

1 Draft Minutes of the Executive Board
2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
3 Meeting Date: March 12, 2018

4 MEMBERS PRESENT: Bret Nilles, Valerie Smith, Sam Gray,
5 Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree, Andrew Leonard, Sarah
6 Stutler, Joe Stutler, Catherine Crist

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8 ACTION TAKEN AT THE MARCH 12, 2018, EXECUTIVE BOARD
9 MEETING:

- 10 1) The February 12, 2018, Draft Minutes of the Executive
11 Board of Linn County Democratic Central Committee
12 were approved as distributed.
- 13 2) A motion to authorize an expenditure of up to \$125 for
14 AdCraft to develop a design template for the Convention
15 book carried on a voice vote.
- 16 3) A motion to Alternate Delegates to view the County
17 Convention Proceedings from a designated Alternate
18 Room carried on a voice voter
- 19 4) A motion to refer a recommendation that the personal
20 information on the public roster of the Linn County
21 Democratic Central Committee be limited to full name
22 and precinct carried on a voice vote

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24 I. CALL TO ORDER

25 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of
26 the Linn County Democratic Central Committee was
27 held on February 12, 1018, at the Kirkwood Linn
28 County Regional Center in Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair
29 Bret Nilles called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM,
30 and Michael McGree, Recording Secretary, was
31 present. A quorum was present.

32 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

33 a. Finance Committee

- 34 i. The clickable buttons on the Linn County
35 Democrats website need to be updated to reflect
36 new club membership levels.

37 b. Technology

- 38 i. Discussion of options for future oversight of
39 website design and operations were discussed.
 - 40 1. The Board considered whether a Technology
41 Committee should be formed for this
42 purpose. Discussion is ongoing.

43 III. HOSPITALITY

- 44 i. Joe Stutler reported on the menu for the next
45 Central Committee meeting.

46 b. Candidate Recruitment

- 47 i. Brett Niles announced that Linn County has a full
48 slate of Democratic candidates running for office
49 in the 2018 elections.

50 ii. The next candidate recruitment priority will be
51 looking ahead to the 2020 elections.

52 c. Labor

53 i. No report

54 d. Vets Caucus

55 i. The formation of a Linn County Veterans Caucus
56 was discussed. There is interest in organizing a
57 caucus.

58 IV. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR

59 a. The vacancy in the office of Affirmative Action Chair
60 was discussed.

61 b. There will be an election for this office at the County
62 Convention. Possible candidates were discussed.

63 V. DISABILITY CHAIR

64 a. Catherine Crist reported on efforts to ensure
65 accessibility for all at the upcoming Conventions.

66 i. The 1st District Convention will follow Linn
67 County's example and offer CART.

68 ii. DNC bylaws have become more inclusive to all
69 Members.

70 iii. Linn County is leading Iowa in accessibility
71 initiative to foster a more inclusive environment at
72 county Party events.

73 VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

74 a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail (New
75 Roster)

76 i. Laura Geary Bell reported on a mistake that
77 occurred during the February Central Committee
78 Meeting.

79 1. Niel Blair was elected in CR17 was
80 mistakenly elected in a precinct with no
81 vacancies (CR17).

82 2. After discussion and request for an opinion
83 for disposition of this matter from the
84 Temporary Chair of Linn County Democrats
85 Rules Committee Catherine Crist, the
86 election was determine to be void due to
87 inaccurate vacancy information.

88 b. February meeting minutes

89 i. The February 12, 2016, Draft Minute were
90 approved as amended.

91 c. Jan Clark resigned from the Central Committee.

92 VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

93 a. Andrew Leonard reported on funding allocation for
94 recent Party events as well as revenue.

95 b. Cash on hand: \$26,500

96 VIII. MARCH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

97 a. Guest Speaker

98 1. A representative of newly formed Labor
99 Caucus will likely speak at the next Central
100 Committee meeting.

101 b. Other agenda items

102 i. Other agenda items including a review of County
103 Convention and a preview of 1st District
104 Convention were discussed.

105 IX. OLD BUSINESS

106 a. County Convention Planning

107 i. County Convention Planning Committee activity
108 was discussed and reviewed.

109 ii. The following motions carried on a voice vote:

110 1. Authorization of an expenditure of up to \$125
111 for AdCraft to develop a design template for
112 the Convention book.

113 2. Authorize Alternate Delegates to view the
114 County Convention Proceedings from a
115 designated Alternate Room.

116 X. NEW BUSINESS

117 a. Linn County Democrats Campaign Office

118 i. Possible locations for the Linn County Democrats
119 Campaign office location was discussed

120 1. Linn County Democrats will have a float in
121 the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

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b. The Board discussed how much personal information should be included on the Linn County Democrats roster that is available on the website

i. A motion was moved and seconded to refer a recommendation that the personal information on the public roster of the Linn County Democratic Central Committee be limited to full name and precinct

XI. ADJOURNMENT

a. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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