

**Jefferson County Democratic Party - General Membership Meeting DRAFT Minutes
June 18, 2020
Virtual Meeting Platform Zoom**

Board of County Commissioners District 2 Candidate Forum

The Chair welcomed the participants to the Forum for district 2 Board of County Commissioners. Each candidate gave an opening statement. The Chair moderated a question and answer period. The Chair reported that the JCD received a lot of interest from members through questions submitted. The Chair reported that the JCD is considering a second forum for the race. The candidates shared their views, and thanked the JCD for the opportunity to present, and asked for our members' votes.

The Chair called on a representative to speak on Initiative 1776, Jesse Wineberry.

The Chair called the business meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

John Hamilton, Membership Chair, reported that there are 289 members of the JCD eligible to vote on endorsements. Patricia asked for a credentials report. The Chair thanked the Membership Committee and volunteer Rae Dean, who gave the report: 55 members participating in the meeting, a quorum.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the DRAFT minutes of February and May Membership meetings. Alise Moss Vetica moved the approve the draft minutes. M/S/P.

The Chair said the financial report from 2019 is delayed due to the pandemic restricting live access to banks and meetings for the Finance Committee.

The Chair called for a motion to endorse Democratic candidates recommended by the JCD EBoard. A motion is not needed from the floor as the EBoard recommendations is the motion. The EBoard recommends endorsing the following candidates:

State Auditor - Pat (Patrice) McCarthy
Superintendent of Public Instruction - Chris Reykdal
Insurance Commissioner - Mike Kriedler

Bruce Cowan supported all the endorsements. Patricia Jones supported the endorsement of all candidates, especially Superintendent Reykdal with his commitment to address the climate crisis in school funding and our state forests. Connie Gallant asked whether the JCD will consider Gael Tarleton. The Chair reported that the JCD has already endorsed other state office candidates, including Tarleton.

The Chair reported that the WSDCC passed a rule stating that local organizations may meet and vote to endorse candidates either via zoom or email. The Membership Chair reported that there were 42 yeas reporting in via the chat function. The Chair reported that tonight's results are preliminary, that the positive vote must meet the two thirds threshold to endorse. The Chair reported that the results are preliminary while the Membership Committee verifies the results, and the email votes if any are included. The Membership Chair did not receive any no votes. The Chair reported that an average of 112 persons participated in the meeting, over half of

whom were very welcome, but as non-members were not eligible to vote. The internet connection for members of the Membership Committee was not stable. The Membership Chair, John Hamilton, said these are technical challenges with poor connectivity and thanked the members for their patience. John also thanked Rae Deane for helping on Membership Committee and the credentialing.

Good of the Order

The Chair called on Bruce Cowan, Chair of the 24th Legislative District. Bruce reported that the 24th LD will meet on Monday at 6 PM, to consider 14 endorsements, including a few county commissioner races in Clallam. Bruce recommended members look to the meeting announcement on the 24th LD FB page. Bruce will post a link to access the meeting from the FB post. Bruce will send another email to the 24th LD members.

Deborah Pedersen announced the League of women voters / AAUW forum on Tuesday, June 23rd, using Zoom webinar format. You can find the link to the forum on the League's web page. The League is requesting supporters submit questions, different than those asked tonight. They can be submitted in advance and during the meeting.

The Chair called the notice of the JCD members and participants, the significance of the date, when the last slaves were finally freed in Texas, Juneteenth. There will be an acknowledgement of the date and Black Lives Matter at 11:00 at Pope Marine in Port Townsend.

Tony Petrillo called for the motion to adjourn. The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. moved to adjourn. M/S/P 7:49 PM.