

Washington County Democratic Central Committee

Minutes of the August 22, 2018 Regular Meeting

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

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.
- **Agenda** – The prepared agenda was approved with additions.
- **Minutes** – Minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting of the Central Committee were approved as presented.
- **Introductions** – New members and guests were invited to introduce themselves. Elected officials present were Wendy Kroger, Dick Schouten, Sheri Malstrom Schouten, Ali Kavonian, Susan McLain, Janeen Sollman, Olivia Alcaire, Joelle Davis, Chuck Riley, John Hutzler, Pete Truax, Anthony Martin, Greg Malinowski, and Kyle Allen. Candidates for elected office present were Ken Moore, Bridget Brooks, Kyle Allen, Olivia Alcaire, and Beach Pace.

7:12 PM – Officer, Committee, Caucus, Delegation, and Field Director Updates:

- **Treasurer** – Veronica Williams presented a report that included key financial information. Bank balances were: *Membership Savings* \$7,817.96; *Business Savings (Karen Schouten Fund)* \$1,548.95; and *Business Checking* \$22,895.00; for a *Total* of \$32,261.91. *Incoming Blue Horizon Donations* in the past month were \$1,298.00. *Total Receivables* for the past month were \$12,777.66. *Total Expenditures* for the past month were \$12,576.85. *Total Blue Horizon Donations* to date were \$17,257.70. An additional \$475.00 has been received from the Hillsboro Hops fundraiser, and \$7,080.00 in the membership savings is in escrow pending billing from Portland Community College for meeting space. The recent picnic fundraiser had gross receipts of \$11,701.00 and net income of \$9,605.82.
- **Volunteer of the Month** – Carol Greenough was presented with the volunteer of the month award in recognition of her work representing Democrats at the Tualatin Crawfish Festival.
- **Credentials Committee** – Chrissy Erguiza reported that there are 552 elected members of the Central Committee and 13 appointed members.
- **Endorsement Committee Membership** – The Chair announced her appointments to the endorsement committee. Will Hobbs moved to suspend the rules to allow approval of Shabba Woodley as endorsement committee chair and Steve Hall as a member of that committee, and the motion passed. Mr. Hobbs moved to approve Mr. Woodley as chair, and the motion passed. Mr. Hobbs moved approval of Steve Hall as a member of this committee, and the motion passed.
- **Endorsement Committee** – Shabba Woodley announced that Kyle Allen, Olivia Alcaire, and Beach Pace had applied for endorsement in the election to the Hillsboro City Council. On behalf of this committee, Mr. Woodley moved the endorsement of Ms. Alcaire, and the motion passed. The Chair announced 120 members were signed in as of 7:26 p.m. Mr. Woodley then moved endorsement of Mr. Allen, and the motion passed. Mr. Woodley then moved endorsement of Ms. Pace, and the motion passed.
- **Community Outreach Committee** – Laura Wadlin reported on the work of this committee to register Democrats at the county fair. Ms. Wadlin also reported on activities at the progressive cookout. The Beaverton Parade and halloween programs are under consideration by this committee.
- **Communications Committee** – Martita Meier reported on the activity of this committee in social media posting, blogging, reporting, and editorial writing.
- **Finance Committee** – Linda Erickson introduced Bobbi Wolf, who informed members about the Blue Horizon fundraising program. Ms. Erickson then introduced Victoria Long, who reported on the upcoming Neuberger Gala. Ms. Erickson then introduced Paul Erickson, who informed members about options to purchase gala table tickets and program advertising space.
- **Resolutions and Platform Committee** – Jeremy Likens updated members on the activity of this committee.
 - **New Resolutions** – Jeremy Likens introduced on behalf of the Resolutions and Platform Committee “*Refinement of Priority Legislative Action Items*” (RPC #2018-008) and “*Expansion of the Metro Council*” (RPC

2018-004). These resolutions will be scheduled for a vote on final passage at the next Central Committee meeting.

- **Ballot Measure Positions** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved opposition to Ballot Measure 102. Veronica Williams moved that the Washington County Democratic Central Committee approve the Democratic Party of Oregon positions on all statewide ballot measures. Mr. Likens raised a point of order that a motion was already pending. The Chair ruled that Ms. Williams’ motion was in order as an amendment in the form of a substitute. During debate, Mr. Likens raised a point of order that a member was not being relevant and the Chair ruled the member was relevant and could continue. During further debate, Mr. Likens again raised a point of order that another member was not being relevant, and the Chair ruled that the member was relevant and could continue. After discussion and a successful motion to end debate, the amendment passed with 68 YES and 38 NO votes. During discussion, Alex Clemens raised a point of order regarding two members speaking jointly in debate and the chair ruled that this was allowed and the members could continue. After discussion and a successful vote to end debate, the motion as amended then passed with 75 YES and 31 NO votes. On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens then announced a blank recommendation on Ballot Measure 26-199 and Anthony Martin moved to endorse this ballot measure. After discussion, the motion to endorse passed.
- **Resolution titled “Supporting the Unionization of Burgerville”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-012. Keith Haxton moved to allow a nonmember to speak in debate, and the motion passed. Veronica Williams moved to amend the motion to delete the clause calling for a donation to the union. The Chair declared that only three members would be allowed to speak on this matter and members who spoke on the main motion would not be allowed to speak on the amendment. Jeremy Likens raised a point of order that a member should be allowed to speak on the amendment even if they had spoken on the main motion, and the Chair upheld the point. Jeremy Likens moved to allow a nonmember to speak in debate, and the motion passed. After a successful motion to end debate, the amendment passed with 58 YES and 26 NO votes. The resolution as amended then passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Resolution titled “The Democratic Party Must Rescind Its Commitment to Pay-Go”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-011. After discussion, the resolution passed and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Resolution titled “Holding Elected Officials Accountable for Climate Mitigation”** – On behalf of this committee, Jeremy Likens moved adoption of RPC 2018-005. The resolution passed with 52 YES and 15 NO votes and the text as adopted is appended to these minutes.
- **Adjournment** – Nancy Lewis moved that the Committee adjourn, the motion passed, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Agenda items not taken up due to the adjournment included three bylaw or rule changes, several committee reports, an item requested by Janice Kaepernick on membership in Health Care for All Oregon, and an item requested by Alex Clemens regarding recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Patrick Maguire, Secretary

Date Approved

Please contact secretary@washcodems.org with any questions about these minutes.

Appendix 1: Adopted Resolutions

RPC 2018-005

Holding Elected Officials Accountable for Climate Mitigation

WHEREAS human caused climate change is demonstrable and is largely a consequence of human use of fossil fuels;

WHEREAS the overwhelming scientific consensus is that the potential impacts of human caused climate change are likely to be dramatic and highly deleterious to current human societies unless we act immediately;

WHEREAS we currently have the technologies to apply adaptive, restorative and regenerative measures to address the overuse of fossil fuels through conservation, alternative energy sources, and sequestration;

WHEREAS the current lack of action to address the threats of climate change is a result of a lack of political will on the part of some decision makers who are unduly influenced by the pseudoscience supported by the fossil fuel industry; and

WHEREAS Article VIII: Building a Sustainable Future, Plank 1 of the newly adopted (March 15, 2018) Democratic Central Committee of Washington County Platform states “We believe....climate change is an emergency caused by human activities and we must take immediate actions to reduce and reverse negative impacts”;

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

1. We urge the resignation or removal of all elected officials in Washington County who refuse to make actions on reductions in fossil fuel use or greenhouse gas emissions, or on adaptation to climate change, a political and budgetary priority; and
2. We request that all elected officials in Washington County sign a pledge to take the potential impacts of climate change seriously and to take quick and effective actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within Washington County and to develop programs for enhancing climate change adaptability.

RPC 2018-011

The Democratic Party Must Rescind Its Commitment to Pay-Go

WHEREAS Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7 of the U.S. Constitution states: “*No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.*”;

WHEREAS Pay-go is a budget rule requiring that new legislation affecting revenues and spending on entitlement programs, taken as a whole, does not increase projected budget deficits^[1];

WHEREAS 50% of all Americans live in or near poverty^[2];

WHEREAS House Republicans on June 19th quietly unveiled their 2019 budget proposal that calls for \$537 billion in cuts to Medicare, \$1.5 trillion in cuts to Medicaid, and \$4 billion in cuts to Social Security, and other cuts over the next decade in an effort to pay for their deficit-exploding tax cuts for the wealthy^[3];

WHEREAS 83% of the recent republican \$1.5 trillion tax cuts will go to the top 1%^[4];

WHEREAS Government sources indicate \$21 trillion in unsupported adjustments have been reported for the Department of Defense and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the years 1998-2015^[5];

WHEREAS 89% of democrats voted to pass the \$696.5 billion defense bill^[6];

WHEREAS An additional \$61 billion was allocated in 2018 to the Trump administration for defense, boosting its overall budget to \$700 billion, a 40% increase since the height of the Iraq war, and the US spends more than the next 9 countries on defense, and most of those countries are our allies^[7];

WHEREAS The Pentagon is slated to receive more than \$6 trillion over the next decade^[8];

WHEREAS The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) predicts the annual deficit will top \$1 trillion by 2020^[9];

WHEREAS Democratic Party leadership has publicly committed to “pay-go” (pay as you go) should democrats win the House in the 2018 midterms, and that “the policy would be a 2019 priority”^[10];

WHEREAS Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), who heads the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC), said the Democrats would be foolish to adopt the fiscal restraints, especially in light of the Republicans’ newly adopted tax-reform law, which is estimated to add almost \$2 trillion to the debt over the next decade^[11]; and

WHEREAS Pay-go effectively means that the government cannot increase spending unless there is an increase in revenue;

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

1. We call upon Democratic Leadership to renounce their pay-go commitment and agree to increase spending on policies like Social Security, Medicare for All, a living wage, tuition-free college, elimination of student debt, a jobs program and other programs that benefit the American people and help our economy;
2. We direct that copies of this resolution be sent to all Oregon representatives and senators.
3. We call on the Democratic Party of Oregon to publicly denounce the House’s pay-go plan;
4. We call on the Democratic Party of Oregon to officially thank Senators Merkley and Wyden for NOT being part of the 89% of senators who voted for the Defense bill; and
5. We direct that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Oregon county Central Committees and to the SCC, and recommend adoption.

^[1] [Tax Policy Center: What Is Pay-Go?](#)

^[2] [Yes, Half of Americans Are In or Near Poverty: Here’s More Evidence](#)

^[3] [Morally Bankrupt: After Tax Cuts for Richest House GOP Unveils \\$5.4 Trillion Attack on Nation’s Safety Net](#)

^[4] [The Republican Tax Bill Got Worse: Now the Top 1% Gets 83% of the Gains](#)

^[5] [Has Our Government Spent \\$21 Trillion of Our Money Without Telling Us?](#)

^[6] [89% of Senate Democrats Help Pass the \\$696.5 Defense Bill](#)

^[7] [How the Pentagon Plans to Spend That Extra \\$61 Billion](#)

^[8] [Trump’s ‘infrastructure’ plan](#)

^[9] [U.S. Deficit to Surpass \\$1 Trillion Two Years Ahead of Estimates, CBO Says](#)

^[10] [Dem Leaders Embrace Pay-Go](#)

^[11] [Pelosi’s Pay-Go Rule Is Entirely Counter-Productive to Progressive Policy Goals](#)

RPC 2018-012
Supporting the Unionization of Burgerville

WHEREAS Article II of the WCDCC Platform states “We hold that all workers deserve a living wage and the right to unionize”;

WHEREAS The Democratic Party has a long history of supporting unions;

WHEREAS There are six Burgerville stores in Washington County employing a total of well over 100 hourly employees;

WHEREAS Burgerville management has refused to voluntarily recognize its unions for years;

WHEREAS Burgerville Workers Union is now the first federally recognized fast-food workers union;

WHEREAS Burgerville Workers Union alleges scare tactics are being used to intimidate organizers;

WHEREAS The Burgerville Workers Union delivered demands to Burgerville corporate headquarters in April of 2016 and over 2 years passed before Burgerville management began to negotiate with the Burgerville Workers Union;

WHEREAS The Burgerville Workers Union has called for a boycott of Burgerville “until the company does right by the workers and signs a contract with the union”; and

WHEREAS The Burgerville Boycott has been endorsed by Speaker Tina Kotek, Rep. Tawna Sanchez, numerous local unions, and multiple workers rights organizations;

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

1. The WCDCC supports just cause termination vs. at-will employment, and supports the Burgerville Workers Union’s call for \$5/hour raises for Burgerville hourly employees, affordable healthcare, a safe and healthy workplace, fair and consistent scheduling, and a sustainable workplace that supports working families and its call upon Burgerville management to end its use of E-Verify and to negotiate a contract with the Burgerville Workers Union;
2. The WCDCC encourages unionization of Burgerville’s fast-food stores in Washington County;
3. The WCDCC endorses the Burgerville Workers Union;
4. The WCDCC endorses the Burgerville Boycott and encourages its members and allies to do the same;
5. The WCDCC calls upon Washington County’s Democratic Public Elected Officials to endorse the Burgerville Workers Union and the Burgerville Boycott;
6. A copy of this resolution and a request for card check neutrality be hand-delivered to the manager of each Burgerville fast-food store in Washington County; and
7. This resolution be forwarded to County Central Committees in counties where Burgerville has stores and to the SCC with a recommendation to be adopted.