

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING MINUTES

April 1st, 2026

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

24 People present

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance - Remember to Sign In

Monthly Donation Request

Birthdays: Maria Calson, Tom Judy, Jennie Sorenson (4/20), Janice Ladd-Horkey (4/23)

Quorum=5 (Precincts 1-1 Thermopolis West; 1-2 Thermopolis East; 2-1 East Thermopolis; 3-1 Kirby (Dark); 4-1 Rural)

Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes

Amend as follows: change beginning time to "6":05; Francine paid for newspaper ad; correct spelling for Ken "Ivie" and Lucas" Fralick"

Motion by Levi/Jami

to accept the minutes: X Approved as Amended.

Secretary's Report – None

Reminder for those of you that don't use Facebook here is where you find our updates and calendar events: <https://hotsprings.wyodems.net>.

Reminder to look for events on Mobilize in email to RSVP for meetings and get togethers.

Treasurer's Report – see attached

Approved and seconded by Jami Anderson/Michael Herzing- Approved

New Business

- 1) Levi Shinkle: Highway cleanup 10am to Noon 4/25. He will call WYDOT with the date, get vests & trash bags, and will bring the form to fill out for the sign. Plan to meet at same place as last time. Opportunity for public service. Need volunteers other than pick up trash-all abilities are welcome.
1. Bylaws: defined exec committee; changed proxy; changed quorum for convention page 4 chair is convention chair; duties for state Committee man/woman; enforcement for meeting attendance, removal; article 4 moved.
- 2 Stage Potential Elections & Candidate Recruitment Training
 - a) Elections / CER Report – None due to Levi Shinkle leaving early and losing the quorum
 - b) April 4 Anyone who wants to come-non-partisan 9:30-10:30 at Fox-see attached agenda
 - c) April 25 More In depth Forum-for democrats-9:30 at the Fox. Presentation re: boards
 - d) Ask members to commit to being precinct chairs-filing date 5/14-29; register by 5/13
 - e) Commissioner petition. Non-partisan to increase 3 to 5
 - f) Nonpartisan communities over cuts PAC-property tax cuts

3) April Potluck 04/21 Should we have a presentation of Healthy Coping Strategies with

Rhiannon? (New member of high plains) Perhaps should be a community outreach. Suggest short version (Primer) to introduce to have a later longer forum. Partner with Jen Cheney? prevention coalition. Explore more, continue with social event "as is".

4) Are we going to participate in Pride Fest? Motion by Jami Anderson/Tracie Moriarity– approved. Conversation re: what participation was last year. Table motion to next month re: donation. Consensus to participate.

5) Request for Election Judges by Becky Kersten, HSC Clerk raised hands on previous judges- if interested talk with them. Let Dale Horkey know,

6) Should we plan a 250th Anniversary of American Trailblazer Days that the Historical Society participation? Discussion-plans already final, grants already given. Need more info before making a decision. No PRCA rodeo this year. Jane Norskog agrees to gather more info. (Gail Schenk) read schedule. Table decision to next month.

Old Business:

As part of the strategic plan for CER money, we identify the following categories: Community engagement/media & PR/community & public service

Debriefed past events for strategic plan based on Purpose, Pros, and Tweaks.

Led by Jami Anderson

MWBB

Purpose: major community visibility/service- showing we're here for good-public info/education-more participation, other than democrats-outreach-community building-non alcohol family fun-

Pros: Good child care good to offer; decorations; speakers; learning needs of groups; food presentation-good; larger space; table vendors; door prizes; fellowship; good networking

Tweaks: too much food; write personal invites; plan sooner- October; "better date"; active moderator; advertise in Worland/Cody paper; speakers first-food second; press release? classified ads? Went too long

CONVENTION

Purpose: Required.

Pros: state chair attending; Levi & Georgeanne prepared, engagement & participation, clarified party logistics, good food; visitors

Tweaks: accommodation- hard to see screen; more help w/committee-

NO KINGS

Purpose: reaching out to other side; visibility; protest; nonpartisan; empowerment; exercising constitutional rights; raising our voices; solidarity;

Pros: good for mental health; sign making good community building; refreshments; home base; Washakie, Teton, etc. participation. Police checking; awareness that were here; provoked discussion; knowing that were not alone. Very few negative; no vandalism; no one hurt; music

Tweaks: negative comment by community member at social event; have speakers; take video (send to No Kings); better publicity.

Additional comments made following debriefing of events:

The next event being organized by Indivisible is a National Boycott Day to be held on May 1. It will involve no shopping/buying, not going to work, etc.

Need committee for 4th of July Ice Cream Social-see Georgeanne

Volunteer for publicist: Jami suggest to table committee structure to next month.

Next Meeting - May 6th, 6 pm, County Annex Bldg.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm