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Minutes Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2016 EMSI Conference Room 409 South Jackson Street, Moscow, ID

Call to Order

The meeting was officially called to order by Thomas Lawford, Chairman, at 6:35pm. Gresham Bouma led the prayer and Steve Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made and there were 18 people in attendance.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Dave McGraw moved to approve the February minutes and Alex Navarro seconded. The motion passed. Doug Witham moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Max Ryan seconded. The motion passed.

Lincoln Day

Thomas reiterated the reasons Latah County did not have its own Lincoln Day but instead joined Nez Perce County. He also summarized the talk given by the guest speaker, Jesse Short, concluding that we need to encourage of Idaho Congressional delegation of Labrador, Crapo, Simpson and Risch to push for Idaho organizations be allowed to manage the current federally managed Idaho forests.

Elected Official Report: Sheriff Richie Skiles

Sheriff Richie Skiles spoke to the group about the positive changes that have been made since he has been in department. The Latah Sheriff department now provides 24-hour coverage, which means no longer leaving 3:00am -7:00am uncovered. There is now Patrol Units inside the outlying communities making probable cause stops. He is re-establishing the Quad Cities Task Force and working on getting a Canine Unit established. Sheriff Skiles has also hired a Chief Deputy from Potlatch, Tim Besst, to work as the Patrol Lieutenant. Sheriff Skiles then answered questions about overall department morale, a Sheriff's Posse, and Big Foot sightings.

New Business

The next meeting (April 25th at 6:30pm) will include a potluck, district official updates and be a "100-day celebration of the Trump administration".

Commissioner McGraw mentioned there will be open county seats for the next election and encouraged people to consider running for them.

Adjournment

Alex Navarro moved to adjourn the meeting and Caleb Bouma seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted by Wendy Bouma Latah County Republicans, Secretary