

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting- June 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order 7:01 pm

Invocation Randy Holub (ROB)

Pledge Group

Chairman's Minute LCRCC Chairman Bernie Hayes (CR26), gave an overview of the main priorities guiding the LCRCC and where it's going in the future. A few of the prime directives include; a central committee (CC) that is passionate about electing Republicans throughout the county. A CC that recruits outstanding candidates and supports them on every level. A financially strong CC. A CC that runs effective caucuses broadening the reach of the party. Just to name a few. The ultimate goal is to get Republicans elected. He reminded the group that this will take a lot of work and strong effort from all the committee members. He encouraged members to sign up to work at the county fair booth and the freedom fest parade. Bernie was contacted by Glen Carl who is with the group Humans In Control. He will be visiting next month to discuss a range of topics including AI. He also introduced Jayne Uelner, our most recently elected state central committee (SCC) member.

Jane Uelner Noted that she started her political career door knocking with her mother for Ronald Reagan. Her mother was a delegate to the convention for Reagan. Jane was a delegate for Trump in 2024. She relayed that there is great enthusiasm within the district. She has completed the orientation for new SCC members. One of her goals is to strengthen communication between counties within the district. She intends to send direct reports from SCC meetings to the county chairs. She encouraged members to help their friends get out and vote.

Randy Marzen (MR03) candidate for SD 37. Highlighted the importance of getting our friends and neighbors to get out and vote. He strongly encouraged members to get behind a local candidate and support them.

Bernie mentioned that we will be addressing several proposed changes to the RPI constitution at the upcoming state convention. Speak to an executive if you have any questions about those changes.

Rex Meyer (CR38) candidate for Linn Co. D2 Supervisor. Rex gave an update of the campaign to date. He is waiting for all the data to be released from the primaries to help develop metrics for his campaign. He is also working on gathering as much information as he can regarding the data centers. He expressed thanks to all those who have supported his campaign. Reach out to him if you'd like to help.

Janice Woerner (CR32) spoke on behalf of her husband Barclay who is running to be the HD79 Representative. Currently they are reviewing the numbers from the primary results. They are facing a 3 to 1 ratio regarding D's to R's. They will need all the help they can get to overcome this deficit. They had a successful fundraiser last weekend. They are still looking for help with the campaign. They will be attending the Kolache Festival 6/12 and the Linn Co. Fair.

Paul Talley (CR46) candidate for Linn Co. Treasurer. Paul was not on the primary ballot but will be on the general election ballot. His campaign message focuses on the difference between a manager and a leader. Anyone can be a manager, not everyone can be a leader. He has literature/signs forthcoming and is looking for volunteers to help with his campaign. He has palm cards for distribution.

Cindy Golding HD83 Rep. Cindy reviewed some of the highlights of her campaign. Events include pancake breakfasts, parades and city council meetings. Some city councils are putting her on the agenda instead of just being recognized as a guest speaker. Her newsletter "Under the Golden Dome" is also being published in the Mt. Vernon Sun, a huge breakthrough for a Republican. If you want her newsletter, you must sign up. Part of her job is informing her constituents of what they can do to be proactive within their community. She reviewed details about the proposed new gas plant and data centers. These projects affect all Iowa residents, as they could have the power of eminent domain to run new gas and power lines. She noted that the D's are divided amongst their constituents; as the unions want these projects, but the Sierra Club does not. She also warned against believing the skewed economic development numbers. Those metrics are based on outside money coming into Iowa, not on thriving businesses within our communities. The lifespan of our landfill is also in jeopardy from these projects. Some estimate a reduction in its usability by 7 years.

Membership Report Anne Mellor (CR28) 67 voting members, 17 voting associates, 1 associate, 8 guests. No new members to vote in.

Approve Minutes Bernie moved to accept May meeting minutes. One correction to be noted: Otter Creek Township should have been abbreviated TOTT. Seconded, passed as amended.

Treasurer Report Bernie gave a review of the report for the month ending May 2026, that had been submitted by Treasurer Matt Limbert. No significant changes.

Public Relations Logan Mozingo (MV01) Dean Soenksen (CR13) still need volunteers to work the booth at the fair. Please use Signup Genius. A link is on our website. They thanked all those that brought water. Some ideas for engagement: have a question of the day and also registering people to vote. They encouraged the candidates to be in attendance to engage with voters. They asked for a motion to approve \$500 for expenses pertaining to public outreach. So moved, seconded, passed.

Trish Maloney (CR01) **Barb Holub** (ROB) spoke about the Rebuilding Liberty class being held before each meeting, 5:30-6:30. Current presentations included the history of religious liberty throughout the Republic. They noted that each class is stand alone, continuous attendance is not required. They also played a promotional video for the class. See them to sign up for email notifications.

Fundraising Terry Chostner (TOTT) mentioned that we now have flyers for promotional distribution of the event highlighting details and invited speakers. One of the primary goals is outreach and encouraging not just R's but Independents and disenfranchised D's to participate. Last year tickets to the LCRCC Lincoln Dinner cost \$100 each. This year when you purchase two tickets for \$100 each, you may obtain a third ticket for a person new to LCRCC for free. They have also changed the ticketing vendor, now it does not require a fee for ticket purchases. Amos Dean will be catering.

Legislative Randy Walker (CR03) highlighted the lack of Republican enthusiasm in the Federal Senate to pass the Save America Act. He encouraged members to reach out to our Senators and encourage the removal of Senate leader John Thune. He then gave an overview of some of the bills (HF 2788, HF 571, SF 2231) that have passed through the Iowa legislature. Now that the Iowa legislature is in recess, they will turn their focus on national legislation. He reminded the committee that all politics are local, and if there is anything local that needs to be addressed, let him know.

Bernie recognized **Mike** and **Deb Dupree** (CR04) for their efforts regarding the county convention. Mike rose to thank all those who were instrumental in making it a successful event.

Announcements

Bernie reminded the members of the upcoming state convention located at the Horizon Event Center in Clive, 6/13. Our next meeting will be held at Christian Life Church 7/9, beginning at 7 pm. RPI will be having a Lincoln Dinner honoring Governor Reynolds 7/10 at the Hilton in downtown Des Moines. He has flyers.

Jodi Bjerke (TMON2) thanked everyone who volunteered to poll watch for the primary. The goal was to monitor the information from the voting machines in real time. There were some issues that are being addressed. More training will be forthcoming for the November election. If you were a volunteer for the primary, please give her any information regarding your precinct results. Their next meeting will be 6/22 at 7pm tentatively scheduled at the Goldfinch in Marion.

Brenda Kelly (TWAS) mentioned the freedom trucks that will be traveling the country sponsored by Prager University. They will be in West Branch on 8/7-8 and at the Iowa fair.

An announcement was made that there are visitors in attendance from Fairfax who are willing to share their experiences after the meeting regarding issues with the data centers.

Pass the Hat \$326

Motion to adjourn seconded, passed 8:25 pm.

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