
Electronic Credentialing process started at 6:30 pm. Business meeting started at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. 1/27/21 Draft Minutes were approved during the 2/24/21 WCDCC Meeting.

Minutes

1. Meeting Opened at 7:00 p.m.

Officers present were Patrick McGuire-Chair, Martita Meier-Vice Chair, Amelia Manlove-Second Vice Chair, Veronica Williams-Treasurer, Bridget Brooks, MSW-Recording Secretary. Also present was Alice Bartet-Parliamentarian. A quorum was met. There were 70 PCP'S present and a total 73 in attendance. (See Appendix 1)

- Chair comments on how to participate in the Zoom meeting.
- The Prepared Agenda was approved without objection by unanimous consent.
- Minutes from October's CC were approved without correction.
- Party Officers, First-Time Attendees, and Democratic Elected Officials were introduced.

2. Reports from Chair & Vice Chairs

- Chair made Opening Remarks – **Patrick Maguire**
 - Reviewed Recent Political Developments - Unified Democratic Federal Government!
 - Previewed 2021 Milestones and Events for Our County Party
 - Information Regarding Executive Board Membership and Leadership Roles
 - Discussion of May 2021 Election Endorsements
 - Update on Membership in Healthcare for All Oregon and Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- First Vice Chair – **Martita Meier**
 - Finance Committee, may rename to “Fundraising Committee”, Spring Fest will be first event, donation for baskets requested
 - Donations, outlined types and opportunities including Blue Horizon
 - Introduction to allyship trainings offered free
 - Endorsements-showed process in website, 2/13/21 5pm Deadline to be included in the Voters Pamphlet
- Second Vice Chair (Credentials) – **Amelia Manlove**
 - Asked for volunteers for CC credentialing

3. Party Financial Updates

- Treasurer's Report (see Appendix 2) – **Veronica Williams** Despite pandemic in good financial standing due to reduced expenses and successful fundraisers.
- Budget Committee – **John MacDonald** Report Announced (see Appendix 3)

4. Updates on the Activity of Operational Committees

NOTE: *These committees are mainly operational, focused on getting the day-to-day work of the party done. These action-oriented groups could use your help as a volunteer member!*

- Community Outreach – **Sue Cocking & Derrick Ragan**
- Communications – **Brian Gardner**

- Endorsement process underway
- Press Releases to increase communication to public
- Op-Ed's requested
- Candidate Profiles of Endorsed Candidates requested
- Campaign (Neighborhood Leader Program) Summarized report – **Dan Riker**
 - 91% turnout of voters contacted by Neighborhood Leaders, over 350+ NL's helped get out the vote.
 - Called for volunteers both PCP's and HDL's
 - Postcard campaign planned again due to pandemic
- Young Democrats – **John Harrigan**
 - Climate panel in collaboration with Sunrise Movement Beaverton
- Information Technology – **Patrick Konsor**
 - **Next Monday 7:30 pm Zoom next meeting**
 - Volunteers requested
- Office – **Connie Chen**
 - Office updated and painted
 - Flag donated by WWII Vet
 - After Vaccines slow open, possibly in April
- Training and Education – **Nancy Lewis unable to attend and Larry Ludeking stepped in**
 - Reported on successful lobbying training workshop
 - Basic WashCo Dem 101 Training will be scheduled shortly

5. Updates on the Activity of Caucuses & Special Groups

NOTE: *These groups provide an opportunity for people of shared interest or background to plan for activism and community engagement.*

- Education Caucus – **Lisa Stiller**
- East Washington County Democrats – **Carol Greenough**
 - 2/4/21 Topic: Local Non-Profits-basic needs, food, what they do, what we can do to help

6. Provisional Selection of New Precinct Committeepersons

Bridget Brooks, MSW-moved (CC-1.27.21) to appoint as a PCP Member of the Democratic Party of Washington County the following people: Mario Parker-Milligan, Kyle Martin, Stan Jewett, Sarah Lee Fisher Beachy, Derrick Ragan, Heidi Lube. Seconded. Discussion. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

7. Reports from Parliamentary Committees.

- Resolutions and Platform – **Gerritt Rosenthal**
 - First Reading - **RPC 2021-002 – Legislators Who Violate Constitutional Oath-(See Appendix 4)**
 - First Reading - **RPC 2020-016 – Forest Management and Taxation-(See Appendix 5)**
 - First Reading - **RPC 2021-001 – Rural Outreach-(See Appendix 6)**
- Rules – **Garrett Fleenor**
 - Committee meeting on 1/6/21 rescheduled
 - Continuing bylaws and standing rules revisions

8. New Business

2/13/21CD-1 Organizational Meeting 1-4pm Standing Committee Members and Officers will be elected- A call to run, process, info on the website-Lisa Stiller

9. Election of Delegation Chairs

NOTE: *These two groups of elected delegates represent our county in state party matters.*

- State Central Committee Delegation Chair-Tied between 2 candidates, 4-4 to be rescheduled to vote again during the February Central Committee Meeting
- First Congressional District Committee Delegation Chair-Lisa Stiller was voted in unanimously.(See Appendix 7)

10. Announcements:

Please email any specific information on announcements or operational committee reports within 24 hours if you would like to see included in tonight's minutes.

Secretary@washcodems.org.

Appendix 1: List of Attendees

Bartelt	Alice
Manlove	Amelia
Stiffler	Andrew
Martin	Anthony (John)
Hartmeier Prigg	Ashley
Bliss	Bill (William)
Wolf	Bobbi
Buratti	Brenda
Hamilton	Brett
Decker	Brian
Gardner	Brian
Brooks	Bridget
Fisher	Carl
Greenough	Carol
Erguiza	Chrissy
Gatchell	Chuck (Charles)
Sterling	Claudia
Wolf	Clyde
Chen	Connie
Wending	Cyndi

Riker	Dan
Neill	Daniel
Coburn	Dave (David)
Moberg	Dean
Doctor	Diane
Koller	Duncan
Chaichi	Farrah
Fleenor	Garrett
Brown	Gene
Sheldall	Gordon
Rosenthal	H Gerritt
Uhlig	Hilary
Silver	James
Karpenick	Janice
MacDonald	Jennifer
Whittington	Joe
Harrigan	John
MacDonald	John
Rivers	Joshua
Hamilton	Kami
Newcombe	Karolina
Mohr	Kate
Haxton	Keith
McDonald	Kendal
Ludeking	Larry
Erickson	Linda
Stiller	Lisa
McWilliams	Marilyn
Kilbourne	Martin
Meier	Martita
Barnhart	Maureen (Mary)

McDaniel	Merridy
Wise	Michele
Konsor	Patrick
Maguire	Patrick
Erickson	Paul
Crocker	Ramona
Waszink	Remco
Wise	Ronnie
Colquitt	Rosa
Hall	Stephen
Bernstein	Stuart
Cadambi	Sudarshan
Chandramouli	Sushruta
Gilham	Vallie
Williams	Veronica
Long	Victoria
Socha	Walt
Campos	Wlnsvey
Wakkila	Wynne

Appendix 2: Treasurer's E-Board Report: Operational and Fundraising Financial Transactions *Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

1. Bank Balances **as of 01/13/2021**– Washington County Democratic Central Committee
 - A. Membership Savings ____ \$ 7,827.38
 - B. Business Savings (KS) _ \$ 524.49
 - C. Business Checking ____ \$ 70,469.12
 - D. TOTAL: \$ 78,820.99**
2. Incoming Blue Horizon Donations – January 2021 - \$ 295.00
3. Blue Horizon 2021 YTD - \$ 295.00
4. Blue Horizon Total 2020 - \$ 21,880.92

5. Total Dec 2020 Receivables __ \$ 1,791.76
6. Total Dec 2020 Expenditures___ \$ 2,160.65

2020 Actuals:

Total Income \$93,366.00 (down \$6,566,28,from 2019)
Total Expense \$81,129.93 (down \$5,101.07 from 2019)
Net Income \$12,236,07

Appendix 3: Budget

After the Executive Board Meeting last week, I started working on 2021 Budget Estimates for each of the Committees. Starting tomorrow I will be reaching out to each Committee Chair to get input for the 2021 Budget.

As we discussed, I will be looking for input under two different scenarios - Scenario A is if we are required to stay under lockdown for the remainder of 2021. Scenario B is if the lockdown is lifted after six months, so that we can get back to a (somewhat) normal life after June 30th. Frankly, I am more concerned with the 12 month lockdown budget, as that is the budget I assume we will present to the Central Committee, with the understanding that we will submit a revised budget if the lockdown is lifted.

While the budget needs careful consideration, it is very likely that we will end up proposing a "lockdown" budget to the Central Committee, with a (hopefully) opportunity to propose a revised budget sometime midyear for a "full contact" budget. So the opportunity to revise budget estimates midyear will likely be available.

Included with each budget request email will be the actual and budgeted expenses for 2020, as well as the actual expenses for 2019, which should be a somewhat comparable year to 2021.

Anyway, if each of you could respond promptly to the email I will be sending, I will then put together a complete budget which I will forward to the Executive Committee as soon as I get responses from everyone.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to the emails I will be sending.

John MacDonald
Budget Chair

Appendix 4:

**A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee Resolution #
2021-002 Regarding Legislators Who Violate Their Constitutional Oath amended by R&PC
Jan 5, 2021**

A. WHEREAS Oregon legislators take an oath that says they “do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of.....”, and B. WHEREAS the oath of office for an Oregon legislator is not to be taken lightly and supersedes any loyalty to an individual or Party, regardless of position or office, and C. WHEREAS signing on to a letter asking the Oregon Attorney General to become party to a lawsuit filed by the State of Texas that would seek to overturn the election results in another state (Pennsylvania) would violate the basic principles of states’ supremacy, and hence the principles of the US Constitution (Article II & Amendment 12), in voting matters and might be justified only if rampant and widespread fraud and corruption had been proven, and D. WHEREAS, the lawsuit on the part of the State of Texas to invalidate votes in Pennsylvania as prepared by the current President’s election team offered no evidence of fraud or malfeasance and, in fact, other lawsuits regarding this issue prepared by this group had been found to be without merit, and E. WHEREAS this lawsuit was immediately thrown out by the Supreme Court of the United States with the ruling that Texas had no “standing” to sue, and F. WHEREAS the effort by twelve Oregon legislators to request that the Attorney General of Oregon join such a lawsuit shows, at its best, a complete misunderstanding of the Constitution and a callous disregard of the gravity of their Oath of Office, and G. WHEREAS, prior to the lawsuit, all 50 states had certified the results of their elections and the Attorney General of the United States and Attorneys General of all 50 states had certified that the November 2020 election was secure and was completed without widespread or systemic fraud sufficient to question its results in ANY state: THEREFORE We, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) Resolve as Follows: 1. We publicly call for the censure of the Oregon legislators who publicly supported a Texas legal challenge to the election results in Pennsylvania in violation of Constitutional provisions for state’s rights regarding elections without any significant evidence of irregularities. 2. We call on Governor Brown and the leadership in the Oregon Senate and House to consider sanctions, such as excluding from all committees, of all representatives (Senators and Representatives) who supported and officially requested that the State of Oregon, in the person of the Attorney General, officially become party to this unconstitutional lawsuit. Draft submitted: 12/28/2020 by Gerritt Rosenthal; Approved as amended with a DO PASS recommendation by WCDCC R&PC, January 5, 2021.

Appendix 5:

A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee Resolution # 2020-016 Regarding Oregon Forest Management and Taxation as amended 1/5/2021

A. WHEREAS Oregon’s forests, at approximately 30 million acres, cover approximately one half of the state and are the source for roughly 75% of Oregon’s drinking water, and B. WHEREAS, Oregon forests are divided between the US Forest Service [USFS] (16 million acres), the Bureau of Land Management [BLM] (2.6 million acres), Oregon State Forests [OSF] (0.75 million acres), and privately owned (10.2 million acres) forest lands, and C. WHEREAS the sale of timber from BLM lands (referred to as O&C lands) and the property taxes (reduced for timberlands) from privately owned lands along with former severance taxes were critical to the economic welfare of local resource-based communities, and D.

WHEREAS Oregon forests are generally classified into “eastside” and “westside” forest types based on rainfall and timber types, with the “westside” forest types being economically more productive, and E. WHEREAS scientifically sound and sustainable management (including prescribed fire and plantation thinning) of Oregon forests is necessary to support local resource economies, to protect against catastrophic wildfires and prevent destructive erosion, to protect drinking water sources, and to provide for optimum regrowth and habitat protection, and F. WHEREAS harvesting of mature trees initiates a regrowth cycle (rotation period) that can last from 40 to 80 years before direct economic value can again be extracted from the resource, thus reducing the economic stimulus to local communities over this period, and G. WHEREAS Oregon historically used both property taxes based only on the value of the land (not the growing trees) as well as severance taxes based on the value of timber harvested to reflect the value of a reduced local economic resource during the regrowth cycle, but eliminated the severance tax in stages during the period 1991 through 2003, resulting in a significant loss of revenue for local resource-based city and county economies, and H. WHEREAS ORS 316.003 establishes guiding principles for Oregon’s taxation to include: ability to pay, fairness, efficiency, even distribution, equitability (i.e. shields subsistence income, is non-regressive, and creates equal financial burdens), adequacy, and flexibility, and I. WHEREAS substantial changes in harvest technology, federal environmental protection regulations, ownership patterns (including Wall Street holdings through Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Timber Investment Management Operation (TIMOs)), climate change and carbon emissions, and domestic and international markets have dramatically altered timber harvest practices and forest products manufacturing, resulting in higher efficiencies and severe job losses in Oregon, and J. WHEREAS the Oregon Forest Practices Act, originally enacted in 1971, has not been substantially revised since that time to reflect the changed market conditions, technologies of harvest, federal environmental regulations, the scientific understanding of harvest practices and rotations, or the importance of Oregon’s forests in carbon sequestration, and K. WHEREAS the need for resilience of local communities and forests in the face of wildfire threats, climate change, and maintenance of local resource (timber) based economies would suggest that economic resource improvement in the form of tax system modifications may be necessary, and L. Whereas the current Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), currently funded from the Forest Product Harvest Tax, has a budget of approximately \$4 million yearly [9], which is primarily used to support public relations by the forest products industry: THEREFORE We, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) resolves as follows: 1. We strongly urge all Oregon legislators (eastside and westside) to fund a complete review and revision of the Oregon Forest Practices Act to reflect changes in timber harvest technologies, best information on sustainable harvest levels and rotation periods, scientific research regarding watershed protection (especially drinking water sources and habitat protection), carbon sequestration, climate change, sensitivity of local communities to forest chemical applications, and the need to protect against catastrophic wildfires. 2. We strongly recommend a thorough reevaluation of Oregon’s forest land and timber harvest taxation system according to the principles laid out in ORS. 316.003, and, in particular, call for the reestablishment of a severance tax of approximately 6.5% to protect the resource-based economies of our rural counties. 3. We call for the redirection of Oregon Forest Resources Institute funding (\$4.6 million approved for FY 2019-20) to support watershed protection efforts, small community resiliency against wildfires, and outdoor education for K-12 students. 4. We call for the strongest possible carbon sequestration plan to address climate change as ordered by Governor Brown’s Executive Order 20-04. [9] Oregon Public

Appendix 6:

A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee Resolution # 2021-001 Regarding Outreach to Rural Communities

A. WHEREAS the urban / rural political divide in Oregon leads many rural voters to feel alienated from the Democratic Party; B. WHEREAS many residents of rural communities do not feel that their interests or needs are being met by the Democrat-controlled state government in Salem; C. WHEREAS many rural communities receive false and/or incomplete information regarding the actions of Democratic lawmakers as well as the Democratic Party; D. WHEREAS there are a significant number of unaffiliated voters in rural parts of Oregon; E. WHEREAS many rural voters share common values with the Democratic Party such as the desire for: i. High quality healthcare; ii. Fully funded public schools; iii. Jobs that pay a living wage; iv. Access to affordable higher education and vocational training programs; v. Access to broadband internet services; vi. Access to clean air and water; vii. Natural spaces that are preserved, protected, and accessible; and viii. The protection of constitutional rights to assembly, petition, religion, and speech. THEREFORE We, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) Resolve as Follows: 1. We support increased investments in education, healthcare, and job creation in Oregon's rural communities; 2. We support more funding for access to broadband internet in rural regions through the Oregon Broadband Office established by Governor Brown's Executive Order Number 18-31 in December 2018; 3. We support more funding and investment for rural revitalization in the wake of the 2020 wildfires; and 4. We support long-term outreach efforts to rural voters to address their perceptions of alienation, to solicit input and establish dialogue about their community needs, to highlight our shared values, and to discuss the efforts the Democratic Party has made, and will continue to make, to improve their quality of life. Resolution draft submitted 12/12/2020: N. Sosa; Minor wording amendment with DO PASS recommendation by WCSCC R&PC, January 5, 2021.
