

Benton County General Meeting
March 20, 2019
7:30 PM
Uptown Theater, Richland, WA

Proposed Agenda

Agenda

- 7:30 Call meeting to Order
- 7:30 Approve Agenda (1 min)
- 7:31 Approve minutes of February meeting (1 min)
- 7:32 Caucus vs Primary Delegate Selection Processes follow-on to joint presentation (13 minutes) Discussion limited to motions. After any motion, speakers for and against will alternate, strictly limited to 1 minute.
- 7:45 Chair's report (5 min)
- 7:50 Treasurer's Report (5 min) - Ratify general insurance purchase
- 7:55 Platform & Resolutions Committee -introduction (2 min)
- 7:57 Resolution in Support of State and federal actions to reduce carbon emissions while improving our state's economy (5 min)
- 8:02 Resolution in support of Carbon net-zero electricity in Washington State (5 min)
- 8:07 Resolution in support of increasing zero carbon emission vehicles in Washington State by supporting infrastructure development development costs (5 min)
- 8:12 Elections Committee - Jay Clough (3 min)
- 8:17 Events Committee - Carl Baker (5 min)
- 8:22 Communications Committee - Judi Johannesen (3 min)

8:27 PCO Organization Committee - Allison Dabler (5 min) - Appoint new PCOs

8:32 Old Business (5 min)

8:37 New Business (5 min)

8:42 Good of the Order (5 min)

Minutes:

Called to order by Vice-Chair Stan Moon in absence of the Chair at 7:35 PM

Adoption of the Agenda† MOVED/2ND PASSED

Approval of February Minutes. MOVED/2ND PASSED.

Caucus vs Primary Delegate Selection Process

The acting Chair reminded the body of the rules of debate they just approved in the agenda. Motion to support the Hybrid Primary Caucus system. Seconded. Previous Question was moved. Motion to call the Previous Question passed. The motion to support the Hybrid Primary Caucus System failed. Motion to support the Improved Caucus System. Seconded. Motion carried.

Chair's Report

Nothing to report due to the last-minute absence of the Chair.

Treasurer's Report

Savings were unchanged. We did receive some contributions. We had income of \$160 and expenses of \$244.

The Treasurer informed the body that we were required to purchase insurance in order to use the current facility for this and future meetings. This was not in our approved budget so the Treasurer needs an approval from the body to make this expenditure. It was moved to approve the expense. Motion was seconded and passed.

Platform and Resolutions Committee by Kitty Tominey.

The Committee is requesting some more members to volunteer to help on the committee.

The first resolution we considered was entitled, "Resolution in Support of State and federal actions to reduce carbon emissions while improving our state's economy". Key points of the resolution were read aloud while the full text was displayed on the screen. Some typos were noted and will be corrected without requiring action from the body.

There was a motion to amend and it was seconded. After some discussion, It was moved and seconded to amend line 19 to read, "Enhance energy security and national security". The amendment carried. It was moved and seconded to amend line 16 to read, " Representatives and Senators to support legislation that is demonstrated to accomplish one or more of the following:". The amendment carried. A vote was taken on the resolution as a whole. The resolution was passed.

The next resolution we considered was entitled, "A resolution in support of carbon net-zero electricity in Washington State". Key points of the resolution were read aloud while the full text was displayed on the screen. It was moved and seconded to amend Line 10 to read, "that the Benton County Democrats urge policies which emphasize research and". The amendment carried. It was moved and seconded to change line 3 to read, "reduced economically". The amendment carried. The resolution as amended was passed.

The next resolution we considered was entitled, "A resolution in support of increasing zero carbon emission vehicles in Washington State by supporting infrastructure development costs". Key points of the resolution were read aloud while the full text was displayed on the screen. It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution. It was moved and seconded to amend line 7 to include future unknown technologies. A typo was noted and will be fixed without the need for a vote. The previous question was moved. The previous question carried. The amendment did not pass. The resolution was passed.

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Elections Committee by Jay Clough.

There is no candidate for the 16th LD yet. We will see what develops by the winter. The committee is primarily seeking candidates for local elections this year. Anyone considering a run are urged to contact Jay or other members of the committee.

Events Committee by Carl Baker.

A lessons-learned meeting was held for the Women's March in January.

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We have been invited by the Community in Schools organization to have a table at their fundraising event on May 16. Carl will be out of town on that date so we will need other volunteers to staff that if we choose to do it.

The contract has been signed for our booth at the Benton-Franklin County Fair.

The Agriculture and Rural Caucus has arranged for a tour of the Ice Harbor dam.

The Tri-City Democrats will have a panel on racism on April 12.

Kate Moran spoke about the Nuclear Power Panel to be held during the upcoming State Committee meeting in Pasco. A number of other local party organizations have made donations to support the cost of that. Kate asked the BCDCC for a donation of \$120. It was moved and seconded to make that donation. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

The Norm and Shirley Miller Leadership Award Dinner will be on May 29. Attorney General Bob Ferguson will be our main speaker. It will probably be at the Kennewick Red Lion. More information will be posted on Facebook and the webpage as well as sent out in an email. There will be a silent auction. Wine is suitable as an auction.

Communications Committee. Micki McKinley commented that she would like feedback on the webpage, Facebook, and Twitter. We continue to need volunteers to help us with our social media presence.

Organizing Committee by Allison Dabler.

Allison has built strong Democrat lists for some of our priority precincts. She would like volunteers to call through the lists to make contact with our people and invite them to come to our meetings and participate more as PCO's and other volunteer activities. We need to start building our team for the coming caucuses.

Because of our time limit, we had to skip the agenda items for old business, new business, and good-of-the-order.

There will be an Emerge Campaign meeting in Walla Walla on the 26th through the 28th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.