

**CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2026

Call to Order

Ann Barthrop, Chair called the meeting of the Custer County Republican Central Committee to order at 6:12 P.M. at the Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Prayer – Ann Barthrop (Prayer for Charlie Kirk's Family on the Anniversary of his Assassination) – Bill Canda (Prayer for Steve Rorick and Joanie Wilcox for their recent loss of Family Members and 9/11 Victim's Family Members.) Never Forget 9/11/2001!

Pledge - Bill Canda

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

12 Members present – A Quorum is present.

We also have 3 Proxies – Proxy for Kathy Lutz, held by Harald Frank – Proxy for Stephen Robinson, held by Steve Rorick – Proxy for Rich Smith held by Paul Vogelsong.

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, Harald Frank (who refused to Credential in by signing the Sign-in Sheet), Steve Rorick, Brad Baltzly, Bill Canda, Paul Vogelsong and Lucas Epp.

Guests: 15 Guests, 12 Signed-in and 3 Refused to Sign-in.

Dathan Jones, Robert G. Veltrie, Stephen Wilcox, Matt Miles, Staci Kish, Ruth Mitchell, Machellex Sexton, Laura Dollarhide, Gary Churchill, Steve Barton, Jason White, and Bob Senderhauf, Joy Anderson, Nadine Peterson and Kevin (Last Name Unknown).

Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2026 Meeting made by Lisa Kidwell. Seconded. Motion passed.

Question was asked about wanting more details on Minutes. Chair clarified that we use the Robert's Rules Regular Minutes Guidelines.

Reports from Officers

Chair: Ann Barthrop

Ann handed out a 6-Page Report she prepared on the Amendments and Propositions on which we will be voting in the November 3, 2026 Election. She went over a few of them and also recommended for all of us to go to the Independence Institute Website and get further information on these items.

Also, Ann said she will pass along any Candidate information about Rallies or informational meetings to the entire Central Committee so they can attend and support the Candidates.

Vice Chair: Taylor LoPresti

He just got back from a Kids Council Meeting and he would like to fund our Kids Council without State or Federal money.

He made a Motion that the CCRCC have a Special Meeting to discuss some of the issues we disagree on and pick a date for it tonight. The Motion was Seconded. The date of October 1, 2026 was suggested. Discussion of the date and time then took place. It was decided to have the Special CCRCC Meeting at Ranchers' Roost on Thursday, October 1, 2026 from 4:00 PM–5:30 PM. This decision was made at the request of Harald Frank and Jim McMahon, organizers of the Townhall Meeting being held that night.

Secretary: Joanie Wilcox

Report – Misconception about an Addendum to Minutes

I would like to clear up a **Misconception** that was perpetrated about the Addendum I added to the May 14, 2026 Minutes. People were told that my Addendum needed to be stricken from the Minutes because the incident occurred after the Meeting was Adjourned and an Addendum had **Never** been added to the Minutes of the CCRCC before. This information is inaccurate and completely **False**.

My Addendum read as follows:

“Staci Kish commandeered the microphone by physically pushing the Chair Ann Barthrop out of the way and proceeding to read her prepared statement. She read this statement for approximately Nine Minutes after the Meeting was Adjourned.”

The action Ms. Kish took by physically pushing the Chair Ann Barthrop is called an **Assault**. I was horrified that a Guest would physically **Assault** anyone in our Meeting let alone our Chair. Ms. Kish did this to read a Statement about a False Identity she had created on Facebook in order to give her opinion. If you have the courage of your convictions about your opinions, why would you not give your opinions under your correct/Real name? Ms. Kish is demanding **TRANSPARENCY** from us as an organization and from our Executive Board by filing Two Complaints against us, One consisting of 400+ Pages and One consisting of 127 Pages while she herself hides behind a False Identity on Facebook.

Now the Evidence I would like to present concerning the Lie about the Addendum to the Minutes. I knew I had read an Addendum on our Minutes before, but I could not recall exactly which ones.

Kathy Lutz Posted Minutes on our Website from 2024 which is Two Years ago and that's where I found my answer. I give you Exhibit A – the Minutes from November 14, 2024.

We don't know who did these Minutes because they do not contain a Submitted by line, but there was an Addendum added after the Meeting was Adjourned. And I Quote:

“Jimmy McMahon announced his new podcast with Steve Rorick, Red County, Blue Nation, as invited everyone to tune in on Wednesday evening or go to the web site to hear previous sessions.”

I believe these Minutes were done by Jean Canterbury, but as I said they don't contain a Submitted by line so we really don't know who did these Minutes, but we do know they were Approved by our Committee at the next Business Meeting that was held and there was No Objection to the Addendum.

So, in legal terms this is called a Precedent! In other words something that has been previously done before you did it.

I also believe that if we go back in our archives to past Minutes that you will find other Addendums to our Minutes.

I am passing around EXHIBIT A and I rest my Case.

Thank you for your attention during my Presentation.

(Attached to these Minutes is EXHIBIT A, Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2024.)

Treasurer: Dawn Ramsdell

Dawn handed out a Tracer Packet to every member of the CCRCC. Last month I gave you quite a large Packet hopefully in the last month you have had time to look at that. I am not going to go backwards, I told you that last time, I am going to go forward and continue to try to get this right, to make the corrections that are needed to right Tracer and that is basically being done.

The first page in your Packet is this Month's Bank Statement. The next page is the screen shot of the overview of Tracer currently as of approximately an hour ago. You can see that Balance is \$2,906.50 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and Sixty Cents) and if you flip back on the other page and you can see that our Bank Balance is \$2,548.25 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-eight Dollars and Twenty-five Cents). So obviously we are still off in Tracer and as I told you last month I have gone through just about 2 ½ (Two and a half) years. I have made quite a few corrections, some of those corrections I have brought forward to you.

Dawn then went through the next few pages and answered questions and said we are waiting to hear back from Tracer to tell us if everything is fixed.

She is available for any questions or discussions on what she has presented. It's better to text her and she will answer when she is available. You can also email her and she checks her emails twice a day.

Republican Candidate Comments

Steve Barton, Candidate for the State Board of Education for C7

He has information and Literature for you to pass out all over this community.

Basically it is only C7 that has a shot to flip the Board the Election this time and that comes with the whole State Department of Education because the Board appoints the Director of the Department of Education. A flip could affect every school in the State not just those in C7. This Election can be a very significant thing if we can win it and the only way to win it is for me to support you as much as you can when you are doing canvassing and I still need to raise enough money to get a spot on a Billboard in Jeffco School District so anything you could do to help, I would really appreciate it. We do need to take this seat so that we can reform education in the entire State.

Dathan Jones, advocating for James Wiley for Secretary of State

He brought Literature which is available for you and his email is: dathan.jones@yahoo.com

Please contact him with any questions and for volunteering to get the word out to help elect James Wiley for Secretary of State.

Elected Officials Comments

Paul Vogelsong Commissioner of Precinct 2

The people of San Isabel want to thank everyone who volunteered to sandbag for doing that because on a Sunday we did 38 Hundred Bags of sand with 83 Volunteers and on Wednesday the Monsoon hit so everyone down there wanted to thank everybody who volunteered.

Brad Baltzly Coroner

I am referred to as the Last Responder. I am the Custer County Coroner and I am up for re-election and I would appreciate your vote. Please check on your neighbors, check on your friends. Call and make sure and see if everybody's okay. Discussion and questions about recent deaths in Custer County. Coroner's Ball Costume Party – Set for October 24, 2026 – at 6:00 PM at Tony's Pizza w/Buffer Dinner – Fundraiser for Student Trade Scholarships - Cost is \$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) a Couple

Jason White: Effective Operation of Organizational Committees

Leaders and Followers – Set Goals – You need effective Leaders and effective followers and for each to accept positions and the responsibilities that go with it. Communication is vital in every organization up and down the chain. You have to have both groups firing on all cylinders.

Reports from Committee Chairs followed by Discussion and Planning for Future Events:

Jason White, Chair Young Republicans

He discovered Young Republicans is a separate group from the GOP ranging in age from 18 to 40 years old. He has to do more research and suggests we name the Committee something else to make it an inclusive Committee in the GOP.

Harald Frank, Chair Get Out the Vote

Has Reserved 1 or 2 Tables for the Valley Strong Dinner – September 17, 2026 at 4:00 PM Set-up – Dinner 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – We want to promote our Candidates and talk to people that they go vote.

Fundraising – Steve Rorick

First of all I would like to thank everybody for your condolences and your kind words. Chuck is what he is and he was what he was and he will always be what that is and my hat is off to him. So a couple of things here. Thank you Dawn for working so hard, but I want everybody to realize that what I am getting ready to tell you here is nothing personal it's a problem we all need to address.

Ann stopped him here for digressing to unapproved information. His Report was supposed to be for the Lincoln Day Event. We are not required to have a Lincoln Day but we are encouraged to honor the Founder of our Party Abraham Lincoln.

An intense discussion ensued and everyone was asked by the Chair to be quiet.

Lisa Kidwell made a suggestion on how to operate on short notice that we have a simple Bar-B-Que with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookies and Bottled Water and charge \$10.00 per person. Since we already have Lange Hall booked for October 17, 2026. All we need to do is have a meeting of the Fundraising Committee and move forward. We have Lange Hall also booked for the day before October 17, 2026 to decorate.

It was agreed upon to act on Lisa's suggestion and have her set a date for the Fundraising Committee to meet.

Chair Ann Barthrop – Craig Steiner our State Chair wants us to get out the vote. It's the Republican Platform that we honor Lincoln and I have Candidates calling me. It's part of the process. We are going to Adjourn and if anyone is interested in helping with Lincoln Day stay and talk to Lisa so we get an idea of what people want to do.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 P.M. Next Meeting is Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Ranchers' Roost Meeting Room in the Bowling Center, Westcliffe, Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanie Wilcox
CCRCC Secretary

Attachment – Minutes of November 14, 2024 – CCRCC Regular Meeting with Addendum