

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 July 25, 2017 – 7:00 PM

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5 OFFICERS PRESENT: Brett Niles; Valerie Smith; Laura Geary Bell; Michael McGree;
6 Andrew Leonard

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8 SUMMARY OF ACTION AT THE JULY 25 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING:

- 9 1) The Draft Minutes of the June 27 2018 Linn County Central Committee were
10 approved as amended on a voice vote.
11 2) The June treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a voice vote
12 3) A Motion to provide the Christian Andrews campaign with a contribution of \$500
13 was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
14 4) A Motion to accept the rules of election for Second Vice Chair and Financial
15 Secretary as distributed was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
16 5) Karen Black was elected Second Vice Chair on a voice vote.

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18 I. CALL TO ORDER

- 19 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Democratic Central
20 Committee was held on July 25, 2018, at the Guthridge Park in Hiawatha,
21 Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, and
22 Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A quorum was
23 present.

24 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 25 a. Chair Bret Nilles led the Central Committee in a recitation of the Pledge of
26 Allegiance.

27 III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND CANDIDATES

- 28 a. Chair Nilles welcomed elected officials in attendance.
29 i. Senator Rob Hogg (IA Senate)
30 ii. Ben Rogers; Brent Oleson (Linn County Board of Supervisors)
31 iii. Sharon Gonzalez (Linn County Treasurer)
32 b. Chair Nilles welcomed candidates for elective office in attendance.
33 i. Molly Donahue (HD 68); Tracy Ehlert (HD 70); Christian Andrews
34 (HD 95);

- 35 ii. Molly Donahue
- 36 iii. Christian Andrews
- 37 iv. Scott Christensen
- 38 c. Candidates and surrogates addressed the Central Committee.
- 39 IV. Donna Craft Auditor's Office
- 40 a. Ms. Kraft spoke of the need for precinct election officials to volunteer.
- 41 i. Persons interested in volunteering can sign up at the Linn County
- 42 Auditor's website.
- 43 V. Secretary's Report
- 44 a. The following Alternates were seated for the duration of the session:
- 45 i. Eric Gjerde (CR 5); Diane Peterson (CR 11); Sunny Story (CR 14);
- 46 Deborah Engmark (CR 18); John Meyer (CR 18); Courtney Rowe
- 47 (CR 25); Ray Porterfield (CR 36); Corey Jacobson (CR 37); Joanne
- 48 Dvorak (CR 41); Noreen Tonkin (MR 06) Mary Burke (TFra);
- 49 Jennifer Cress-Slife (TMon1)
- 50 b. Approval of Minutes
- 51 i. The Draft Minutes of the June 27 2018 Linn County Central
- 52 Committee were approved as amended on a voice vote.
- 53 c. Resignations/Nominations
- 54 i. No Central Committee resignations or nominations were tendered
- 55 ii. There was clarification that State Central Committee Members from
- 56 Linn County are also members of the 1st District Democratic Central
- 57 Committee.
- 58 VI. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 59 a. Approval of monthly report
- 60 i. The June treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a
- 61 voice vote
- 62 ii. Cash on hand: \$29,238.01
- 63 b. The "Pass the Hat" fundraising activity generated \$340 for Linn County
- 64 Democrats
- 65 c. A Motion to provide the Christian Andrews campaign with a contribution of
- 66 \$500 was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 67 VII. ELECTION OF 2ND VICE CHAIR & FINANCE CHAIR
- 68 a. Parliamentarian Roy Porterfield presented the Rules of Election.

- 69 i. A Motion to accept the rules of election as distributed was moved,
70 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 71 b. Mr. Porterfield opened nominations for Financial Secretary. There were no
72 nominations, and that nominations were closed.
- 73 i. Mr. Porterfield announced that the election of Financial Secretary
74 will be deferred until the next Central Committee meeting/
- 75 c. Mr. Porterfield opened nominations for Second Vice Chair.
- 76 i. Karen Black was nominated for Second Vice Chair. There were no
77 additional nominations, and nominations were then closed.
- 78 d. Results of Election
- 79 i. Karen Black was elected Second Vice Chair on a voice vote.
- 80 i. Ms. Black was sworn in and assumed duties of her office.

81 VIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 82 a. Affirmative Action: Committee Chair Lindsay Ellickson reporting
- 83 i. Mrs. Ellickson reported on organizational efforts for Linn County
84 Democrats to be present at the upcoming Asian Festival and other
85 diverse events.
- 86 b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist reporting
- 87 i. Ms. Chris provided a summary of upcoming activities for disability
88 Caucus.
- 89 1. DNC Disability Council will meet on 8/23 in Chicago.
- 90 2. The Access, Inclusion, and Outreach Conference is
91 anticipated to be held on 9/29/2018
- 92 c. Labor Caucus: Caucus Member Joey Zahorick reporting
- 93 i. Mr. Zohorick provided an update on the activities of Labor Caucus.
- 94 ii. Next Meeting: 8/8/2016 at 5:30 and IBEW Local 405
- 95 d. Veterans Caucus: Caucus Chair Kevin Techau reporting
- 96 i. Mr. Techau provided an update about the activities of the Veterans
97 Caucus
- 98 e. Stonewall Caucus Caucus Chair Casi Rubert reporting
- 99 i. Casi Rubert is new Chair of Stonewall Caucus
- 100 ii. Next meeting: Wednesday 8/8/2016 at the Starlite lounge at 7 PM.

101 IX. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

102 a. Preparations continue for the opening of the Linn County Democrats office
103 on the west side of Cedar Rapids.

104 X. OLD BUSINESS

105 a. Committee person Angie Spinks reported on dates of upcoming parades.

106 b. Chair Bret Nilles spoke about Democratic Momentum and issued a Call to
107 Action to the Central Committee to volunteer to help elect Democrats this
108 November.

109 XI. ADJOURNMENT

110 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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