

1 Draft Minutes

2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee

3 October 24, 2018 – 7:00 PM

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6 OFFICERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Karen Black, Mike McGree, Scott Foens,
7 Bill Falcon

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9 ACTION TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER 24, 2018, MEETING:

- 10 1) The Draft Minutes of the September 26, 2018, were approved as
11 distributed.
- 12 2) The September 2018 Treasurer’s Report was approved as distributed.
- 13 3) A Motion to donate \$500 to the campaigns of Andrew Christensen,
14 Tracy Ehlert, and Art Staed, and donate \$1000 to the campaigns of
15 Ben Rogers and Eric Gjerde was moved, seconded, and carried on a
16 voice vote.
- 17 4) A Motion to donate an additional \$500 to the Christian Andrews
18 Campaign was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.

19 I. CALL TO ORDER

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

25 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

- 29 a. Chair Nilles welcomed elected officials in attendance.
- 30 i. Linn County
- 31 1. Supervisor Stacey Walker, Supervisor Ben Rogers
- 32 ii. State of Iowa

- 33 1. Sen. Liz Mathis, Sen. Kristin Running-Marquadt
34 iii. Municipal
35 iv. Council Member Kay Hale, Council Member Ashley
36 Vanorny (Cedar Rapids)
- 37 b. Chair Nilles welcomed candidates for elective office in
38 attendance.
- 39 c. Elected Official and candidates addressed the Central
40 Committee.
- 41 IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT
- 42 a. Approval of minutes
- 43 i. The Draft Minutes of the September 26, 2018, were
44 approved as distributed.
- 45 b. There were no resignations from or nominations to the Central
46 Committee.
- 47 V. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 48 a. The September 2018 Treasurer's Report was approved as
49 distributed.
- 50 b. A Motion to donate \$500 to the campaigns of Andrew
51 Christensen, Tracy Ehlert, and Art Staed, and donate \$1000 to
52 the campaigns of Ben Rogers and Eric Gjerde was moved,
53 seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 54 c. Iowa Democratic Party will be reimbursed \$250 for expenses
55 paid.
- 56 d. Pass the hat
- 57 i. The "Pass the Hat" fundraising activity generated
58 \$354.56.
- 59 VI. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VOTING REQUIREMENTS – VOTER ID?
- 60 a. Linn County Deputy Auditor Stacey Law addressed the Central
61 Committee regarding voter identification requirements in the
62 current election.
- 63 VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES
- 64 a. Committee Reports were provided by committee members that
65 were present. There were no substantial reports this meeting.

- 66 VIII. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 67 a. Get Out The Vote (GOTV)
- 68 i. Second Vice President Karen Black's spoke about Linn
- 69 County Democrats' Get Out The Vote effort.
- 70 ii. Myrt Bowers and other members spoke about Campaign
- 71 for Iowa staging areas and other activities scheduled in
- 72 advance of the election.
- 73 b. Candidate Donations
- 74 i. This agenda item was previously discussed
- 75 c. Michael Robinson moved a Motion for Linn County Democrats
- 76 to take out a full-page educational ad in the Cedar Rapids good
- 77 Gazette voter. Identification requirements.
- 78 i. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion
- 79 was put to a voice vote and failed.
- 80 d. A Motion to donate an additional \$500 to the Christian Andrews
- 81 Campaign was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote.
- 82 IX. THE REAL BUSINESS!
- 83 a. Call to Action – We need you!
- 84 i. Action that people can take prior to the election was
- 85 discussed, such as volunteering for campaigns.
- 86 ii. Linn County Democrats will be having a watch party
- 87 election night at the Chrome Horse Saloon in Cedar
- 88 Rapids.
- 89 X. ADJOURNMENT
- 90 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.