**TWIN FALLLS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**
**MEETING MINUTES**
**September 9, 2026**
**TF County West Annex**
**6:30 PM**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair A. Caval

Invocation was given by Brent Reinke.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Caval.

Roll Call and determination of Quorum (15 for a regular meeting per Art. II, Sec. 6). Roll was called by secretary P. Beard; 32 members were physically present; two proxies were presented. A quorum was verified for regular meetings (15 PCs) and for special meetings to fill a vacancy (23 PCs).

Approval of the agenda was taken up. Casey Swensen moved to amendment the agenda to move item 12 (special speaker/program) to Item 8. The motion was seconded by R. Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously and agenda was amended.

Minutes were previously sent to all members –for both the July 8, 2026 minutes and the May 13, 2026 minutes. Suzy Hawkins moved to approve the minutes and A. Reed seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Ruth Pierce presented the treasurer's report. Discussion on the report occurred. After discussion, W. Bokma moved to approve the treasurer's report and G. Clelland seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

Thereafter, four requests for reimbursements were considered:

A. $200 to A. Caval for items for the fair booth
B. Invoice for signs from state
C. Spend up to $350 on purchase of tent for future events
D. Preliminary budget approval for 22027 Lincoln day

Lucy Wills moved to approve reimbursement for items A&B; Eric Smallwood seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. On items C&D, Leslie Wolff moved to table the items until the next meeting and L. Hartgen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Brian Olmstead (IDWR ) was the evening's presenter. Mr. Olmstead discussed the status of water rights and water availability in southern Idaho.

The next item for consideration was the request to excuse absences. Four requests were made and a report was provided to the body in advance with the reasons provided. W. Bokma moved to approve the requests in bulk and L. Wills seconded the motion. After discussion, the four excusal requests were unanimously approved.

Discussion then turned to old business regarding purchasing Right to Life materials with the $2,000 earmark from the Sherry Marona donation. Chair Caval suggested purchasing the following materials from IDGOP:

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| 1,000 palm cards @ $.10/card | $100.00 |
| 140 yard signs @ $5.00/sign | $700.00 |
| 40 2'x 4' signs @ $20.00/sign | $800.00 |
| 10 4'x8' signs @ $40.00/sign | $400.00 |
| TOTAL | $2,000.00 |

L. Wills moved to spend the $2,000 earmarked funds as suggested by the chair and J. Brubaker seconded the motion. Discussion centered on where materials would be stored, how they would be made available, and whether we should charge for the signs. Determined that Chair Caval would store the materials at her office and they would be available to the public at no charge. During discussion Lance Clow offered to donate an additional $500 for the purchase of additional materials. L. Wills amended her motion to include Lance Clow's donation of $500 for yard signs, and moved to spend $2,500 on Right to Life materials as suggested by the Chair with Lance Clow's donation allocated toward additional yard signs. Gretchen Clelland seconded the amended motion. Motion as amended unanimously approved. Total of $2500 will be spent on Right to Life Materials as suggested by the Chair with an additional 100 yards signs to be purchased.

The next item for consideration was donations to legislative and county candidates running in the November election. The Chair reviewed the races and which ones were contested and which weren't. At the legislative level, five candidates have opponents and at the county level only one candidate has an opponent. The Chair discussed legal limits on contributions by the central committee. The Chair further stated that the Executive Committee had discussed donations and recommended donating $1,000 to candidates with opponents and $500 to candidates without opponents, for a total of $9,000 in donations by the central committee. L. Hartgen moved that the body donate $1,000 to candidates with opponents and $500 to candidates without opponents as recommended by the executive committee. C. Critchfield seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion occurred. After discussion, and pursuant to a roll call vote as requested by L. Wolff, the

for those candidates without opponents. Total of $9,000 proposed. Linda Hartgen moved that the body follow the executive committee's recommendations. Carla Critchfield seconded the motion. Chair Caval called for discussion of the motion. The membership discussed the merits of the donations. L. Wolff called for a roll call vote.

The result of the roll call vote was: **30 Yes, 9 No, and 5 abstentions**. The motion passed. Attached to these minutes is the roll call vote.

After the roll call vote, C. Vollmer moved to postpone the adjournment time until after the special election and move all other agenda items to the next meeting. L. Wills seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lastly, the body took up the matter of filling the vacancy for filling precinct Twin Falls 15 which requires a special meeting. Notice was previously provided that the special meeting would be held today and the roll call at the beginning of the meeting established that a quorum for the special meeting existed.

Chair Caval then turned control of the meeting over to the vice chair Gretchen Clelland and stepped down from the head table because she intended to participate in the election as precinct committee person. Vice Chair Clelland opened the floor for nominations. L. Wills nominated Larry Barksdale to fill the TF 15 vacancy and E. Smallwood seconded the nomination. Vice Chair Clelland called for additional nominations from the floor. No other candidates were nominated. L. Wolff called a point of order on bylaw requirements. Vice Chair Clelland then asked Larry

Gretchen opened the floor for nominations.

Lucy Wills nominated Larry Barksdale who was present at the meeting. Eric Smallwood seconded. Vice Chair Clelland called for additional nominations. No other candidates were nominated. L. Wolff called a point of order. Vice Chair Clelland asked questions about his qualifications and determined that Mr. Barksdale was a qualified elector of Twin Falls County, a registered Republican, and living within precinct TF 15. Additionally, Mr. Barksdale had brought and distributed a resume.

Mr. Barksdale gave a short speech and then stood for questions. L. Wolff questioned Mr. Barksdale and Mr. Barksdale answered the questions. T. Billington voiced objection to L. Wolff's questions. The Vice Chair called for a voice vote affirming Mr. Barksdale's election as the new TF 15 precinct committeeman.

The next meeting will be October 14, 2026.

After the election was concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

**DATE: 9/9/2026**

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| | | | Vote 1 | | | Vote 2 | | | Vote 3 | | | Vote 4 | | |
| **Precinct** | **First** | **Last** | **Yes** | **No** | **Abstain** | **Yes** | **No** | **Abs.** | **Yes** | **No** | **Abs.** | **Yes** | **No** | **Abs.** |
| **Buhl 1** | Kathy | Thomsen | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Buhl 2** | Sol | Culbertson | | X | (proxy) | | | | | | | | | |
| **Buhl 3** | Rick | Pearson | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Buhl 4** | Carla | Critchfield | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Buhl 5** | Marla | Sisson | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Castleford** | John | Brubaker | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Deep Creek** | Gregory | Hill | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Filer 1** | Melissa | Berry | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Filer 2** | Mike | Jensen | | X | (proxy) | | | | | | | | | |
| **Filer 3** | Gary | Davis | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Hansen** | Tyler | Baily | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Hollister** | James (Jim) | Lanting | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Kimberly 1** | Chenele | Dixon | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Kimberly 2** | Kenneth | Mencl | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Kimberly 3** | Sarah | Bacon | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Kimberly 4** | Dan | Shewmaker | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Maroa** | Alex | Reed | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Murtaugh** | Chancey | Perkins | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 1** | Connie | Smith | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 2** | Eric | Smallwood | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 3** | Dan | Lewin | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 4** | Brian | Rice | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 5** | Jason | Brown | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 6** | Casey | Swensen | | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 7** | Josh | Callen | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 8** | Cherie | Vollmer | | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 9** | Mike | Mathews | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 10** | Ray | Parrish | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 11** | Lucy | Wills | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 12** | Terry | McCurdy | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 13** | Curtis | Silvester | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 14** | Leslie | Wolff | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 15** | vacant for this vote | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 16** | Jill | Sweesy | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 17** | Deneice | Carter | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 18** | Christopher | Reid | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 19** | Linda | Hartgen | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 20** | Suzanne | Hawkins | | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 21** | Jim | Stevens | | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 22** | Craig | Hawkins | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 23** | Chance | Requa | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 24** | Alex | Caval | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 25** | William | Bokma | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Twin Falls 26** | Tom | Billington | X | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **Position** | **First** | **Last** | **Vote 1** | | | **Vote 2** | | | **Vote 3** | | | **Vote 4** | | |
| Vice Chair | Gretchen | Clelland | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Treasure | Ruth | Pierce | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secretary | Phyllis | Beard | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Com. Man | Brad | Wills | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Com. Woman | Teresa | Tverdy | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. Com. Youth | ~~Chance~~ | ~~Requa *~~ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Director 1 | JD | Gould | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Director 2 | Scott | Tverdy | | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Director 3 | Eliza | Hansen | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Director 4 | Larry | Barksdale | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Director 5 | Kiel | Willmore | absent | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chairwoman | ~~Alex~~ | ~~Caval *~~ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | **30** | **9** | **5** | | | | | | | | | |

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| In Favor: | 30 | the greatest number; majority not required by Art 2, Sec 6(D) |
| Against: | 9 | |
| Abstain: | 5 | |
| Total Voting: | 44 | |