

Minutes March 2, 2021

JC Dems Minutes – March 2, 2021 – Bomber Mt.

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

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

Minutes of the Feb. 2nd meeting were **approved as amended**.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasure reported our current account balances after paying the annual post office box fee and receiving donations.

Old Business:

- * Greg has contacted the WDP and Greybull campaign asking for an account of our \$500 donation to the Greybull campaign; no response on that issue yet.
- * Greg reported that some county parties raise money and award scholarships to graduating HS seniors. He would like the JC Dems to adopt this practice in coming years, awarding on the basis of essays that reflect principles of the Democratic Party.
- * Mitch reported on his efforts to contact Dems in precinct 03-02. Comments from those he was able to reach via phone included an interest in social events for Dems. Also, one person suggested a message to Liz Cheney thanking her for standing up for democracy as related to the 2020 election.
- * Our County Reorganization Meeting is set for March 20 at 10am, and will be conducted via Zoom as per motion by Lois/Dudley – carries. Please be sure to register at <https://jcdemswyo.org/zoom>. Election by County Central Committee

of officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman) will take place at this meeting. Notice of the meeting will be made to the County Clerk (Greg), Buffalo Bulletin (Mitch), and via email and post cards to each registered JC Democrat. Motion to purchase post cards made by Mitch/Jim – carries.

Announcements from the floor:

* Lois reported on the Sheridan County Dems Action Group meeting she attended via Zoom. Good discussion format.

* *HJ0005 (Protecting Wyoming Citizens' Voices)* – a bill proposing an amendment to the US Constitution to allow states to regulate all monies raised and spent for political purposes – is now before our state legislators. Please contact State Rep. Barry Crago (307)267-9789 asking his support for this bill.

* *Medicaid Expansion* – there is now extra incentive for states to expand Medicaid protection for their citizens. Please read the following article and then contact your state legislators in support of this way to actually MAKE money for the state while providing necessary health insurance coverage to all WY citizens.

https://trib.com/opinion/columns/martin-if-congress-offers-wyoming-funding-today-will-we-take-it/article_14d7abf0-a665-5450-8fb0-ab267b98d88d.html

* *JC Dems Forum Luncheon* – Please come! Bill McIntyre invites all JC Dems to lunch at noon on Wed., March 24 at the Bozeman Steak House. This event provides a forum for Dems to meet and chat with other Dems. (Meal purchases, paid by each attendee, help support our local restaurants.)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next meetings:

County Party Elections (Reorganization mtg) Sat., March 20, 2021
at 10am via Zoom
Tues., April 6, 2021, 7 pm – at Bomber Mountain and via ZOOM.

Minutes Feb 2, 2021

JC Dems Minutes – Feb. 2, 2021 – Bomber Mtn. Civic Center

In Attendance:

Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell, (T), and Dudley Case, Sharon Case, and Bill McIntyre with Mitch Black joining the meeting via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Since online meetings may continue for a while, motion was made by Lois to upgrade our Zoom account to a paid version (on a month to month basis) to allow longer meeting time. Seconded by Dudley. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- * Jim reported our current balance.
- * Motion to pay yearly fee for post office box was made by Jim, seconded by Lois, and passed.
- * Jim reported Mark Bentley (307 Radio) had never heard back from the Greybull campaign about providing local ads, so did no ads and received no money. Greg will write to Nina Hebert at WDP to find out how the \$500 sent to Greybull by JC Dems for local ads was spent.
- * Minutes of the Jan. 5 meeting were approved as written.

Announcements from the Chair:

- * Greg shared info on various free training opportunities available through the National Democratic Training Committee,

[Equality State Policy Center](#), and WY Dem. Party. Dudley recommended we participate in the Member Recruitment and Retention of Local Democratic Parties trainings.

Old Business:

* Dudley reported on his contacts with Dems in precinct 04-07. He suggested we need to get email addresses for many more of our party members to improve communication. Those he contacted by phone were helpful in providing topics they would like to see explored by the County Central Committee and guest speakers, and were open to precinct-level social gatherings. Dudley will also contact members in precinct 04-08 and Mitch will contact Dems in precinct 03-02. Mitch will report on his contacts at our March meeting, Dudley will report at our April meeting.

*Continued the ongoing discussion of precinct level involvement. Greg reiterated the structure of the party: Precinct Committee People make up the County Central Committee, who, collectively, elect the officers of the County Party. Without precinct committee people, we're really just skipping the roots, the purpose of the party, really. *[added to minutes when publishing.*

-Greg]

New Business:

Our County Reorganization Meeting is set for March 20 at 10am and will be conducted via Zoom. Election of County Officers, who also comprise the delegation to State Central Committee, will take place at this meeting. Major planning for this event will take place at our March meeting.

Adjournment:

*Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Next meeting:

* Tues., Mar. 2, 7 pm – at Bomber Mountain and via ZOOM.

Minutes January 5, 2021

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Jan. 5, 2021

Bomber Mt. Civic Center Rm 108

In Attendance:

Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell, (T), and Dudley Case.

Meeting was **called to order** at 7:05 pm.

Treasurer's Report Our current balance is \$1593.59

Minutes of the Nov. 4th meeting were approved as amended.

Announcements from the Chair:

- * No one from JC was able to attend WDP's Dec. State Meeting. A resolution which would secure more voter protections was to be discussed at that meeting, but we don't know if it passed.
- * The WDP has invited all the county Chairs to a round table zoom meeting on Jan 26. If there's anything you'd like brought to that table please let Greg know.
- * The WDP makes a podcast and they recently interviewed Greg for an episode on the topic of what JC Dems had done locally in support of statewide candidates. Greg will share the URL for that podcast when it is available. The already complete episodes of the WDP podcasts can be found here:
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1352485>.

Business old and new:

Discussed at length the ongoing efforts of the JC Democrats to

stimulate more input and involvement at the precinct level. We all agreed that we need more involvement from local Democrats as well as safe opportunities for county Dems to talk with one another about political and local issues. Greg proposed several ways to elicit a list of concerns specific to each JC precinct and ideas on how to address those concerns at our monthly meetings. Ideas discussed: social meetings rather than business meetings every other month, more 'Get To Know Your Fellow Dems' potlucks like the one held last Jan., backyard socials (weather permitting) possibly organized by precinct chairs with support from the County Committee, short business meetings followed by monthly guest speakers, calls from the County Committee to a rotating selection of precincts about hyper-local concerns which would highlighted at the following monthly meeting in a targeted precinct report.

Greg and Dudley will develop a proposed short list of questions (2-4 only) to be asked by the County Committee – this list will be brought to the Feb. meeting.

With group meetings a continuing concern due to COVID-19, our Feb. 2nd meeting will be conducted online via zoom. Greg will chair the meeting from Room 108 at Bomber Mountain Civic Center, and anyone who would like help using zoom can join him there. The meeting link will be sent out in the call to meeting notices in hopes that more will participate when offered an online connection via the familiar zoom format.

Jim Shell recommended the book '[On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century](#)' by Timothy Snyder.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting: Tues., Feb. 2, 2021 at 7 pm – tranceiving from Bomber Mountain via zoom. Happy New Year to ALL!

Minutes November 4, 2020

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November 4, 2020

Bomber Mt. Civic Center – Room 102

In Attendance:

Chairman, Secretary, SCM, 1 precinct committeeman and 1 guest.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Announcements and Reports:

- In the Treasurer's Absence, Chairman reported current balance and summarized the past month's transactions.
- Minutes of the Oct 6, 2020 meeting were approved as written.
- Chair and Treasurer will submit report, of our contributions and expenditures from Jan. 2019 to Dec. 2020, to the WY Secretary of State by the Nov. 13 deadline.
- Chair will follow up with the Merav Ben David and Lynette Greybull campaigns, confirming with them the exact amount of our ad contributions to them for the purpose of their reporting.
- Chair shared information about the Slack Coordinated Campaign application used by at least one other JC Dem and many others to contact voters and share candidate information. Works well.

Old Business:

- Floor opened to discussion about “Election Day”, etc.
- Secretary provided an update on WY Promise – progress has been slowed as we all await election results

New Business:

- Motion was made to hold the next JC Dems meeting on Dec. 1st, there was no second.

Announcements from the floor:

- No announcements nor motions from the floor.
- Next month meeting Tues., Jan. 5, 7 pm – Bomber Mountain CC, Room 108.
- Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy holiday season to all.

Adjournment: at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Petersen, Secretary (edited and uploaded by Greg Haas, Chairman)

Minutes October 6, 2020

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October 6, 2020
Bomber Mt. Civic Center – Wyoming Room

In Attendance:

Chairman, Treasurer, SCM, 2 precinct committeemen and committeewomen, 2 others.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Mary Jo agreed to take notes for minutes. Folks introduced themselves. Allegiance to the flag, republic and justice for all was pledged. Chair asked for any motions to alter the agenda. Added followup discussion re: offer to campaigns of ad funding in Johnson County.

Announcements and Reports:

Treasurer's Reported current balance and summarized the past month's transactions. Greg submitted receipts for reimbursement for domain name registration.

Minutes of the Sept 1, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

- Greg has contacted both Ben-David and Grey Bull campaigns regarding offer from last meeting. He updated those present on what he'd learned and the lack of meaningful response and his thoughts about why that may be the case. Some discussion about alternatives took place. Greg will follow up.
- Greg reported on post card sending sessions and letter to the editor class the WDP offered.
- Greg reported on yard signs coming from campaigns over the next several days. He will be communicating via email listserv as that situation develops.
- Greg noted that Grey Bull is offering hand-made campaign masks to the first 100 people who donate \$25 or more. Visit <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/gbmasks>.

New Business:

- Discussion about David Romtvedt as write-in candidate for JCSD1 school board. Nobody in the room had first hand confirmation of his acceptance or current interest in being a write-in candidate. Discussion about use of postcard writing effort to support his candidacy. Further

discussion suggestions about list of addresses and purpose of future postcard round. Another brief meeting will be planned for Wednesday October 14, 2020 to distribute addresses and decide postcard language. Room 108 at 5:00pm.

- Discussion about flags and yard signs. Discussion about Jim's letter to the editor and the events described therein.

Announcements from the floor:

- No announcements nor motions from the floor.
- Postcard meeting Oct. 14 at 5pm in room 108 of Bomber Mtn Civic Center.
- Next month meeting Nov. 4, 2020 at 7pm in room 108 of BMC.

Adjournment: at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Haas, Chairman

Minutes September 1, 2020

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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