Minutes September 1, 2020

JC Dems Minutes
Sept. 1, 2020
Bomber Mt. Wyoming Room

In Attendance:
Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Bill McIntyre (SCM), Mitch Black and Mary Jo Newton.
Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm and Mary Jo was welcomed as a newcomer to our meetings.

Announcements and Reports:
Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is $2363.58.
Minutes of the Aug. 4th meeting were approved as written.
Greg outlined some of the benefits of using Vote Builder software to gain useful local voter information.

Old Business:

- A motion was made and seconded by Dudley and Jim and passed unanimously: JC Democrats will contact Merav Ben David and Lynette Gray Bull, offering each candidate up to $600 match money to be used toward campaign ads through local media sources. Greg will provide each with a list of local media sources and we will reimburse them based on evidence of their qualifying expenditures.
- Greg will check with state WDP and the candidates to see if there are tools they can provide us for promoting their campaigns (e.g. postcards we can mail out to JC voters listed as Independent or Unaffiliated in an effort to inform them of Dem candidates). Anyone willing to help with this postcard mail out is asked to PLEASE let Greg know asap so he can get cards and wording to you. The cost

for stamps can be paid for by JC Dems.

- Greg explained his first draft of the resolution he offered, in July, to create. Please check the resolution out at the link he provided in a recent email and give feedback to Greg or go ahead and improve the document.
- Greg shared info about the https://iwillvote.com/ website which provides info on voting, specific to residents of each zip code in the US. This is a helpful site to see if you are registered, get info on registering, learning about vote-by-mail or get specifics on voting in person. Jim Shell also suggested making sure the Buffalo Bulletin and Mini publish voting tips provided by the County Clerk.

New Business:
Greg will contact Merav Ben-David to see if she has thoughts she might like to share with the Buffalo Bulletin regarding the front page article in the 8/27/20 Buffalo Bulletin on the Natural Resources Management Plan. Her perspective as a scientist and candidate would be good.

Motion by Bill /Dudley to authorize $15.99 to re-register our JC Dems domain name passed unanimously.

Announcements from the floor:
Lois shared some updates about the Braver Angels activities and meetings.
Bill reported that one of the two mail sorting machines in the Casper USPS sorting facility has been removed.
Next meeting: Tues., Oct. 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm – Bomber Mountain Civic Center-Wyoming Room.

Adjournment: at 8:45.

Minutes August 4, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – August 4, 2020 – Bomber Mt. Wyoming Room

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Bill McIntyre, and Mitch Black.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is $2302.58.

Minutes of July 7th meeting were approved with one correction.

Announcements:
Dawn Barela is a new hire with the WDP and she is keeping WY Dems posted on the upcoming convention.

Old Business: Get out the vote
A letter to the 3 local organizers of the Black Lives Matter march was sent by Greg. No response yet from them about how best to contact and encourage young people to vote in the upcoming election.
100 GOTV post cards provided by Merav Ben-David were sent to WY Dems by members of the JC Dems. After discussing other ways to encourage Dems to vote, Lois agreed to ask Rob Hicks to consider putting an article in the Buffalo Bulletin about current voting regulations and tips on how to make voting easier for all. Jim will talk to Vanessa Vogel about doing something similar in the Mini.

New Business:
We discussed an interest in having names to write in on the Democratic ballots in positions where there is no one registered

to run. Mitch checked with Anita Frances Edington and she is willing to be written in as the District 22 representative, opposing Dave Kinsky. Manna Dudley Case has agreed to be a write-in candidate for the District 40 Rep position, opposite Richard Tass and Barry Crago. So, please consider writing these names in, and be sure to spell their full name correctly on the write-in line.

Greg will try to get voter history and voter registration data from WDP as well as precinct information.

Adjournment: at 8:21.

Next meeting: Tues., Sept 1st, 7 pm – location to be announced later.

Minutes July 7, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – July 7, 2020 – Bomber Mt. Wyoming Room
In Attendance: Greg Haas (P), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Kathy Day, Bill McIntyre, and guests Dem. Candidate for WY State Senator, Nathan Wendt and Jessica Chambers (Wendt Campaign Mgr. and WDP National Committee Woman).
Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm.
Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is $2,070.37 – unchanged since June meeting.
Minutes of June 2nd meeting were approved as written.
Announcements from Chair:

- Greg will help set up computer access to meetings for any needing assistance.

- Greg will be an alternate delegate (via online connection) for Bernie Sanders at the Milwaukee DNC meeting.
- Absentee ballots should have been received by mail by any who applied via Sec. of State.

Nathan Wendt (https://www.wendtforwyoming.com/) VP for Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs, spoke about his background and reasons for running for US Senator. He outlined his Five Big Ideas for Wyoming to Thrive:

1. New jobs, diversifying the economy by supporting renewable energy resources and enticing business to use them. He wants to make WY a leader in Carbon Capture.
2. Affordable health care with an 'all of the above' approach in a bi-partisan effort.
3. Increase of min. wage to $15.
4. Budget planning and simplifying the tax code.
5. Green New Deal in WY – this state should lead in clean energy.

Wants Big Money/Dark Money out of politics through federally funded elections. Wants to get into the legislature, make needed changes and then get out as he is not a career politician. Please contact Nathan or Jessica to set up virtual conversations on the issues.

Old Business:
State Convention Report: Greg, Dudley, and Jim attended. All reported too much time was given to amending the platform. Greg will draft a JC Dems Resolution to submit all suggested platform changes a certain amount of time prior to the convention, and that the final draft simply be voted on at the convention, leaving time to hear candidates.

New Business:
Motion was made by Jim and seconded by Bill to postpone giving

money to candidates until after the primary. Approved unanimously.

100 Postcards and addresses for WY Dems were provided by Merav Ben-David (Dem. candidate for US Senate). We agreed to receive these for distribution to JC Dems interested in supporting the Ben-David campaign, the U.S. Postal Service and helping remind people to vote. Any willing to help in this effort should contact Greg (or the Merav Ben-David campaign) as he may have some extras.

Lois moved, Bill seconded, that JC Dems reach out to recent High School graduates to encourage them to vote. Motion passed unanimously. As a first step, Lois will draft a letter to the leaders of our local Black Lives Matter protest organizers, thanking them for their activism and asking their thoughts on how to best encourage recent High School grads to vote.

We discussed and will decide at the next meeting whether to continue with online meetings or return to face-to- face, considering attendance and cost of both.

Lois reported a conversation with Barry Crago (Republican running for State House) and her support of his candidacy based on his stands on several important issues.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes June 2, 2020

Johnson County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting
Minutes

June 2, 2020 via Zoom video conference

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Mitch Black, Dudley Case, Kathy Day and Dem. Candidate for WY State Senator, Merav Ben David.

Meeting was **called to order at 7:03 pm**.

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is $2,070.37 – unchanged since May meeting.

Minutes of May 5th meeting were approved as written.

Announcements from Chair:

- Greg will help set up Zoom access for any needing assistance.
- Greg was invited to be on the platform and bylaws committee. He accepted and will meet with the committee on June 4 at 6pm. Let him know if you have anything in particular you want mentioned to that committee. He will also attend the State Convention on June 6.
- Anyone who has not yet received the application for absentee balloting from the WY Sec of State should contact Greg or the County Clerk to see if there is something amiss with their voter registration.

Guest:
Merav Ben-David (BenDavid2020.com) spoke about her background as a professor at U of WY, and the reasons she is running for office. Her work within the group Citizen Climate Lobby has helped her develop a vision and the skills to work with legislators on political issues. Her 3-step focus as a legislator will be as follows:

- Rescue – help WY citizens deal with job losses, health care costs, ways to survive financially

- Re-imagine – find ways to use innovative technology to benefit WY – e.g. be ready to service self-driving trucks, develop ways to store energy, etc.
- Re-build – borrowing from the FDR public works roadmap, get people back to work on things that will benefit us in the future.

She will send (to Greg at JC Dems P.O. Box) 100 campaign postcards and addresses of voters in WY. Our members are asked, if we so wish, to write reasons why we support her candidacy and mail them out. (Great way to help her campaign and also support the US Post Office.) Let Greg know if you are interested in helping out.

Old Business:
Discussed the county convention results which are also reflected in the minutes from that convention.

New Business:
Motion to return to face to face meeting on July 7 – Lois moved, Dudley seconded. Passed

Lois spoke about Vote Forward, an effort to send handwritten notes near election time to encourage blue-leaning folks across the country to vote. Lois, Kay M, Joanne T and Mary V are each doing 50 cards so far. Many more sent would be of great help. For more info or to help, contact Lois 684-9160 or go to votefwd.org for more information.

Next meeting: July 7, 2020 at 7 pm – location to be determined
Jim suggested an agenda item for next meeting: Use of the money we have raised to promote candidates or policies.

Adjourned meeting at 8:07

Minutes Convention May 19, 2020

Minutes – JC Dems County Convention – 6pm, Tues., May 19, 2020 via Zoom
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Mary VanAuken, Jim Shell (T), Mitch Black, Suzi Black, Dudley Case, Mikel Carmon, Bill McIntyre, and Fawna Hunt (WDP tech assistant).

Meeting was **called to order** at 6:03 pm.

Meeting **goals**:
Elect delegates to the WY State Delegation
Adopt our county platform
Determine any resolutions to be added from the floor

Greg thanked WDP staff members Sarah Hunt, Fawna Hunt, Erin O'Doherty as well as Ben Rowland for their support in a variety of ways.

Dudley Case (chair of ballot and convention committee) reported there were 8 qualified JC Democrats present and participating in this evening's convention.

JC is allowed 5 delegates to the state convention – and those could be full or half delegates. Lois made a motion to send 5 whole delegates rather than 10 half delegates. Dudley 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Delegates were elected: (number of delegates per candidate determined by votes received.)

4 delegates for Joe Biden – Bill McIntyre, Jim Shell, Dudley Case and Greg Haas. Motion to approve these delegates – Dudley, 2nd by Mary
1 alternate delegate for Joe Biden – Mitch Black – Motion to approve – Dudley, 2nd by Suzi
1 delegate for Bernie Sanders – Mikel Carmon – Motion to approve – Lois, 2nd by Bill

Greg presented the current JC platform and allowed discussion on 3 recommended changes and 2 additions to the existing platform. Mitch made a motion to accept the recommended changes and additions, Dudley 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Greg presented an opportunity to propose amendments to the platform, allowing 1 minute to comment on proposed amendments. No amendments were presented or discussed.

Greg presented an opportunity to propose resolutions. None were shared earlier with the committee and none were proposed from the floor.

State convention will be on Sat., June 6 via Zoom- agenda will be sent to county chairs and delegates.

Next meeting of the JC Dems will be on Tues., June 2nd, 7 pm via Jitsi or Zoom

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Minutes May 5, 2020

Here they are, mostly as submitted. I will make some typo sort of corrections as soon as possible. Busy busy busy. -ed.

JC Dems Minutes – May 5, 2020 via Jitsi video conference
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Mitch Black, Dudley Case, Bill McIntyre

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes of April 7, 2020 meeting were approved as written.
Established that some emails from WDP are not being received by several of the JC Dems officers. Greg will forward them to us in the future.
Greg noted Joe Barbuto's editorial on the success of Mail-in Voting that appeared in the Casper Star Tribune. Good reading!

Greg noted that Merav Ben David is campaigning for US Senate mostly via Facebook

Treasurer's report: Our ending balance for last month was $1916.69. After an anonymous donation of $153.68 via ActBlue, our current balance is $2070.37.

Announcements:
Our county convention is scheduled for May 19th and will be held via GoToMeeting starting at 6pm, with WDP handling the technological aspects of the meeting. The convention will deal specifically with the election of delegates and adoption of the JC Dems Platform.

Deadline for submitting suggested changes to the JC Dems Platform is May 9th.

ALL registered JC Democrats are urged to pre-register for the JC

Dem Convention ASAP – it's easy and only takes a minute of time. The form is available at this online address:

https://form.jotform.com/201086181765153

Jim Shell reported that all unused ballots, envelopes, security sleeves and the ballot box for the mail-in primary were shredded and properly disposed of.

Upcoming meetings:
* Platform Committee will meet online on Sat., May 9. Greg will send specifics soon.
* Johnson County Democratic Convention will be Tues., May 19 starting at 6 pm.
* Next meeting of the JC Dems will be Tues., June 2 – Greg will advise us 1 week prior to the meeting as to whether it will be face-to-face at Bomber Mountain or via the internet.

Adjourned meeting at 7:32pm.

Post Meeting Discussion of County Platform

Discussed suggested changes to the platform submitted by Lois, Jim, and Bill. These and any further suggestions will be discussed at this Saturday's meeting and the revised platform will be shared at the May 19 convention.

Minutes April 7, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – April 7, 2020 via FreeConference.com teleconference call
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T),

Bill McIntyre (SCM), Dudley Case, Mary VanAuken, and Will Cox

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes of Mar 3, 2020 meeting were approved as written.
Greg noted deadline to vote in the Wyoming Presidential Preference Caucus is April 17th.

Treasurer's report: Our ending balance for last month was $2343.69. After donations were added and payments made for 3 newspaper ads, our current balance is $1916.69. There is a donation of $160.00 pledged to help cover the newspaper ads.

Announcements from the Floor:
Greg has received very little info lately from WDP, so doesn't know any specifics on how many voters in this county or statewide participated in the primary to date.

Greg received notification the WDP will host weekly online meetings on Mondays at 7 pm starting April 13th to keep people informed of updates on party messaging. So far, Greg is the only one we know of in Johnson County who received notification of these meetings.

A motion made by Bill McIntyre and seconded by Mary VanAuken to hold our May 5th meeting via the same teleconference set up as this meeting passed unanimously.

Lois announced the organization "Better Angels" changed its name to "Braver Angels" due to copyright issues involving the name. Braver Angels is now holding weekly online debates via ZOOM and Lois is sending out info on topics to those who have expressed interest and provided her with email addresses. Contact Lois for more info on this.

Merav Ben David is still campaigning for Senate here in WY and is asking for donations to her campaign. We may try to set up a

video or teleconference with her at a later date.

Jim Shell suggested we add to the May agenda a discussion of use of our JC Dems money to support candidates. Greg suggested we also discuss fundraising at the May meeting.

Next meeting will be May 5, 2020 at 7pm via tele/video conference.

Adjourned meeting at 7:40

p.s. Some Post Meeting Discussion Topics

Possibility of weekly online meetings on specific topics – perhaps a visit with Merav Ben David for example

Possible plank addition for JC Dems platform in support of formation of a Senior Services District.

Minutes March 3, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – Mar. 3, 2020
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Juanita Bybee, , John O'Laughlin, Kathie Day (SCW), Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Susie Black, Mary VanAuken, Kay McCormick, Will Cox, and Tina Hart.

Meeting was called to order and pledge recited at 7:01 pm. Introductions were made.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of Feb. 4, 2020 meeting were approved.
Treasurer's report: Our corrected ending balance for last month

was $2271.28 and the current balance is $2343.69.

Announcements from the Chair: Greg shared that Johnson County sponsored a table of 8 at the Feb. 22nd Nellie Tayloe Ross Banquet, thanks largely to Bill McIntyre. A great time was had by all.

Two resolutions were passed at the Sunday, Feb. 23rd state caucus – Collective-Bargaining-Resolution in place of 'Right to Work'. The second Tipped-Pay-Resolution, and to instead establish a single minimum wage for WY workers.

Greg showed a sample ballot and envelope and explained where we are currently at with Ranked Choice Voting and ballot mail outs.

The State Convention will be on 6th this year in Powell. Mark your calendars.

Greg asked for a motion to eliminate the Buffalo ballot drop box at the JC Library on March 28. Motion was made and seconded (Will/Kathie). The motion failed.
US Senate Candidate Merav Ben-David would like input on when to visit Johnson County. If anyone can suggest a date in March/April that would provide her good exposure, please share this date with Greg who will be in contact with her.

Announcements from the floor: none

Next meeting: Tues, April 7 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Minutes Feb 4, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – Feb. 4, 2020

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Juanita Bybee, Anita Bybee, John O'Laughlin, Bob Day, Kathie Day (SCW), Bob McDowell, Pat McDowell, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, and guest Lyn Haas

Meeting was called to order and pledge recited at 7:02 pm. Introductions were made.

Reports:
Minutes of Jan. 7, 2020 minutes were approved with one correction
Treasurer's report: We currently have $2,284.28 in our account.

Announcements from the chair:
Greg noted several upcoming training sessions. Dudley offered to list the trainings and get that info out to those who might be interested in attending them.

The Nellie Tayloe Ross Banquet will take place on Feb. 22 in Cheyenne. Bill McIntyre reserved a table at the banquet. If you are interested in being seated at that table, contact Bill – wmcintyre@rtconnect.net asap. For more information, go to https://www.nellietayloeross.com/.

Old Business: The Social Gathering for JC Democrats had nearly 60 people in attendance and provided an opportunity to meet new people and get more people informed and involved.

New Business: Fundraising ideas were discussed – hats, scarves – no motion was made to pursue this. A suggestion was made to sell remaining JC Dems t-shirts at the April 4 caucus.

Announcements from the floor: A free showing of a movie introducing the Better Angels movement – helping depolarize American politics – will take place Wed., Feb. 12 at 7 pm at the JC Library. Members of all political parties are encouraged to attend.

Next meeting: Tues, Mar. 3 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Minutes Jan 7, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – Jan. 7, 2020

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Juanita Bybee, John O'Laughlin, Bob Day, Kathie Day (SCW), Kay McCormick

Meeting was **called to order and pledge recited at 7:00 pm**.

Minutes of Dec. 3 meeting were approved as written.
Treasurer's report: We currently have $2320.23 in our account.

Greg noted the upcoming WDP training session taking place Jan. 11 at 1:30 pm at the JC Library on Rank Choice Voting – the method being used in this year's Democratic Caucus taking place Sat., April 4. All who plan to vote in this year's Democratic Caucus are strongly encouraged to attend the session on January 11. Greg also ran through some key dates on the primary/caucus timeline.

The Nellie Tayloe Ross Banquet will take place on Feb. 22 in Cheyenne. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Go to https://www.nellietayloeross.com/ for more information and to register.

Greg read a letter written by F. Mikel Carmon MA related to the high rate of suicides in WY and the need to change how this issue is dealt with so that positive change will happen. Please contact F. Mikel Carmon at (307) 277-1235 to find out more and support new efforts.

Nick Reynolds, State Politics Reporter for the Casper Star Tribune, has posted an online Legislative Session Survey and is asking people to complete the survey to let him know what questions and issues we, his readers, want our legislators to address and what issues he should cover as a reporter. To take the survey, go to – https://tinyurl.com/CSTSessionSurvey

Old Business: Caucus Committee members Greg and Bill (and any committee newcomers) will meet on Feb. 12 to develop a list of things that must be done in readiness for the Caucus. Volunteers should contact Greg to help decide where to meet. Use the Contact Us Page

New Business: Lois made a motion to have a person available at the Jan. 26th Social Gathering who is able to do voter registration. Kathie seconded. Motion passed. Lois and Bill will try to secure a notary for this purpose.

Lois attended a Better Angels workshop on Dec. 9 in Sheridan. The workshop is online and free to BA members. Membership is $12 and can be accomplished online at https://www.better-angels.org/support-us/#join.

Next meeting: Tues, Feb. 4th at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.