

**Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026**

**Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Wangeman at 6:30 pm.

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by Steven Kohtz.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry McCurdy.

**Roll Call; Determination of Quorum**

Stephanie Snarr reported 31 precinct members in attendance, 2 proxies, 10 absent. A quorum was established.

Kathy Thomsen raised a point of inquiry asking the basis used to determine a quorum. Chairman Tom Wangeman read Article II, Section 5C from the TFRCC bylaws adopted on 5/9/16.

**Approval of Agenda**

Cherie Vollmer made a motion to amend the agenda to move the program (item 10) before unfinished business (item 9). Craig Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion to amend was adopted by voice vote. The amended agenda was approved by voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes**

Suzanne Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Steven Kohtz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ruth Pierce gave the treasurer's report. Andrew Mix made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Tom Billington seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved as presented by voice vote.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Program**

Candidates running for federal offices and governor were allowed up to 5 minutes to speak. Speakers were:

Joe Evans, candidate for US Senate  
Mike Mathews, on behalf of Senator Jim Risch  
Jessica Hammond, on behalf of Rep. Mike Simpson  
Dr. Brian Keene, candidate for US House  
Justin Plante, candidate for Idaho Governor  
Shawn Higgins, candidate for US House

## **Unfinished Business**

Chairman Tom Wangeman called for nominations in the Deep Creek Precinct. Marla Sisson nominated Greg Hill. Kathy Thomsen seconded the nomination. Eric Smallwood nominated Bryan Whitmarsh. Elisha Figueroa seconded the nomination.

Kathy Thomsen raised a point of order asking the chairman about bylaw interpretation and quorum determination regarding vacancies. Chairman Tom Wangeman read Article IX - Vacancies excluding section 5 - County Chairpersons and Article II, Section 1B from the TFRCC Bylaws. Kathy Thomsen raised a point of inquiry regarding quorum determination under Article II, Section 5C. The chair ruled the quorum was properly established. Leslie Wolff raised a point of information stating the chair made an error in the quorum requirements last month. Chairman Tom Wangeman ruled the quorum was properly established in accordance with the TFRCC Bylaws and proceeded with the nominating process.

Kathy Thomsen raised a point of clarification asking if Section 5D allowed the executive committee to vote for PC vacancies. Chairman Tom Wangeman restated the TFRCC Bylaw requirements under the Organizing Assembly.

Nominating speeches were given by Marla Sisson and Eric Smallwood. Nominees Greg Hill and Bryan Whitmarsh gave speeches.

Leslie Wolff raised a point of order regarding nominee attendance and read Article IX, Section 4B. Steven Kohtz raised a point of order stating the bylaws do not define how nominees attend the meeting. Chairman Tom Wangeman asked for a voice vote of those in favor of allowing electronic attendance for the nominee. A voice vote was held. Kathy Thomsen called for a roll call vote and the roll call vote was granted by the chair. Suzanne Hawkins raised a point of order regarding who can vote for the PC vacancy and who can vote for the electronic meeting attendance. Kathy Thomsen made a request for information asking the chair to restate the question. Chairman Tom Wangeman restated the question to allow electronic attendance for the nominee. The question was approved by a roll call vote: 27 yes, 6 no, 1 abstain.

At 7:58 pm, Chairman Tom Wangeman noted the scheduled adjournment time of 8:00 pm.

John Brubaker made a motion to extend the meeting time. Alex Reed seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by voice vote, noting 3 nays.

Ballots were distributed to duly elected PCs in the last TF County Republican Primary per the bylaws by roll call to ensure eligibility and accuracy. Grant Loeb and Ruth Pierce served as tellers. Chairman Tom Wangeman announced Bryan Whitmarsh elected as the Deep Creek PC.

Kathy Thomsen raised a point of order asking the chair to announce the vote count. Chairman Tom Wangeman stated the vote count would not be announced following the same procedure previously used by the committee. Kathy Thomsen made a request for information asking the chair to disclose the vote count a second time.

Andrew Mix made a motion to adjourn. Steven Kohtz seconded the motion. Chairman Tom Wangeman restated the motion on the floor.

Kathy Thomsen stated her point of order had to be addressed. Chairman Tom Wangeman ruled the bylaws do not require disclosure of the vote count.

Leslie Wolff raised a point of inquiry regarding bylaw interpretation.

The chair restated the motion on the floor to adjourn. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.