority of members' first-choice votes the process of determining a winner via simulated instant runoff elections will take place as follows;
  - a. The candidate with the least first-choice votes indicated on members' ballots will be removed from consideration and members' votes previously assigned to that candidate will be assigned to the second or next highest choice indicated on their ballots should one exist, and if there are no other choices indicated on the ballot those votes will be eliminated;
  - b. After all ballots have been counted again if no candidate has a majority of members' votes the process of eliminating the candidate with the least votes from consideration and re-assigning those members' votes to their next choice or removing them when no other choice is given will continue until a candidate has a majority of votes.