

CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2026

Call to Order

Ann Barthrop, Chair called the meeting of the Custer County Republican Central Committee to order at 6:16 P.M. at the Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Prayer – Lucas Epp

Pledge - Lucas Epp

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

12 Members present – A Quorum is present - 13th Member PCP Harald Frank refused to

Credential in on the Committee Sign-in Sheet – When asked to do so he said “No Thank You”.

Roll Call

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

Members:

Ann Barthrop, Taylor LoPresti, Joanie Wilcox, Dawn Ramsdell, Lisa Kidwell, James McMahon, Kathy Lutz, Harald Frank (who refused to Credential in by signing the Sign-in Sheet), Steven Rorick, Stephen Robinson, JD Henrich, Paul Vogelsong and Lucas Epp.

Guests: Matt Miles, Stephen Wilcox, Robert G. Veltrie, Machellex Sexton, John Rusher, Jake Shy, Diane LoPresti, Nacho, Kevin Lauman, Kit Shy, Ruth Mitchell, Carolyn Parker, Bill Parker, Bob Senderhauf, Lisa Frank, Staci Kish, Dan Fox, Mark Graner, Joy Anderson (was present but refused to Credential in on the Sign-in Sheet stating “You can’t legally make me Sign-in”), Nadine Peterson (was present but refused to Credential in on the Sign-in Sheet and also stated “You can’t legally make me Sign-in”).

Agenda

Motion to accept Agenda made by Lisa Kidwell and Seconded by Steve Rorick. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2026 Meeting made by Lisa Kidwell. Seconded by Paul Vogelsong. Motion passed.

Reports from Officers

Chair: Ann Barthrop

Announced that the State GOP will be adding a position on their Executive Council to be a Representative of Rural GOPs. This is a new position and they will be having an Election at the end of this month and only GOP Chairs can run for this office.

We have had presentations on the Database that is available to us through the State GOP. This Database is not free and it is not within our budget to pay for such a Database. Turning Point, however does have a free Database so we might want to look into that Database.

Vice Chair: Taylor LoPresti

I think everybody in here has seen the news lately and what's happening to our Country. There are a lot of people out there trying to turn our Country to Communism. If we don't get out there and vote this November, a lot of our Country is going to go to Socialism. So please please get out and vote.

There is something else I want to talk about too and that is Protect Kids Colorado. There are three Ballot measures that will be on the Ballot this Fall and one of them is Sex Trafficking. This Ballot Measure would make an individual held accountable for this crime get life in prison and this would protect our kids.

The other Ballot Measure that will be coming up is No Men in Women's Sports. Please vote YES on this one as well.

And finally No Gender Change Operation prior to age 18. Please vote YES on this one as well. These are three very powerful Ballot Measures that will be on the Ballot and it's up to us to vote YES on all three of them and encourage others to vote YES also.

And the final thing I want to talk about challenges here that some folks have with each other. A large majority of that stems from our finances. Those are being worked on and they are being addressed but we need to come together as a whole and be able to speak about it and Dawn our Treasurer is going to talk about it. But we need to come together on this and hear all view points and fix this problem once and for all.

Secretary: Joanie Wilcox

Our Quorum is 12 Members present that have Credentialed in on our Sign-in Sheet. We have one PCP Harald Frank who is not Credentialed in on the Sign-in Sheet and when asked to do so he said "No Thank You" and refused to Credential in on the Sign-in Sheet. Mr. Frank is also stating that he's not receiving the Minutes of the Meetings that are being sent to him by email. His emails are NOT being sent back as not received so we need to look into this matter.

Treasurer: Dawn Ramsdell

Dawn handed out a Tracer Packet to every member of the CCRCC. I believe that as Republicans you can all read and in the interest of transparency going forward I am going to ask that all of you look over everything that I do and if you see something or have a problem with something that you call me or address it to me. I would ask that each one of you start a File going forward, you won't always get what's in this Tracer Packet today because it is not always a Reporting Period. I started basically at the beginning of June trying to get some stuff figured out in Tracer. We all know that we were several Thousand Dollars off from what our Bank Statement said and what Tracer said. So the first thing I want to do is go through this Tracer Packet with you. The first two pages you are going to read is what it shows me when I pull up Tracer. It gives us an Account Balance and right now the Tracer Balance and the Bank Balance are a few Hundred Dollars off not a few Thousand Dollars off so that should be noted. Dawn then went on to go over page by page of the Tracer Packet. I printed out 4 pages of Expenditure History for a reason. I wanted to highlight on these two things. In my quest between June 3rd or 4th an June 8th to get the first Filing Report filed when we were several Thousand Dollars off I found a couple of large errors. So on the 2nd page of that first one you will see a Voided Check for \$1,265.00 (Twelve Hundred Sixty-five Dollars) that was originally entered on March 23, 2022. Then on the next page is another one for \$715.00 (Seven Hundred and Fifteen Dollars) which was also an

Expenditure for March 23, 2022. These two checks never were completely written and given to anybody. So when I went through the Bank Statements one by one I found these two checks in Tracer and the checks were written in Tracer as the checks and in the comments it said VOIDED. In Tracer if you Void a check you actually have to hit the Void Button. You can't just write in the Comments that it is Voided and expect the check to go away. It looks like an Expenditure period. So there's almost \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) where we are off between Tracer and our Bank Account. I am sure there's going to be more, but this is as far as I have gotten because right after that June Reporting Period was filed we got Two Complaints made since the beginning of June to the middle of June. One of those Complaints is over 400 Pages and the 2nd one is 167 Pages. I am currently working with Tracer and trying to do all the History and Backlog and to find all the answers to everything Tracer has requested for those Complaints (Reports) and the Due Date for that is August 21, 2026. For that reason until the 22nd of August I am going to request that you refrain from calling me unless you have a very pressing issue because I have a very pressing Deadline to get that done. As soon as I get that completed at the next Treasurer's Report I will bring that information forward. I have now gone through Three years in Tracer and our Bank Statements and I have found basically 5 (Five) things to be corrected. The other 3 things were basically minor errors but they have to be corrected. I have also handed out to each Member of the CCRCC a Report from our United Business Bank and Bank Statements. Our current Bank Balance as of 8/13/2026 is \$2,588.25 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars and Twenty-five Cents).

Stephen Robinson then requested a Point of Order to discuss the Bylaws require a majority of our entire voting membership to fill a vacancy and that threshold was not met in the vote to elect Dawn Ramsdell Treasurer. Article IV Section 7.

Ann Barthrop – That's irrelevant to the discussion right now. You are out of order right now and we need to continue on with our Agenda.

Stephen Robinson then left the CCRCC Meeting. The Time was 6:45 PM.

Republican Candidate Speeches

No Candidates wanted to make speeches at this time. Ann Barthrop then explained what Splitting the Vote means.

Split up into Workshop Areas

Reports from Committee Chairs

Steve Rorick, Fundraising Chair – Discuss and Plan Lincoln Day Event – New Date/Time/Place Saturday, October 17, 2026 – Location: Lange Hall – Time: 2:30 PM – Evening

Motion by Steve Rorick to have Lincoln Day on this Date/Time/Place. Second by Taylor LoPresti.

Amend Motion to give Lange Hall a Damage Deposit Check that will not be cashed for \$450.00 (Four Hundred Fifty Dollars). The Hall rents out at \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) and they will give us the Hall from the Day before to the next Evening so that's a Day and a Half Rental. Motion passed.

Fourth of July Parade was Canceled and Rescheduled for July 2027.

Bob Senderhauf announced there will be a Parade for the Firefighters and First Responders on 9/11/2026.

Harold Frank, Get Out the Vote Chair

November Election Activities – Sign Waving, Voter Registrations and Meet-N-Greet

Website: Kathy Lutz

Kathy requested that Candidates give her their information to put on the Website.

Elected Officials Reports

None at this time.

Unfinished /New Business

Christmas Party – December 10, 2026 at Tony's Pizza.

Ann Barthrop suggested the Regular Meeting Date of Feb. 11, 2027 also be the Re-organizational Meeting to be voted on at our next Regular Meeting on Sept. 10, 2026.

PCP Harald Frank requested the Minutes be sent out earlier.

Ann Barthrop agreed for that to be done and Joanie Wilcox, Secretary agreed also.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 P.M. Next Meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanie Wilcox
CCRCC Secretary