

**CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
February 5, 2026

**Call to Order**

Andrew Zeller, Chair called the meeting of the Custer County Republican Central Committee to order at 6:04 P.M. at the Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

**Prayer**

**Pledge**

**Determination of Quorum (New Bylaws Art VI, Sec 3, A - 10 Members make a quorum)**

14 Members present – A Quorum is present

**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, Gordon Greer, Mark Graner, Nikita Phillips, Dawn Ramsdell, Brad Baltzly, Bill Canda, Paul Vogelsong and Lucas Epp.

**Guests:** Jennifer James, Richard Desmond, Wendy Seidel, Ted Collins, Bob Senderhauf, Jason White, Heather Currado, Stephen Wilcox and Matt Alexander.

**Agenda**

Motion to accept Agenda made by Bill Canda and Seconded by Mark Graner. Agenda Amended to add Elected Official, Brad Baltzly. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2026, Meeting by Nancy Drummond and Seconded by Bill Canda. Motion passed.

**Reports from Officers**

Introduction of Guests:

I would like to introduce to you our Guests who have joined us this evening (Chair then introduced Guests attending our meeting).

**Chairman Andrew Zeller:**

The Chair introduced Teddy Collins, Senate District 4 Candidate.

**Vice Chair Ann Barthrop:**

Explained Preregistration for Caucus and County Assembly Badge Fees, \$20 for Delegates and \$10 for Alternates.

Motion made by Lisa Kidwell for a Badge Fee of \$20 for Delegates for County Assembly Seconded by Nancy Drummond.

Mark Graner made an Amendment to this Motion that we have a Badge Fee of \$20 for Delegates and a \$10 Badge Fee for Alternates. Amendment Passes.

Vote on the Main Motion. Main Motion Passes.

**Election of a New Chairman:**

Chair Andrew Zeller announced that he agreed to be Chair of the CCRCC for one year and that year is up just about now, however because of Caucus and County Assembly he would like to make his Resignation effective on April 2, 2026.

The process before you has 3 elements to it:

1. You have been given your 10 Day Notice.
2. We are going to have an Election at the Meeting.
3. This Election will be effective April 2, 2026.

Motion: That the CCRCC accept the Executive Committee Plan to elect a new Chairman. Notice was given on January 26, 2026 that the Election take place on February 5, 2026 and that the change of Chairman take place on April 2, 2026.

Lisa Kidwell made a Motion to Call the Question on this Plan. Seconded by Dawn Ramsdell. Motion Passes.

The question is this Motion that the CCRCC accept the Executive Committee Plan to elect a new Chairman with Notice given on January 26, 2026, which was 10 days before the Election and that the Election take place on February 5, 2026, and that the change of Chairman take place on April 2, 2026.

Chair then read his Letter of Resignation to be effective on April 2, 2026.

Chair opened the floor to Nominations and made the first Nomination.

It is with the utmost confidence I nominate Ann Barthrop for Chairman of the CCRCC. Ann's performance of the Vice Chair has been meritorious. She has proved to me her loyalty to Republican values and her personal integrity in all matters. She is strong, powerful and dedicated while also being kind, respectful and humble. She grabs a hold and skillfully accomplishes hard tasks that no others even want to touch. She communicates regularly with the special Political Districts of Colorado and with the State Republican Office. She is respected in the State Republican Office in the mist of their mess up there. I do not know of any other volunteer in this County who works harder for any cause let alone the Republican Party than Ann does. She is a visionary who plans ahead and works well with others. One characteristic that is absolutely remarkable about Ann is that she faces unsupported accusations, opposition and personal attack with grace, respect and purpose without giving up. She is a meritorious Republican Citizen and a faithful Christian and member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the daughter of a U.S. Navy Chaplain Captain. So I wholeheartedly nominate Ann Barthrop to be your next Chairman.

Lisa Kidwell moved to close nominations and Dawn Ramsdell seconded. Motion Passed.

Mark Graner moved to elect Ann Barthrop by Acclamation. Motion Passed Unanimously.

We can continue the election process with an Election for Vice Chair.

Motion to continue to accept nominations and have an Election for Vice Chair vacancy effective April 2, 2026. Seconded by Bill Canda. Motion Passed.

Nominations now open for Vice Chair.

Jason White nominates Lisa Kidwell. Lisa Kidwell accepts the nomination for Vice Chair.

Mark Graner self-nominates himself for Vice Chair.

Motion to close nominations by Dawn Ramsdell. Motion Seconded by Lisa Kidwell. Motion Passed. Election by Secret Ballot. Teller Committee appointed by Chair, Bob Senderhauf, Heather Currado and Wendy Seidel.

### **Reports from Standing Committees:**

Website and Social Media Committee: Facebook issue Report and Plan

Lisa Kidwell -

Report by Chair Andrew Zeller – Our Committee has two Facebooks. One is controlled by Lisa Frank and the other is controlled by Dawn Ramsdell. Hopefully Dawn will return control of that Facebook to our Committee. Lisa Frank has taken that other Facebook site and changed it's name and has said it's hers. Legally it's ours. There are reasons why Lisa Frank is saying that Facebook site is hers and not ours. And there are reasons for us to say that it's ours. When you create a site for an organization you have an individual who makes it on their account and if you make it for an organization it legally belongs to the organization. But the Chair is not interested in any legal fight or a non-legal fight. My thought is that we should just forget it and let her have that site. She has changed it's name and she is making posts and it caused us some grief and problems as we have had trouble being able to move forward promoting what we want to promote. It used to be Custer County GOP Group. Dawn's site is Custer County Republicans. On the good side we have been working with Kathy Lutz to be able to use our Website again and we are thankful that it is going very well.

So Lisa Kidwell suggested that we make a new Facebook page that will be the Official GOP page of Custer County Colorado. Dawn will post on her page a Directional Link to the New Official GOP page. Dawn Ramsdell and Lisa Kidwell will move forward with this plan immediately.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nancy Drummond, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.

The Treasurer's Report was emailed to the CCRCC, omitted a couple of things. On the Checks Written Ranchers' Roost is \$40.00. And on the Caucus Advertising that's \$701.05. The discussion with the Badge Fees for County Assembly it will help cover some of our expenses we had with Caucus.

I did check with Tracer about Cash Donations of \$100.00. You are limited to \$100.00 Donation per day, but if you give a \$100.00 Donation per day they will check. So don't do it. You can do \$100.00 a Meeting that would give you \$1,200.00, but I still need all of your information. I will need all the information for the \$20.00 Badge Fees as well. So I will make out forms for the PCPs to fill out and please Print because I have to read it. We do have a Balance of \$3,180.50 (Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty Dollars and Fifty Cents).

Chair Andrew Zeller – We now have the Election Results.

Bob Senderhauf reported it is a Tie. So we have to do another Ballot. Mark and Lisa will have a few minutes to present themselves and then we will do another Ballot. The hat was passed again with another round of Ballots cast. The Ballots were counted and the Result was Mark Graner is the winner and the new Vice Chair. We Waived the 10 Day Notice for the Vice Chair Election and a Vote was taken which was unanimous to Waive the 10 Day Notice.

Dawn Ramsdell proposed that Andrew Zeller be appointed by our New Chair Ann Barthrop as Parliamentarian/Chaplain on April 3, 2026. It was discussed and Andrew agreed to accept that position if he is Appointed.

Bill Canda thanked Andrew Zeller for being our Chair and everyone agreed with applause!

### **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn by Chair Andrew Zeller and Seconded by Dawn Ramsdell. Motion Passed. Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 P.M. Next Meeting Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Wilcox, Secretary