

# **HOT SPRINGS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING MINUTES**

August 6, 2025

Called to order at 6:06 - 20 Members/visitors Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Introductions Visitors Josh Conrad commish vote petition, Brian McCarty Run for House District 27

Silence Phones Please

Welcome August Birthdays

August Birthdays - Marilyn Braaten (8/1), Jami Anderson (8/18), Michael Herzing (8/20), Dale Horkey (8/27)

Approval of July 2025 Meeting Minutes - Unanimous

Pass the Hat (can mean an actual hat) -

Business:

Secretary's Correspondence Report

Newspaper Ad this month? Need filled this month. (\$45) Due to the paper 8/26. Please contact IR.

September 2025 Meeting: 9/3/25

October, 1st. Yom Kippur

Treasurer's Report - Started 1835.73, Donations ActBlue, 2143.01. In kind 101.05 Ice Cream Social, Outgoing bills 137.50. Discovery Days Donation 50, 1955.51. Treasurers report accepted.

Permission for Online Banking. Kim moves that Georgeanne be allowed for any and all online and phone banking, Jane seconds. Pinnacle bank requires approval, motion carried anonymous. If there is a second signature, Georgeanne will do the needful.

Old Business Line Items

Discussion and reports from committees

1. 4th of July Ice Cream Social, Georgeanne will give an update. In-kind donation receipts, please bring them.

a. Went well, 200 people, raised \$175 in donations and raffle. Many visitors from all over. Mission is raise funds and goodwill. 2-4.

2. National Dem Report (Kim Bartlett). September Meeting-please give discussion topics to cover in September.

a. A lot happening. New committeeman, Ben Rowland of Cheyenne. New Labor Caucus. Hiring new exec director. 22 appl from everywhere. Working to revive committees that have fallen by the wayside. Planned all state meetings for the next year. 10-24-27 in douglas. Feb 6-8 2026 meeting in cheyenne, June 5-7 2026 Location TBD, Sept 11-13 location TBD.

b. At DNC level. Ken Martin new DNC chair. Investing in red states, 22.5/month

starting next month. Investing in races, \$1m in VA. Kim participated in SWOT, Dems are demoralized as a whole, Wyo Dems are optimistic and looking to help. Ken is democratizing the DNC. Many meetings Aug 24-28 Minnie, Western Caucus 24-25 in Denver. Local Govt 101 is spreading to Natrona and Park. Kim to panel in Lander Sept 25 with Dave Fredenthal and Rod Miller. Mountain movement strategies working to get rid of Freedom Caucus, they work with AFLCIO to run pro labor candidates to unseat 6 freedom caucus people. Winter is "not running again".

c. Can Ken send fewer fundraising emails? Getting \$400 from CER

3. In August, we spoke with Washakie and Big Horn counties to have a joint event in Worland with Rep Mike Yin and Karley Pravenze to discuss local issues we want the legislature to bring up. Date TBD.

a. Joint Events announced in Cheyenne and other Counties. We are asking to have one in October, date is still being disputed. We are asked to bring refreshments and sound system at Worland "somewhere".

4. Painting T-Hill Committee. (John Anderson, John Fenton). Homecoming as a goal.

a. Waiting for cooler weather. 5 gallon of paint left. Need to fix rock structure for accessibility. Don't need everyone but 5-7 people. (Less is more) Couple hours of work. Rope would take too long. People who can't climb can work on the ground. Tabled until next month. This is the October event for CER. Homecoming week 6-10. Paper ad possible for "spirit week".

#### New Business Line Items

1. Wants to bring Josh Conrad to the meeting for a petition to increase the county commissioners from 3 to 5.

a. Petition to get vote on ballot next fall. Went 5-3 for budget reasons. Divide salary agreement from 3 to 5. Over \$300K spent in legal funds to date that would have saved county jobs. Use as a membership opportunity to doorknock. Timing is not an issue at the moment. Need 250 signatures to get it on the ballot. Have petitions available at every event. Signatures due by end of May. Josh will keep us updated with progress. John A moves we provide petitions at all events, Kim seconds. (Josh: Make sure there is a specific person to certify sheet, Kim volunteers.) Motion carries.

b. Kim moves to do this through membership door to door organizing August and September. John F seconds. Add to September agenda to begin organizing. Passes unanimously.

2. Harriet's Town Hall (Georgeanne)

a. Will talk next month to save time.

3. Change web provider to GoDaddy. Approximate costs (\$50 3-year domain name, \$110)

a. Find more web providers that support video other than vimeo. Larry will get pricing structures for next month.

4. Mission and Values Statement, Strategic Planning Report. (Jami)

a. Jami referred to whiteboard.

5. Upcoming Events: Christmas Party, October Combined Counties Town Hall Meeting with Mike Yin, Letter to the RINOs (Ask Kim to help build the mailing list). Possibility of Highway cleanup sponsorship (2026).

a. Highway, has to be staffed. State provides all needed supplies. Need a volunteer to contact the state.

b. Letter to former Dems/moderates. Need more Dems to increase state funding.

Volunteer needed to write the letter. Item tabled to next month.

6. Sam will be travelling as has asked for someone else to gather the key to the Annex and return the next morning. Francine Hauser has volunteered to be the key organizer.

7. Kim has stickers and Tom Butler has sent some pins. Juntos cards for immigration deportations. ICE in worland Tues and Thurs.

Motion to adjourn, unanimous.

Next Meeting - Wed., 9/3, 6 pm, County Annex