

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,  
6 Laura Geary Bell, Mike McGree

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

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

22 I. CALL TO ORDER

23 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Linn County  
24 Democratic Central Committee was held on  
25 August 22, 2017, at the Hiawatha Community  
26 Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles  
27 called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, and  
28 Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was  
29 present. A quorum was present.

30 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

31 a. Chair Bret Nilles led the Central Committee in a  
32 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

33 III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND  
34 CANDIDATES

35 a. Chair Nilles welcomed elected officials in  
36 attendance.

37 i. State of Iowa

38 1. Sen. Rob Hogg, Sen. Liz Mathis, Rep.  
39 Art Staed

40 ii. Linn County

41 1. Supervisor Ben Rogers, Supervisor  
42 Brent Oleson

43 iii. Municipal

44 1. Kale Hale (Ely City Council)

45 b. The following individuals briefly spoke to the  
46 Central Committee

47 i. Elected officials mentioned above

48 ii. Candidates for elective office present

49 iii. Kate Revaux of NARAL Iowa Organizer

50 iv. Paige Harrington, Campaign for Iowa

51 v. Kelsey Meyers, John Delaney for President

52 IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT: LAURA GEARY BELL AND MIKE  
53 MCGREE REPORTING

54 a. Seating of Alternates

55 i. Committeepersons and Alternate

56 Committeepersons were seated for the  
57 duration of the current session.

58 b. Approval of minutes

59 i. The Draft Minutes of the July 25, 2018, Linn  
60 County Central Committee Meeting were  
61 approved as amended.

62 c. Resignations/Nominations

63 i. Cameron Agan resigned as  
64 Committeeperson from TBou2

65 ii. Cameron Agan was nominated and elected  
66 Alternate Committeeperson from CR07

67 V. TREASURER'S REPORT: BRET NILLES REPORTING

68 a. Cash on hand: \$26,400 as of end of July

69 b. A motion to distribute \$14,000 to local  
70 Democratic candidates was moved, seconded,  
71 and carried on a voice vote.

72 c. A motion to allow the Chair to spend up to \$100  
73 at Latino Fast was moved, seconded, and carried  
74 on a voice vote.

75 d. The Linn County Central Committee July 2018  
76 Treasurer's Report was approved.

77 e. The Pass the Hat activity generated \$215.56 for  
78 the Central Committee.

79 VI. GUEST SPEAKER: PAUL IVERSON – UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
80 LABOR CENTER

81 a. Paul Iversen, labor educator with the University  
82 of Iowa Labor Center, spoke to the Central  
83 committee about the Labor Center’s mission, why  
84 it is important, and the current threat of a  
85 shutdown of the Labor Center.

86 VII. ELECTION: FINANCE CHAIR

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

89 VIII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

90 a. Affirmative Action: Committee Chair Lindsey  
91 Ellickson reporting

92 i. Mrs. Ellickson reported on the high turnout  
93 among Democrats had recent festivals  
94 representing ethnic and other  
95 underrepresented groups.

96 b. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist  
97 reporting

98 i. Ms. Crist reported on the activities of the  
99 Disability Caucus

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

102 2. Disability Caucus will meet immediately  
103 prior to the Central Committee meeting  
104 at 5:30 PM at the Hiawatha Community  
105 Center.

106 c. Labor Caucus: No report

107 i. No report

108 d. Veterans Caucus: No report

109 e. Stonewall Caucus: Caucus Chair Casi Rubert  
110 reporting

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

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

115 IX. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

118 X. OLD BUSINESS

119 a. As November approaches, the Central  
120 Committee was reminded of a Call to Action to  
121 volunteer or assist Democratic Candidates in  
122 their bid for election.

123 XI. Adjournment

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

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