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**Minutes**  
**Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**  
**Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chairman Thomas Lawford. Doug Witham led the group in prayer. Max Ryan led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 11 Precinct Committeemen present.

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report:**

Paul Agidius moved to approve the minutes. Barry Tenney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Chairman Thomas Lawford said there was currently over \$5,000 in the bank. Chairman reminded us that all capital expenses over \$250.00 need approval of the full Central Committee. Gresham Bouma made a motion to pay the full \$1000.00 for our next years storage unit rental (good through Feb 2017). Don Ball seconded the motion to pay. The motion passed unanimously.

**Recap of January Idaho State Republican Central Committee Meeting:**

Chairman Lawford said the State meeting went very well. Our four county members to the State Committee are: Thomas Lawford- Chairman; Madeline McComb – State Committeewoman, Paul Agidius – State Committeeman; and John Freeland - State Youth Committeeman. Chairman Lawford said state party business was done efficiently and no frivolous items discussed. We also were given a PowerPoint Presentation for training precinct committeeman. It covers the ideal roles the precinct committeemen should play and how much of impact they can have in the next election. The Latah delegation presented the \$1000.00 to the State Party that will go toward our quota. And the State GOP Executive director David Johnston reaffirmed the desire of the state to help Latah once again host a regional campaign headquarters. There is also talk of financial support to our legislative district candidates, assuming we get viable people to run. We were reminded that in the 2014 election cycle the State Party reimbursed us for rent of our election headquarters and our internet. The RNC (Republican National Committee) paid for our phones. Our delegation voiced their support for current State Party Chairman Steve Yates because he is leading the party as a facilitator and not pushing a particular political agenda.

**State Resolutions:**

The Latah GOP signed off on three resolutions that were submitted to the State Committee, none of them passed. There were seven resolutions that passed. They are available for viewing on the State GOP website [www.IDGOP.org](http://www.IDGOP.org). The longest debate centered on the resolution that wanted to provide Tax relief to Military Retiree's on their retirement pay only. It was an effort to attract skilled workers to move to Idaho to help replenish our depleting work force. The Resolution barely failed. Cindy Agidius said Coeur d'Alene Representative Kathy Simms [House 4b] has indicated she may introduce similar legislature this year in the Idaho legislature. Discussion followed about the role of tax

breaks and incentives and the role of government in creating a business friendly environment. Madeline, who served on the Resolutions Committee, mentioned that Steve Yates would make sure all passed resolutions were forwarded to the legislatures.

**State Rules:**

There were eight rules changes that passed. Most were clerical corrections having to do with our now abandoned Presidential caucus system.

**Review of the December 2015 Debate Viewing Party:**

The overwhelming feedback was that this was a successful event, and that we as a county party should do more of these types of social functions. The Best Western did apologize for the mix up with a lack of reliable cable feed to the conference room, but we worked around it. The upcoming debate dates are: 1/28 and 2/6 and 2/25 and 3/10. Everyone is encouraged to watch these debates.

**Lincoln Days Update:**

For the first time we will be co-hosting a Lincoln Day with Whitman County. Basillios has stated that they can cater our event. The event will be Friday March 4th, 2016 at the SEL Event Center in Pullman. Cost is \$50.00 per person, Keynote speakers will be Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Rep. Raul Labrador. Several of the Idaho Statewide office holders will be there, as will Steve Yates, Idaho State Party Chairman. We are planning for over 200 in attendance. Our biggest need now is for live and silent auction items. The [www.LatahGOP.org](http://www.LatahGOP.org) website is updated for this event and tickets are available online now.

**Idaho March presidential primary:**

The Idaho March Primary will be Tuesday after Lincoln Day. The Primary requires you to be registered AND affiliated with the Republican Party. The only things on the ballot will be the Republican presidential candidates and a school levy. Party affiliation cannot be changed 14 days prior to the polls. However, if someone is currently unaffiliated they can affiliate at the polls March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Our biggest need is to find candidates to fill our upcoming legislative seat positions.

Gresham Bouma motioned to adjourn. Tom Trail seconded. Vote was unanimous. Adjourn at 7:58pm.

Minutes submitted by  
Acting Secretary Alex Navarro