

53 total in attendance

- I. Call to Order
- II. Prayer
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Introductions of Executive Committee
 - a. Cole, Dennis, Holand, Kim, Laura
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Corrections
 - i. Names and spelling
 1. Dan Murphy changed to Pat Murphy
 2. Greg Cottrell
 3. Voice vote opposed noted twice.
 - b. Motion by Terry Starkey to approve minutes
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion carries.
- VI. Treasury Report
 - a. Zero balance from previous meeting
 - b. No receipts, payments made prior to meeting are being tallied
 - c. Bob Horab with McCody Concrete donated venue for meeting, thank you.
 - d. Current balance= \$180.00, pending payments through Paypal,
 - e. Motion made to approve treasury report by Holand Neubauer

- i. Terry Starke, seconded
- ii. Motion carries.

VII. Guest Presentations

- a. All five candidates for School Board, one seat open, each get 5 minute speech
 - i. Ryan Park: Not native to ND, from Spokane WA, rural community on outskirts, 2000 joined army and served overseas, was intelligence agent, meet with locals and gain their trust, learn from them what they need from us, exited army in 2004, served in Afghanistan, Iraq. 2003 injured by IED in Bagdad. Tried going to college upon return but didn't stay. 2008 Start WA State, graduated in Political Science in 2013.. Has son that is 4 years, old. Would be best to get involved for himself and his son. Decided that he wanted to run. Currently, works for ProIT, local small business. Enjoys assisting small businesses in the area. Bob Horab asks if he can help with the mics, he says he is a sales man. Crowd ask how long he has been here, he moved here in 2014.
 - ii. Paul Sanis: Thanks Cole for opportunity. From Bozeman, moved here in 2012, has worked as shift manager for cashwise, then county, currently works at district 7, running for our kids and teachers than need all the help that they can get right now. Kids are number 1 priority. Son is 5 and will be going to Lewis and Clark this

year. Want kids to grow and prosper with the right tools. Teacher need our help right now. If elected, will focus on retention of teachers and students so they will grow with us. Do you have time to be on school board? Of course, I do, would need to resign if elected. Will go into oilfield to drive. Schools and teachers need to come first bottom line. Asked what he does for D7? He is in maintenance and custodial arts. Are you against anything being in the school? Not against anything as long as it pertains to learning.

- iii. John Griner- Saw the flyer and better half that handed it out. She joked about handing it to other school board candidates. I've been an adult educator in Williston for 10 years, entire career. Believes in change. Worked with toughest minded here in Williston. Many of those are parents of students. Own and operate safety and chemical manufacturing system. Jokes about Bob leaving and him living here. Who should be in charge of student's education? State? No from crowd. Superintendent? School Board? No. Parents chanted from crowd. Who is in charge of the education now? Federal Govt, Teachers Union, Governor, National group that's are militant. The challenge with that is that anyone who decides how our kids are educated, their information is shared with these national interest groups. DPI shouldn't be writing curriculum. What should we be teaching? Should be the basics, math, science,

English, not fringe programs. If those worked, shine things at who they are funded by and the state at large. Ranking and funding, our schools are ranking at the bottom (statistics provided). 19% math proficiency, reading 32%. School boards job is to manage money, what we fund and who we fund, but that cannot be the sole priority, we cant sacrifice our kids attention for special interest groups. Who should be responsible for building that schools? Qualified contractors (jokes), funding is related to the school, state article 8 section 2 that state should be responsible for funding facilities, we don't need to be putting the schools on local property tax.

Constitution is very strong. Probably on ly 25% of that is being followed. Why aren't we using the trust money for school? Special interest groups are getting in the way of that, 1 of 4 kids drop out before graduation.

- iv. Ida Perky- I'm running because I've been thinking about it for years but had to wait 4h gen educator, 16 yr old going to Williston, dragged husband up here 10 years ago for education. Likes the schools up here. About 20% or 1/3 is connected to D7. Strong business presence on the board. Do not need another business person on board. 36 duties specified in Century Code. Biology required by century code along with principles of govt, another duty is recruitment, we are short 16 teachers, classes now 35-36/ class

over fire code. Need CTE teachers, school district doesn't follow plans that are in place. School Board helps hire and dismiss teachers, shouldn't receive money to dismiss teachers. School board needs to put kids first. Kids are not getting the support they need. Last part is money, hard part is that we do not have transparency, the audit from 2 years ago was very difficult to find on the web, another audit starting. Goal is transparency and supporting students and teachers. Want to get away from federal funding, Are you in favor of Common Core? District 1 was supposed to get rid of CC 4 years ago, but still following because need new textbooks. D7 is still very much 2 separate districts.

- v. Chris Walstad- Proud 1981 graduate of WHS, Williston Native. Moved back in 2010 and sought ways to get involved in schools. Wife Robin with him and has been married 34 years, recently obtained substitute license to serve our community. WHS was for a long time the center of our community geographically, would love for the school system to be the hub for the community despite moving out of the center of town. Was on school board for a more rural school district in Glen Ullin, merged two sports rivals, that brought heat, but we got through it. Learned early on that most important possessions are money and kids. Was pastor of church, was also school board, had to make difficult decisions, bring out the

elephant, reputation of talking about the most difficult issues, one board member doesn't turn the room around, they must collaborate, we want educators to be able to educate, need to produce talented well-educated students and have a reputation for that resource as well. How would you disguise the elephant in the room in the way of children's information that is being shared? Just state the facts, why do you ask? Warfare curriculum has gone beyond that and things have changed a lot since you were on School board in Glen Ullin, questioners says he likes Chris, but need someone to fight for our children. We face the same common core, refused to sell our school to common core that. Dennis asks question about creating law for ND to refuse to accept federal funding? Money is attached to emotion more that wisdom, money and emotions are tied together quite tightly.

- b. Chairman Cole - thank you and lots of great questions, more discussion needs to happen.
- c. Gorek- small group wants to start chapter
 - 1. Nice to see people coming together for common cause.
Gathered together Sons of Liberty in their district strong with good conservative people. Sons of Liberty had to come together to get that done. During Trump election, voting strategy kept changing with expanding timeline to cheat and

steal, people can do that, proven by Biden election. People come into gun shop with heads hung low, they do not want to give up guns. Must take the fight to them, the gov't will not bring the fight to them. As a people we can fight this, that's why we started sons of liberty to get in our district and get people to know and inspire them to make change because together as a people we can make a change, but it will take all of us to do it. Our country has been going doing a bad path and we need to turn this thing around. Our beliefs are what the original republican party are. Under god's law, that is what we believe in. everyone must stand up and do what they believe in. Are there plans to start Williston chapter? We have several senators who want to start one, we want to start one everywhere we can. With SOL we can change ND. Come talk to us in the back.

VIII. Delegate Nominations/Election

- a. List of people here with dues and membership
 - i. Cole reads list of delegates.
 1. Motion to nominate all of these people as list is read.
 2. Crowd member question
 3. Bob Horab makes motion to accept list
 - a. Dennis Nehring seconded

b. Motion carries.

ii. Any other nominations?

1. Brittney Kratochvil asks if Nicos Rios is on list?

a. Chairman Cole replies yes

2. Kim Wilson makes first motion, Dennis second

b. Per state guidelines, delegates must be approved by committee. If you know anyone else, please have them contact us.

IX. New Business

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X. State-Wide Candidates Presentations

a. Tom Powers is resident of district one, got a call late yesterday from John Hoeven would had D23 residents reach out to come speak but he has other meeting. He had known Hoeven, Sherri Buck is in the back and on his team, she has his record. He has worked as governor and senator to protect our industry and interest. Tirelessly fought for our oil industry, our values and way of life are being threatened in DC. He fought tax on energy industries. He fought hard for ag to fight China trade wars and fight floods. We have good farmers in D23, farm bill and crop insurance is important for them. Sen. Hoeven will never vote against crop insurance. Strongest voice in DC for our farmers including the crop insurance

program. Need to get judges, Hoeven helped appoint 3 high quality justices. Takes nothing for granted and care deeply about your family. Lives and votes conservative values. Hoeven is a true conservative. Has same voting record as Kramer. Kramer and Armstrong both support Hoeven. Voted together on 2nd amendment, prolife, and other bills. Not about ratings, it's about supporting senator Hoeven. Questions from crowd:

- i. What is Hoeven doing about closing southern border? He is fighting hard for it but only so much you can do when liberals are in control. The only way to change this is to show up at the polls and vote for our conservatives. Crowd says Rick Becker doesn't want to abolish crop insurance? Becker doesn't want to eliminate crop insurance and neither does Hoeven.
- ii. What did Sen Cramer and Hoeven do about the election fraud? If ND so strong, how could they certify that election when other states said they were going to stop counting. What was Hoeven doing when he certifies that election? Must be able to come to an agreement in Washington, Hoeven wanted to get things settled.
- iii. Brittney says, he has been in office for 14 years longer than I have been alive. Crowd claps. Why not have term limits? Seniority means a lot the way our system works and power is given to him because he has been on lots of committees. Sherri steps in, we

appreciate the questions, but we are hearing some misinformation. Speaks to Brittney, Sen. Has worked hard for North Dakota for a long time, wisdom and seniority are a good thing, but not all states have term limits, it takes away power in ND by leaving after 2 terms. There are 2 states that can store CO2, and Hoeven saw that we needed to be able to do this and started it here and now we are one of two states that can do this, which helps workers and family. She appreciates those that are looking for another direction. He is a good man, knows of his frustrations going to the border, very frustrated with that. But when you have 50 senators on both sides and a VP that breaks the vote we are in a bad position. Sen. Hoeven is working hard for you every single day. We are happy to help in any way we can.

- iv. Bob Horab: On term limits, congress as a whole will not vote in term limits, so as general public can there be a national petition for term limits? Until then what can be done is convention of states and all agree that need to be done.
- v. Is the CO2 coming from coal plants? It is coming from pipeline in Nebraska, Hoeven believes in taking care oof the planet. Pipeline picks up CO2, crowd hasn't heard of it before.
- vi. Senate is split, why would he vote for 3 trillion dollar infastructure bill? He supported it because, part of 500 billion dollar highway bill

that needed to be refunded. Senator Hoeven felt it would help our state with bridges and roadways and pipelines that residents need, legislature will determine where the funding goes. He was approached by other senators that were more liberal that did not want to vote for the green new deal but wanted to be able to support infrastructure and wanted a place to go for that funding. The other bill was able to be stopped, it gave senators to still help w/o passing the green new deal. Hoeven works in a bi-partisan way. There are always things in bills that we do not like, but we need to move forward. He has put together a bill for USPS, they are not the same as they used to be, do not need to come every day, need to ensure residents get consistent USPS service.

- b. Gerald Gorek to read on behalf of Rick Becker, Brian Kroshus is on the way. Dear D23, sorry is can't be here in person but encourage you to call or email anytime. I am opposite of career politician. Has made an impact in last 10 years in service banned vaccine passports, few issues I'll stand firm on is spending, we are in crisis of debt, need to take first step to stop spending spree, highway bill added to deficit, #2 Pro-life #3 Code tyranny, govt has interfered with our daily life, every federal mandate and restriction should be removed, Fauchi needs to be fired and tired. #4 Term limits, politicians need to follow term limit rule #5 Federal crop insurance reform- makes farmers pay more, helps bankers, saves tax payers from

abuse, we are at a critical breaking point in nation, need to send ppl who are not afraid to shake things up and go out on limb and help. Hoeven and I have dramatically different philosophy visit RickBecker2022.com to check the scores and different assessments for yourselves. Reader jokes about not being good at taking questions.

- c. Cole calls for any other state candidates
- d. Asks again if there is any new business.
- e. Holand makes motion to adjourn, Terry Starkey seconds, All say Aye,
 - i. Motion carries.

XI. Adjournment.