

**CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2026

**Call to Order**

Ann Barthrop, Chair Pro Tem called the meeting of the Custer County Republican Central Committee to order at 6:06 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)**

12 Members present – A Quorum is present

**Roll Call**

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

**Members:**

Ann Barthrop, Joanie Wilcox, Nancy Drummond, Lisa Kidwell, James McMahon, Harald Frank, Steven Rorick, Stephen Robinson, JD Henrich, Brad Baltzly, Rich Smith, Paul Vogelsong and Lucas Epp.

**Guests:** Clifton Loucks, Stephen Wilcox, Lisa Frank, Taylor LoPresti, Hans Prah, Nikita Phillips, Ruth Mitchell, Bob Senderhauf, Kevin Lauman, Elizabeth Robinson, Machellexton, Charley Ellison, Jason White, Wendy Seidel, Nadine Peterson, Kim Heath, Staci Kish, Penny Wong-Schulz, Josh Marlin and Teri Kear.

**Agenda**

Motion to accept Agenda made and Seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2026, Meeting. Motion is Seconded and Motion is passed.

**Reports from Officers**

**Chair Pro Tem: Ann Barthrop**

**Opening Statement: Republican National Committee**

Ann read from Handout – “Who We Are” and “Our Platform”

Quoted from the RNC Website: [www.rnc.org/index.html](http://www.rnc.org/index.html)

County Assembly, SD4 and HD60 Reports

SD4 -

We had 3 people running for the seat in SD4, Jennifer James, Kevin Conrad and Teddy Collins.

Jennifer James and Kevin Conrad did not make the Primary Ballot, Teddy Collins did with about a

77% Vote. This shows you the 10-30-30 Rule, which means you have to 30% of the Vote at the Assemblies to get on the Primary Ballot.

HD60 -

Matt Alexander and Michelle Gray were the two Candidates. They both made it to the Primary Ballot with their percentages taking them over the 30% threshold.

State Assembly Information – Handout that was given to all Attendees.

**Secretary: Joanie Wilcox**

Nothing at this time.

**Treasurer: Nancy Drummond**

Treasurer's Report was emailed to the entire CCRCC.

The Checkbook Balance as of 4/9/26 \$2,939.45 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars and Forty-five Cents)

Ann Barthrop then addressed Jimmy McMahon's question about the Electronic Ad. We hired for the Ad Postcard Mania which is Direct Mail and Direct Internet with your Server Connections. They gave us a good Discount bringing their price down to \$700.00 (Seven Hundred Dollars) from close to \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) and I worked with them for about 6 weeks designing the Ad. Then when they launched it we couldn't find our Ad anywhere and I was one upset person. So I complained and wanted my money back because they are a very reputable company, they have over 100,000 Clients. So come to find out their platform didn't interface into Custer County properly with the Internet and the Servers. So they learned something and I learned something and we got our money refunded down to every dime we spent and it's back in our Bank Account and that's the end of it.

**Candidates running for State and County Offices:**

Teri Cur running for Governor of the State of Colorado.

Taylor LoPresti running for Commissioner of Precinct 1 in Custer County.

We are now closing the business part of our Meeting and move into the Call for the Election for the Chair created by Andrew Zeller's Resignation.

Nikita Phillips will be the Manager of the Teller Committee and then one person from each Precinct that's a PCP. Steven Rorick, Precinct 3, Lisa Kidwell, Precinct 1 and Harald Frank, Precinct 2.

Motion to accept the Teller Committee as presented to the CCRCC. Motion Seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations will now be taken. Stephen Robinson nominates Taylor LoPresti. Lisa Kidwell nominates Ann Barthrop. Taylor LoPresti accepts the Nomination. Ann Barthrop accepts the Nomination.

Question, is it a Conflict of Interest for someone to be a County Commissioner and Chair of the CCRCC. Consensus was it is acceptable for someone to hold both offices. Question, will Ann Barthrop be voting in this Election? On the research that Ann did it said she could nominate herself and vote in this Election. The answer is yes, she will be voting. Motion to close Nominations. Motion Seconded. Motion passed.

Taylor LoPresti gave his acceptance speech.  
Ann Barthrop gave her acceptance speech.

Taylor then said should he be elected he would only hold the Chair position until November of 2026 and at that point he would give it up because he believes it would be a Conflict of Interest at that point should he continue to hold it. This is his personal belief.

Lisa Kidwell then asked Taylor to recuse himself and not run for Chair in order to have continuity in our CCRCC.

Taylor did not recuse himself.

We then moved into Voting. We did an updated Credentials Report and found we had 13 Voting Members.

The Teller Committee gave the Teller Report. We had 13 Voting Members and all 13 Votes came back. There were 5 Votes for Taylor LoPresti and 8 Votes for Ann Barthrop. Ann Barthrop is our new Chair and we now have a Vacancy for Vice Chair.

Andrew Zeller Resigned as Chair and needs to be removed as a signer on our Checking Account.

Ann Barthrop our new Chair is now going to be a signer on our Checking Account and needs to be put on our Bank Account as an Authorized signer.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned. Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 P.M. Next Meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Joanie Wilcox  
CCRCC Secretary