

## **August 2010**

### **Ferry County Central Committee Meeting Minutes**

Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, Republic

The meeting was called to order at 6:15. Attending were: Sikander Jaad, Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Kevin Green, Dennis Morgan, Michael Sternberg, Ron Bacon, Kisa and Melissa Rose.

The May minutes were read and approved with the correction of Martha King to Marty King. A meeting was called for June 16<sup>th</sup> but without a quorum there was no meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Ron reported that he has paid all the bills that he has had access to and the balance of our account is \$938.35. It was agreed that there may be more bills in the post office box. Michael mentioned receipts for the website and mail program which he will get to Ron. Ron submitted a written report, attachment A, and the last pay out was on our box rent on 9/10/09.

#### **State Committeepersons Report**

There was no report from either Committeeperson.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Select Secretary**

No one came forward to be our Secretary so the job will be split up as usual.

##### **Endorsements**

There was a lot of discussion about endorsing candidates. The Committee is willing to show its support of Democratic and Independent Candidates. The attending Candidates expressed hesitation about getting a Democratic endorsement in view of the preliminary Primary results. No endorsements were made.

##### **Democrats Social**

With only a few participating with the Committee in an ongoing basis it is difficult to organize anything, even a fun thing. There is a need to get more people involved and this was discussed. There was also discussion about coming up with a Ferry County Democratic Platform and using it to springboard change the public perception of us. The problem is how to stop being defined by conservatives and Republicans and communicate our similarities rather than differences.

#### **New Business**

##### **Primary Results**

There are more ballots to count. Cynthia is ahead of Joe Bond by 2 votes and is second to a lengthy lead by Brian Dandel. Dennis is definitely in the General Election but he realizes a need to campaign more. The Primary showed him where he needed to focus. Cynthia would be happy to run against Dandel. When queried about doorbelling around town she reported threatening behavior by some people and the tone of their misinformation. She reported attending Planning Dept. meetings and their falling on our meeting night. GMA and how to handle it is still a hot topic. The designation of Agricultural Land of Long Term Commercial

Significance actually only effects about 2% of county property owners and even then some of the land can still be sold.

The current tie for the General Election will necessitate a recount if there is ½% difference. If the recount remains the same the race will be settled with a coin toss. In 2011 there will be redistricting of Precincts based on the 2010 Census. This will be done by the Auditor. There may be fewer Precincts.

### **Utilizing Votebuilder**

Access by the candidates was clarified. Cynthia winning the Primary as a Prefers Democratic Party candidate definitely would qualify her for access. Otherwise PCOs, elected or appointed, are the only ones with access.

### **Cynthia Bonneau-Green: Open floor for Discussion**

Her campaign needs to stay on track. She is a moderate fiscally. Her message is fiscal responsibility. Cynthia does not believe the County can afford to continue to fight with the State. We could not survive any sanctions on tax money from the State, as our tax base is too small to support ourselves. She also believes that we need to stop diverting funds from the Road Fund. The County finances need to be handled with more foresight about the changing economy.

She wants to campaign hard and with enthusiastic supporters. She would like to see houseparties and small gatherings. She is not seeking an endorsement and will continue to distance herself from the party as she sees necessary. Cynthia, like a lot of people, does not think that the Commissioner's job should be partisan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. Minutes by Kisa.