

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 August 22, 2018 – 7:00 PM

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5 Officers Present: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Karen Black, Laura Geary Bell, Mike
6 McGree

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8 SUMMARY OF ACTION AT THE AUGUST 22 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING:

- 9 1) The Draft Minutes of the July 25, 2018 Linn County Central Committee were
10 approved as amended on a voice vote.
11 2) The July Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a voice vote
12 3) A motion to distribute \$14,000 to local Democratic candidates was moved,
13 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
14 4) A motion to allow the Chair to spend up to \$100 at Latino Fast was moved,
15 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
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17 I. CALL TO ORDER

- 18 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County Democratic Central
19 Committee was held on August 22, 2017, at the Hiawatha Community
20 Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at
21 7:01 PM, and Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A
22 quorum was present.

23 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

- 27 a. Chair Nilles welcomed elected officials in attendance.
28 i. State of Iowa
29 1. Sen. Rob Hogg, Sen. Liz Mathis, Rep. Art Staed
30 ii. Linn County
31 1. Supervisor Ben Rogers, Supervisor Brent Oleson

- 32 iii. Municipal
- 33 1. Kale Hale (Ely City Council)
- 34 b. The following individuals briefly spoke to the Central Committee
- 35 i. Elected officials mentioned above
- 36 ii. Candidates for elective office present
- 37 iii. Kate Revaux of NARAL Iowa Organizer
- 38 iv. Paige Harrington, Campaign for Iowa
- 39 v. Kelsey Meyers, John Delaney for President
- 40 IV. SECRETARY’S REPORT: LAURA GEARY BELL AND MIKE MCGREE REPORTING
- 41 a. Seating of Alternates
- 42 i. Committeepersons and Alternate Committeepersons were seated
- 43 for the duration of the current session.
- 44 b. Approval of minutes
- 45 i. The Draft Minutes of the July 25, 2018, Linn County Central
- 46 Committee Meeting were approved as amended.
- 47 c. Resignations/Nominations
- 48 i. Cameron Agan resigned as Committeeperson from TBou2
- 49 ii. Cameron Agan was nominated and elected Alternate
- 50 Committeeperson from CR07
- 51 V. TREASURER’S REPORT: BRET NILLES REPORTING
- 52 a. Cash on hand: \$26,400 as of end of July
- 53 b. A motion to distribute \$14,000 to local Democratic candidates was moved,
- 54 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 55 c. A motion to allow the Chair to spend up to \$100 at Latino Fast was
- 56 moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 57 d. The Linn County Central Committee July 2018 Treasurer’s Report was
- 58 approved.
- 59 e. The Pass the Hat activity generated \$215.56 for the Central Committee.
- 60 VI. GUEST SPEAKER: PAUL IVERSON – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA LABOR CENTER

61 a. Paul Iversen, labor educator with the University of Iowa Labor Center,
62 spoke to the Central committee about the Labor Center's mission, why it is
63 important, and the current threat of a shutdown of the Labor Center.

64 VII. ELECTION: FINANCE CHAIR

65 a. As there were no candidates for the position of Finance Chair, an election
66 was not held.

67 VIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

68 a. Affirmative Action: Committee Chair Lindsey Ellickson reporting
69 i. Mrs. Ellickson reported on the high turnout among Democrats had
70 recent festivals representing ethnic and other underrepresented
71 groups.

72 b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist reporting

73 i. Ms. Crist reported on the activities of the Disability Caucus

74 1. Ms. Crist reported on a listening post held with Sen. Rita
75 Hart on 8/16/18.

76 2. Disability Caucus will meet immediately prior to the Central
77 Committee meeting at 5:30 PM at the Hiawatha Community
78 Center.

79 c. Labor Caucus: No report

80 i. No report

81 d. Veterans Caucus: No report

82 e. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Casi Rubert reporting

83 i. Next meeting: Chrome Horse Saloon in downtown Cedar Rapids on
84 9/12 at 7 PM.

85 ii. Ms. Rupert reported on outreach efforts to young LBGT youth.

86 IX. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

87 a. Members spoke about upcoming events and other items of interest

88 X. OLD BUSINESS

89 a. As November approaches, the Central Committee was reminded of a Call
90 to Action to volunteer or assist Democratic Candidates in their bid for
91 election.

92 XI. Adjournment

93 a. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

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