

# 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.

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# 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

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# 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

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## **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.

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# 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.

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# 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.**

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# 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](mailto: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.**

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# 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.**

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## **Minutes Dec 3, 2019**

### **JC Dems Minutes – Dec. 3, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre, Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Juanita Bybee, Anita Bybee, John O’Laughlin, Will Cox, John Strandholm , Kay McCormick, and Kathie Day

Meeting was called to order and pledge recited at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made.

Minutes of Nov. 5 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s report: We currently have \$2280.23 in our account.

Greg read a letter from Joe Barbuto suggesting Dems host a social event to reach out to disaffected moderate Republicans. This was discussed and Lois suggested we bring this up again for consideration after the January Social Gathering for JC Dems.

Greg showed a short video explaining run off voting. Sarah Hunt of the WY Dem Party is planning to do a training session on run off voting (the method to be used in our county caucus this

year) from 2-5 pm on either Jan. 11 or 12 here in Buffalo. Kathie Day will reserve the large conference room at the library for this purpose.

Greg called for a motion to form a Primary Election/Caucus Committee whose job it would be to help organize this year's county caucus. Kay made the motion, Jim Shell seconded. The motion passed. Bill McIntyre and Jim Shell volunteered to be on that committee and others interested should contact Greg.

Joanie made a motion to hand address the invitations to the New Year's Gathering of Registered JC Democrats to be held on Sun., Jan. 26 at 1 pm at the JC Library. Mary seconded and the motion passed. Joanie, Mary, Kay, Anita and Juanita volunteered to do the hand addressing. Lois will obtain a current list of names and addresses. A discussion of activities and handouts for the gathering took place and Lois now has a list of suggestions.

Jim Shell made a motion to donate \$100 to Sheridan College with a thank you note for allowing us use of a meeting room at no cost. Lois seconded the motion. It passed.

Lois provided basic information about Better Angels and provided information about an upcoming meeting at Sheridan Hospital's Hospitality Room, 61 Gould, Sheridan on Dec. 9 from 6:30-8 pm.

Next meeting will be Tues, Jan. 7 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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# Minutes Nov. 5th, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Nov. 5, 2019

**In Attendance:** Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre, Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Frank Pratt, Kaye McCormick, Bob Day and Kathie Day

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Started meeting with a phone conversation with Judith da Silva and Kevin Delaney. Kevin is with the National Organization Team for the Elizabeth Warren campaign and Judith is a volunteer organizer. Both are recruiting community leaders and volunteers to help support the Warren campaign. How to get more info from that campaign will be shared via the jc dems email list.

[Oct. 1 minutes](#) were approved as written: (Bill, Kathy)

Treasurer's report: We currently have \$2032.83 in our account.

## **Announcements:**

The state party appointed Jeff Dockter (previously ran for State Auditor) as WDP treasurer.

Greg will show a video about how rank voting works at our next meeting. We will also discuss location and start planning for the upcoming caucus at the Dec. mtg.

Lois proposed setting up a New Year's Gathering of JC Democrats to be held on Sun., Jan. 26 at 1 pm as a way to bring fellow Democrats together to discuss issues, get to know one another and combat the feeling of political isolation. Joanie moved, Mary seconded that we proceed with plans for the gathering. Approved. Motion made/approved (Bill, Kathy) to spend up to \$200 in support of this effort.

Lois spoke about Better Angels and the Sheridan meeting she attended pertaining to this group. She passed out information

about the organization and specifics related to an upcoming workshop scheduled for Nov. 21 in Sheridan. To register for the workshop, please go to: <https://www.better-angels.org/event/depolarizing-within-workshop-sheridan-wy/>

Jim Shell suggested we consider making a donation to Sheridan Community College in appreciation for free use of the classroom for our monthly meetings. Further discussion at our next meeting.

**Next meeting** will be Tues, Dec. 3 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center  
Meeting adjourned at 8:40.