

CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2025

1. Call to Order

Andrew Zeller, Chairman called the meeting of the Custer County Republican Central Committee to order at 6:08 p.m. at the Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Swearing in of New Officers:

Andrew Zeller, Chair
Ann Barthrop, Vice Chair
Joanie Wilcox, Secretary
Nancy Drummond, Treasurer

Commissioner Bill Canda gave the Oath of Office which the Officers raised their right hand and repeated after him.

Prayer Pledge

2. Roll Call

Attendance record was passed for roll call. The following were present.

Members:

Andrew Zeller, Ann Barthrop, Joanie Wilcox, Nancy Drummond, Lisa Kidwell, Linda Pollack, Nikita Phillips, Dawn Ramsdell, Brad Baltzly, Bill Canda, and Lucas Epp.

Standing Committee Chairs:

Guests: Mark Graner, Gary Churchill, Stephen Wilcox, Gordon Greer, Aaron Greer and Rich Kreckle.

3. Agenda

Motion to accept the Agenda and seconded. Motion passed.

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the February 8, 2025, were approved. Motion was made by Dawn

Ramsdell and seconded by Lisa Kidwell. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

5. **Reports of Officers**

Chairman, Andrew Zeller

Introductory remarks showed a picture of his family. His interest in how he would like to function as a Chairman is to make our meetings and our work effective, efficient and friendly. We need to know what we are about and part of what we are about is to uphold the Constitution and Republican Principles. You can read the 20 Promises and 10 Chapters of the Republican Platform, but I can summarize them in four statements.

- A. We are Constitutional.
- B. A strong national defense and strong national security.
- C. Market economics.
- D. A small government.

These four are what constitute the summary of the Republican Platform and what I believe in as a Republican.

Introduced Rules of Order and Code of Conduct as outlined on the back of the Agenda. Asked everyone to read them immediately and called for a Motion from the floor to use this as one of the first documents in some Standing Rules. Bill Canda moved that we adopt the Custer County Republican Central Committee Rules of Order and Code of Conduct. Dawn Ramsdell seconded. Discussion and questions. The question: All in favor of adopting Rules of Order and Code of Conduct say Aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Question: What are the necessary responsibilities of the Central Committee?

- A. Get out the Vote.
- B. Supporting Local Republican Candidates following Caucus and Assembly Rules.
- C. Conduct the Caucuses and the County Assembly.

Question: What other tasks would you like to see the Central Committee Perform?

- A. Be visible in a positive friendly community way. Parades, Dinners and Voter Education.
- B. Raise money for our Local GOP and not spend all of it. Keep money on which to fall back.
- C. Focus on 2026 with the Caucuses and County Assembly. Take care of home first and be fiscally responsible.

Call for Elections for Precinct Two (2) PCPs

Tonight is the Call to Election for Precinct Two (2) PCPs.

Motion by Ann Barthrop to waive the 30 Day Notice for the Call to Election for the position vacated by Joanie Wilcox to March 13, 2025. Second by Lisa Kidwell. Motion carried.

Harald Frank gave the Chair his Resignation effective February 13, 2025.

Two PCP positions for Precinct Two (2) are now open and Elections for these positions will take place on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

As per the current Bylaws, voting will be by the Executive Board and the Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs).

We have Three (3) Candidates who are interested in these two positions for Precinct 2. Mark Graner, Gordon Greer and David Lutz.

Motion to Create a Bylaws Committee.

The Bylaws we are currently using are not Dated or Signed. The Chair is going to assume that the Non-Dated or Signed ones are the Bylaws otherwise we have to go back to the 2016 Bylaws that are signed by Donna Hood and Sheron Berry.

Discussion on how the current Bylaws need to be changed. There is a long list of issues that need to be changed.

Dawn Ramsdell made the Motion that we create a Bylaws Committee. Second by Lisa Kidwell . Motion carried.

Committee Members: Lisa Kidwell, Linda Pollack, Lucas Epp and Ann Barthrop. The Chair assigns Lucas Epp as the Convener who convenes with a Date and Time for the Committee to meet and the Committee elects it's own Chair. This is a Special Committee which will disband after the creation of the New Bylaws is complete and recorded with the State.

Vice Chair, Ann Barthrop

She has been in communication with Anna Ferguson as to why we are not receiving communications about the House District or Congressional District. Read Letter from Anna Ferguson stating that PCPs are Members of the District Central Committee. We are CD-7 and HD-60 made up by Four (4) Counties, Chaffee, Clark, Fremont and Custer all make up those Districts. PCPs have another vote in helping to guide our County to where they should be as they move forward in State position. This is a big breakthrough which will help the whole party to move forward.

Secretary, Joanie Wilcox

Thanked the CCRCC Members for their support in her election to Secretary. Answered question that we are still considering purchasing a Recorder to record the Minutes and research is being done on it.

Treasurer, Nancy Drummond

Treasurer's Report & Bank Statement Emailed as a separate Document to all Members of the CCRCC. We have in our Bank Account \$3,299.80 (Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars and Eighty Cents). Two Checks outstanding. One to Sergei Matveyuk for \$999.99 (Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars and Ninety-nine Cents) and One to Joy Anderson for \$150.00 (One Hundred Fifty Dollars). Lisa Kidwell made a Motion to Stop Payment on Sergei Matveyuk's check in the amount of \$999.99 (Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars and Ninety-nine Cents) through United Business Bank. Nancy Drummond seconded.

Discussion about checks. All in favor of the Motion say Aye. Motion passed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Treasurer.

Dawn Ramsdell made a Motion to create a Committee on Finance. A Committee to help the Treasurer to create some Standing Rules. The Treasurer would like to have Dawn Ramsdell on this Committee. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please tell the Treasurer or Chair. It would be a Special Committee with the possibility of it becoming a Permanent Committee after the Bylaws have been changed. Lucas Epp Amended the Motion to create a Special Committee on Finance. Seconded by Lisa Kidwell who also volunteered to be on the Committee. Ann Barthrop will be a Consultant on the Special Committee on Finance. All in favor of establishing a Special Committee on Finance, say Aye. Motion passed. The three (3) Committee Members will choose their own Chair.

Added to the Agenda by the Chair:

Elected Officials Report:

Commissioner Lucas Epp said he would like all Elected Officials to give a Two Minute Report every month and take a few questions.

Coroner Brad Baltzly reported about a death he had to leave last month's meeting to which he had to answer the call. He also said he thought asking the Elected Officials questions was a good idea. He has ordered new radios for his department which will be arriving this week. He has Five (5) Deputies – Two (2) RNs – a Doctor – Two (2) Law Enforcement Officers. So he has a top notch Team.

Commissioner Bill Canda said we need to get the other Elected Officials to our meetings. Discussion on how to accomplish this task. We need to work together on having more Precincts and more PCPs. Commissioners are the ones who are accountable to all the voters in the County to do what is right and decide what is best for the County. The more PCPs you have the deeper your reach is into the County. Nine (9) PCPs would give them 600 Voters in each Precinct.

Status of Standing Committees

We have Six (6) Standing Committees listed on our Agenda, but they are not all functional. Lisa Kidwell has volunteered to be the Chair of the Website and Social Media Committee. Dawn Ramsdell volunteered herself to be the Convener of the Fundraising Committee.

Dawn has a good idea for combining two Fundraisers – One called “Take Two” and it is combined with our Lincoln Day Fundraiser to make One Big Fundraiser Event. Linda Pollack made the Motion to turn Dawn Ramsdell free to develop this combined Fundraiser. Seconded by Lisa Kidwell. Discussion was Dawn Ramsdell explaining her vision of this Fundraiser. She will present a Proposal to the CCRCC at our next Meeting on March 13, 2025. All in favor of this say, Aye. Motion carried.

Volunteers for this Committee:

Dawn Ramsdell, Lisa Kidwell, Ann Barthrop, Joanie Wilcox, Stephen Wilcox, Mark Graner, Gordon Greer, Aaron Greer, Judy Greer and Nikita Phillips.

We are tabling the rest of the Agenda to be taken up again at our next Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Discussion and Clarification as to who is allowed to be on Committees. Anyone who volunteers can be on a Committee.

New Business

Vice Chair has a Yearly Calendar on which we are recording all of our Regular Meetings and Events. Dawn Ramsdell made a Motion that we have a Standing Order that we get our ducks in a row on what dates we are going to have our Meetings and get it figured it out with the Bowling Alley for the rest of the year. And that we not have Meetings in the Month of July and December. Seconded by Ann Barthrop. All in favor say, Aye. Motion carried.

Linda Pollack, PCP will not be in Attendance for the next Meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025 and asked to submit a Proxy for all voting on which a Proxy is allowed to vote.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 P.M. Next Meeting , Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Wilcox, Secretary

Attachment Treasurer's Report