

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting- May 14th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The LCRCC meeting was held at Christian Life Church 2808 Schaeffer Dr. SW Cedar Rapids

Call to Order 7 pm

Invocation Mark Banowetz (TPUT)

Pledge Logan Mozingo (MV01)

Chairman's Minute LCRCC Chairman Bernie Hayes (CR26), acknowledged Veterans in attendance and recognized them by having them stand and receive applause from attendees. Bernie reflected on the district convention, noting that this was the first time in many years that we filled all our allotted delegate seats. Charlie Thomson, Chelle Adkins and Ben Ellison were all reelected to the SCC. Jayne Uelner was also elected to the SCC as a freshman member. The convention was held in Oelwein and finished ahead of schedule. He noted that the next events on the political calendar are the primary and state convention. He encouraged everyone to participate in the primary. If a gubernatorial candidate is not selected in that election, it will be decided at the state convention.

Rex Meyer (CR38) candidate for Linn Co. D2 Supervisor. Rex announced that he had completed his first week of door knocking. His constituency is made up of a wide variety of voters. Some of the more pertinent issues relayed by the people he spoke to included: water quality, affordability for the youth and strong opinions on both sides regarding the construction of the data centers.

Janice Woerner (CR32) spoke on behalf of her husband Barclay who is running to be the HD79 Representative. A few of his top concerns are: FOIA requests, mental health and human trafficking. She noted that the I-380 corridor is a major hub for human trafficking. He will be having a fundraiser at Seeds on Ellis Blvd. 6/7 4-6pm.

Paul Talley (CR46) candidate for Linn Co. Treasurer. Paul quipped that if Trump can be president at 75, he can be treasurer at 65. He has palm cards for distribution and is looking for volunteers. Paul fielded questions from the members.

Ben Pieper eastern field operator for the Steen Campaign spoke about behalf of the campaign. He emphasized that whatever happens, the goal is to defeat Rob Sand! He highlighted that Adam is not a "politician" and this is his first time running for office. He's having an event at Big Grove 5/20 12-130pm.

Eddie Andrews gubernatorial candidate spoke about his campaign. He noted his roles as husband, father, and co-pastor of a Hispanic Church. He has been married for 40 years with 2 daughters. His family also adopted a young boy. The adoption process helped springboard his involvement in politics after seeing the flaws in our system. Some of his most important issues are mental health and education. He also mentioned that he has won his house seat 3 times in a "blue" district.

Cindy Golding HD83 Rep. Cindy thanked everyone for their participation in filling all seats at the district convention. She then went on to give a summary of the legislative session. She noted some complications with the current GOP leadership in the Iowa senate. She also explained parts of the legislative process, specifically the use of the "Christmas tree bill". This is when the last bill comes up for debate and everyone tries to "hang" something on that bill to get passed. She is strongly against any bill that favors one business over another. She is also still pushing a bill that would require more transparency about the resource usage of the data centers. She is also working with other state legislators in formulating a strategy to navigate resource usage in the event we have a power grid failure or other resource shortages.

Membership Report Jodi Bjerke (TMON2) 63 voting members, 13 voting associates, 12 guests. She also mentioned that she will be coordinating poll watcher training. Reach out to her for details.

Approve Minutes Bernie moved to accept April meeting minutes. Seconded, passed.

Treasurer Report Matt Limbert (MR05) gave an overview of the current budget and noted that there was no significant movement in the finances except our payment to RPI for the district/state delegation.

Bernie Hayes gave a thank you to the Duprees (CR04) for their efforts regarding the county convention.

Public Relations Logan Mazingo asked the committee for volunteers for the county fair, as well as cases of bottled water for the event. They will focus on voter engagement. They will have games and prizes for kids as well. They are also looking into putting together a float for the Freedom Fest Parade to be held in Hiawatha. 15 volunteers would be needed to do so. Reach out to him if interested.

Trish Maloney (CR01) Barb Holub (ROB) spoke about the Rebuilding Liberty class being held before each meeting. Next month will be a potluck event. They asked the members to reach out to them if they would like to receive notifications regarding the class. They also asked members who can navigate the stairs to park in the north (back) lot of the Church. This allows members who have a hard time climbing stairs to use the south lot which is at ground level.

Fundraising Terry Chostner (TTOT) reviewed a Power Point presentation highlighting the upcoming Lincoln Dinner Fundraising event. It will be held at Usher's Ferry, Thursday 8/6 5:30- 8 pm, followed by clean-up until 8:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6. We will have various candidates and speakers in attendance. He also motioned to approve an allocation of \$12,000 to begin coordinating the event. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Legislative Randy Walker (CR03) gave an overview of some of the bills that have passed through the legislature. Specifically: SF273, SF2426, HF2501, HF2523 and SF140. Details of these bills can be found at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/> Next meeting will be at The LCRCC office 6/1 at 6:30 pm.

Announcements

Bernie noted that the next meeting will be held at Christian Life Church, 6/1, beginning at 7 pm. He also reminded the members of the upcoming state convention located at the Horizon Event Center in Clive, 6/13. He also stated that on Friday 6/12 a Sounding Board session to be held from 7:15 - 9:30 PM on the day before the State of Iowa GOP convention where there will be an open forum.

Tanner Richards spoke on behalf of Susan B. Anthony Pro Life America Group. He is the field director. He set up a table in the back for those who want more information. He can be reached at: tanner@sbafieldteam.org. 319-651-5184.

Emma Nemecek (MR08) mentioned an event held by the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition where Senator John Kennedy from Louisiana will be the speaker. See her for details.

Brenda Krause (MR09) reminded everyone of Randy Marzen's campaign. He is running for SD37.

Pass the Hat \$333

Motion to adjourn seconded, passed 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Matthew O'Neal (CR43) LCRCC Secretary