

Johnson County Democratic Party County Convention Minutes

● **March 24, 2018** ●

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Call to Order

The group convened at 10:20am, called to order by Chairman McIntyre. Allegiance to the flag was pledged.

Chairman McIntyre introduced Vanessa Vogel who then made announcements about some candidate and volunteer trainings available in the state. She also shared that current candidates are asking for localized volunteer help. She also announced the new National Democrat Training Committee (NDTC) program called County Chair Spotlight. Their very first selection is Bill McIntyre, Chairman.

Chairman McIntyre introduced purposes of meeting today: elect delegates, present platform and resolutions for adoption and hear from several state-wide Democrat Candidates.

Delegate Selection

Chairman McIntyre nominated Greg Haas as delegate. Bill nominated Vanessa. State convention will be on June 9 in Riverton. Laura Harmon nominated Chris Harmon. John O'Laughlin nominated Will Cox. Jani van Deusen nominated Bill McIntyre. Vanessa Vogel nominated Mitch Black. Chris Harmon nominated Laura Harmon. Greg Haas nominated Heather Haas. Vanessa Vogel nominated Suzi Black. Jim Wyssmann nominated Deanne Wyssmann. There were a few nominations of people who could not accept due to scheduling conflicts with the June 9 date. John Tinnin moved to close nomination. Lois Petersen seconded. Greg Haas said he had one more nomination to make. John Tinnin withdrew his motion with Lois Petersen's approval. Greg Haas nominated Kassahn Mathson. Lois Petersen seconded. Laura Harmon withdrew her acceptance of her nomination. Claudia Clark moved to close nominations, accept this list and allow ½ vote per delegate. Lois Petersen seconded. Motion passed. The final list of delegates is as follows:

Greg Haas
Vanessa Vogel
Chris Harmon
Will Cox
Bill McIntyre
Mitch Black
Heather Haas
Suzi Black
Deanne Wyssmann
Kassahn Mathson

Speakers

Chairman McIntyre introduced Joe Barbuto, Chair Wyoming Democratic Party. Joe Barbuto spoke first then introduced Jeff Dockter, candidate for State Auditor. Jeff Dockter spoke, introduced himself and talked about why he's running and how he can contribute to the state and its success. Joe Barbuto introduced Mary Throne, candidate for Wyoming Governor. Mary Throne spoke and talked about democrats winning, appreciating J.C. Dems. She talked about her contributions and abilities to get

things done and moving away from the boom and bust economy, among several other topics. Joe Barbuto introduced James Byrd. James Byrd shared some of his family history and talked about his views on wide range of issues from the importance of education to being leaders in mineral and tourism industries. Joe Barbuto introduced Gary Trauner, candidate for U.S. Senate. Gary Trauner presented a video and then talked about Wyoming values, integrity and honesty and how those are already shown in his campaign. Joe Barbuto made some outros and thank yous and reintroduced Chairman McIntyre.

Other Announcements

Chairman McIntyre introduced Lois Petersen who spoke to the group briefly about Wyoming Promise efforts to allow states to control campaign finance laws and overturning the 2010 Supreme Court decision *Citizens United*. Chairman McIntyre introduced Vanessa Vogel who explained process for platform and resolutions and how that will take place after lunch. Chairman invited everyone to lunch and at 12:00pm the convention recessed until 1:00pm.

Platform and Resolutions

Convention reconvened at 1:05. Chairman McIntyre introduced Vanessa Vogel, chair of the platform committee. Vanessa Vogel explained the process the committee used and what we'd be looking at today. Much of the work is shortening and translating state party platform into more layman's terms, then making sure it fits Johnson County Democrats. Much discussion was held to generate the document. Upon reaching the end, a motion was made from the floor to adopt the platform as edited. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The platform notes will be compiled, processed and shared on the J.C. Dems' website in final form.

Adjournment

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn and seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.