

**Campbell County Republican Party  
Central Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 20, 2023, 6:00 PM  
Campbell County Public Library – Wyoming Room**

**1. Call to Order – Chairman Scott Clem**

CCRP Chairman Scott Clem called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Justin Mader gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Chairman’s Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Chairman Clem thanked everyone for attending. Marjorie Rainwater was recognized for her legacy and contribution to the party. She passed away recently and the party sent flowers to her memorial. Her family sent a heartwarming thank you card which Chairman Clem read and encouraged others to leave a legacy as well.

**4. Roll Call – Secretary Lauren Tryon**

72 members present, 25 members by proxy - total members 97, majority is 49

**5. Updates Elected Officials**

Chairman Clem recognized and thanked elected officials and board appointees.

County Coroner, Paul Wallem, reported on the community concerns over suicide rates and fentanyl deaths. Adult males are the hardest hit demographic for suicides, he encouraged communities and churches to watch out for one another. Later, he gave information on resources for veterans. No official fentanyl deaths are reported at this time. Due to the lack of a local forensic pathologist, autopsies are conducted out of Rapid City, SD. This impacts the budget greatly. He praised local law enforcement, fire departments, and religious leaders for their assistance and continued dedication to this community.

State Senator, Troy Mckeown, spoke at length about property taxes. He reports that there are complaints about county attorney processes and rates around the state. He has not heard complaints about Campbell County’s process. No real tax relief was achieved last legislative session. It is his goal to address those complaints from other counties and seek tax relief in the next session. He spoke on facility updates for school districts. After a study, Campbell County High School was ranked 29, a second consulting company moved CCHS to 166th in line for funding. The discrepancy is still being investigated.

County Assessor, Troy Clements, addressed the process and assistance available to the members of Campbell County. He encouraged the public to come in and visit with his office. He says his office is actively aware of the financial climate and is working to serve this community in the best way possible.

## **6. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Clem called for a motion to approve the agenda.

1st: Elin Mayo (1-3)

2nd: Amity Kissack (4-1)

Vote: Passed by voice vote

## **7. Approval of the Minutes from March 30, 2023**

Chairman Clem called for a motion to approve the minutes.

1st: Nita Rieniets (3-1)

2nd: Dean Vomhof (1-19)

Vote: Passed by voice vote

## **8. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Toni Bell**

Beginning balance: \$17,174.81

Expenses (supplies/printing/advertisement/website): \$2,360.76

Interest earned: \$3.82

Current balance: 14,817.87

\$9,188 estimated for our shares will need to be paid in the next two years.

## **9. State Party Report – State Committeeman Greg Bennick, State Committeewoman Janet Mader**

State Committeeman Greg Bennick explained the purpose and importance of shares to the state party. Our shares increased with the increase in republican voter registration. The meeting in Jackson Hole was a respectful and productive meeting. Laramie County is no longer withholding their shares in protest. The only country who is not paying shares is Natrona County. State officials gave updates. State party elections were held. Several resolutions were brought forward. One, which Committeeman Bennick voted in favor of, would ask that Veterans get \$3,000 property tax relief. The resolution failed. Committeeman Bennick agrees with the reason for its failure, pointing out that all taxpayers are suffering and the government should not be creating protected classes. He also voted to denounce the indictment of former President Donald J. Trump, the resolution passed. His more detailed written report will be given to the Chairman so that the party can see it at a later date. State Committeewoman Janet Mader seconded the sentiments of Committeeman Bennick, she also brought back pocket constitutions and party platform pamphlets.

## **10.Old Business**

### **a. Ratification of newly appointed Central Committee Vacancies**

Cheryl Morrison (18-1)

Jean Ellen Brown (1-24)

Amber Merseal (1-1)

Motion: Steve Bricker (18-1) made the motion to ratify the newly appointed precinct committee members.

2nd: Greg Bennick (22-1)

Vote: Passes by voice vote

## **11.New Business**

### **a. Resolutions Chaired by Greg Bennick**

Motion: Scott Clem (1-17) moved to adopt the standing rule for resolutions for the 2023-2024 term of the Campbell County GOP Central Committee.

2nd: Heidi Gross (1-15)

Amendment A: Scott Clem (1-17) moved to add the following clause:

“Resolved that this standing rule be transmitted to the Wyoming GOP State Central Committee with the recommendation to pass a similar rule.”

2nd: Heidi Gross (1-15)

Discussion: Dale Janota (9-1 Proxy for Michele Janota), John Bear (22-1), Toni Bell (3-1), Scott Clem (1-17)

Vote: Passed by voice vote

Amendment B: Ben Decker (1-1) moved to add “at least” to the language of 1.1 of the rule so that the sentence reads “at least 7 days before a regularly scheduled central committee meetings”

2nd: Patty Juneke (1-23)

Vote: Passed by voice vote

Amendment C: Holly Galloway (1-17) moved to add “or handwritten” after “electronic” in 1.1 and 1.2

2nd: Elin Mayo (1-3)

Discussion: Toni Bell (3-1)

Vote: Passed by voice vote.

Resolution Passed by voice vote.

## **b. Process and Decorum Training**

Chairman Clem wanted to make the body aware that he would like to put together a form of training to give understanding of Roberts Rules and what to expect at public meetings. Updates will be given.

## **c. Volunteer Opportunities**

### **i. Fundraising Committee**

Heidi Gross has volunteered to head up this committee.

### **ii. Website**

Darla Cotton has been running our website and she would like to pass that off to someone else. Please consider volunteering if you are tech savvy. Chairman Clem also noted that material will not be posted to the website until we pay more for the website fees or switch to a different website platform.

### **iii. Organization, set-up, & tear down**

All meetings require set up and take down, please consider seeing Secretary Tryon ([lauren.tryon11@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.tryon11@gmail.com)) if you can help with this task on one or more meetings.

### **iv. Committees**

1. Teller (ongoing)
2. Credentials (ongoing)
3. Platforms (Caucus/Convention)
4. By-laws (Caucus/Convention)
5. Resolutions (Caucus/Convention)

## **12. Adjournment**

Chairman Clem called for a motion to adjourn.

1st: Terry Sjolin (9-1)

2nd: Dean Vomhof (1-19)

Passed by voice vote at 7:55 PM