

LAKE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Meeting of April 3, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chair Becky Curry in Lakeport, CA. Roll Call was taken by Becky Curry as Secretary Wanda Quitquit arrived late to the meeting.

Voting Members Present: District 1: J. Flato, W. Flato, R. Green, W. Harris. District 2: L. Baron, S. Howland, B. Manners, H. Riley. District 3: J. Evans, W. Quitquit, L. Rigod. District 4: L. Acosta, M. Harris. District 5: B. Curry, A. Esutoki, H. Luia. Club Rep (LCDC): P. Mune. Ex-Officio Alternates: J. Conard (Yamada)

Voting Members Absent: District 1: Jennifer Popovich; Ex-Officio Alternates: J. Swetnam (Garamendi); S. Grayhorse (Thompson); Club Rep (LCSDC) Essie Coons

Associate Members: Tom Harty; Ed Robey; Frank Rivero;

Guests: Mike Dunlap; Peter Windrem; Mark Currier; Jeff Smith; Suzanne Lyons; William Graham; Lolita Adrien; Nancy Currier; Andre Ross; Jim McDole; Jane Renner; Alan Ascarda

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was amended under Committee Reports to switch reports: 1) Finance, 2) Voter Registration, 3) Issues, 4) Elections. Agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of March 13, 2014 Minutes: Corrections: 1) Wanda Harris awarded volunteer of the year. 2) Date added to 2014 Candidate Event (April 27, 2014). 3) Annual BBQ is Sunday, October 5. Minutes were approved as amended.

Legislator's Reports

Congress Member Mike Thompson – No report.
Congress Member John Garamendi – No report – see website.
Senator Noreen Evans – No report.
Assembly Member Yamada – Judy Conard gave a report – see website.

Club Reports

Lake County Democratic Club: Paula reported on the March 15 meeting. Speakers were Supervisorial Candidates Jeff Smith, D2 and Herb Gura, D3. Balance on hand is \$10,804.

Speakers at next meeting are Ron Green and Jeri Spittler. Next meeting is April 12 in Lower Lake.

Stonewall Club: No report. Next meeting is Monday, April 28 at United Methodist Church, Clearlake Oaks. Potluck at 6:30; meeting starts at 7 pm.

Officer's Report

Chair: Becky thanked everyone who helped at Thompson's Ravioli Feed; she will attend the NB Labor Council on Monday, April 7 for local candidate interviews at the El Grande. Insurance has been paid for the year – Democratic Club has paid; Stonewall Club is due.

Treasurer: James reported that the Dessert Auction netted \$345. Balance on hand is \$7,535.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance: James reported 29 new members toward the goal of 50 new members.

Voter Registration: Booth will be held at the Lower Lake Memorial Day event. A. Estuoki added to the Fair booth committee.

Issues: Ballot Measures: Shirley reported that the committee met on March 31 and made the following recommendations:

Yes on Measure L – Lake Measure for one-half cent tax.

Yes on the Statewide Health Initiative.

Issues committee voted to pull Measure N; await more acceptable plan.

Recommendations by the Committee were accepted. Discussion on No on Measure N to follow.

No on Measure N. Becky invited supervisory candidates, club reps, legislative reps, guests and associate members to speak. Time allotted: 3 minutes to speak; and 3 minutes to read written statements by others.

Wanda Harris stated her objection to non-members and associate members having precedence in speaking over voting members and explained that non-voting members could only have the floor if no voting member wished to speak. She question giving six minutes to each attendee and inquired as to how those members with prepared statements to read were notified that that was acceptable and why all members were not also notified.

There was discussion and objection to reading written statements by others since no other committee members were notified that written statements by others (constituents) was allowable; objection was that only certain people in the meeting had written statements and they were being given allotted time to read them-- giving one person six minutes total.

Ron Green read a written statement; objection was raised when Ron tried an additional three minutes to speak. After discussion, Ron raised the following motion.

MOTION: It was moved by R. Green, and seconded, that each speaker be given three minutes to give an oral statement, and three minutes to read a written statement by others. Vote: Yes – 6; Nos – 9. Motion failed.

It was recommended by Peter Windrem that the Committee take no position on endorsing No on Measure N.

Wanda Harris moved that a roll call vote be taken (each member’s name would be called and voice their vote verbally) and asked to speak to the motion.

MOTION: It was moved by W. Harris, and seconded, that a Roll Call vote be taken that the Committee take no position on the No on Measure N. Roll Call Vote: Yes – 10; Nos – 7; Abstentions - 1. Motion was approved.

No on Measure N

<u>Member Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes on Endorsement</u>	<u>No Endorsement</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Johnnie Flato		No	
Will Flato		No	
Wanda Harris		No	
Jennifer Popovich – Absent			
Ron Green	Yes		
Larry Baron		No	
Shirley Howland		No	
Bill Manners		No	
Harold Riley	Yes		
Louis Rigod	Yes		
James Evans	yes		
Wanda Quitiquit			Abstain
Luisa Acosta		No	
Moira Harris		No	
Becky Curry	Yes		
Adckinjo Estuoki		No	
Paula Mune		No	
Sunol Grayhorse - Absent			
Joy Swetnam - Absent			
Judy Conard	Yes		
Holly Luia	Yes		
TOTAL	7	10	1

Measure L

<u>Member Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes on Endorsement</u>	<u>No Endorsement</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Johnnie Flato	Yes		
Will Flato	Yes		
Wanda Harris	Yes		
Jennifer Popovich – Absent			
Ron Green	Yes		
Larry Baron	Yes		
Shirley Howland	Yes		
Bill Manners	Yes		
Harold Riley	Yes		
Louis Rigod	Yes		
James Evans		No	
Wanda Quitiquit	Yes		
Luisa Acosta	yes		
Moira Harris	Yes		
Becky Curry	Yes		
Adckinjo Estuoki	Yes		
Paula Mune	Yes		
Sunol Grayhorse – Absent			
Joy Swetnam - Absent			
Judy Conard	Yes		
Holly Liu	Yes		
TOTAL	17 Yes	1	0

Health Initiative Vote: Vote was unanimous. Endorsement passed.

Elections - Candidate Endorsements

It was recommended by the Committee to endorse all candidates as one slate. There was objection to this recommendation as some members felt that each candidate should be voted upon individually.

Jeri Spittler, Supervisor D2
Herb Gura, Supervisor D3
Sorhna Li-Jordan, County Assessor

Don Anderson, District Attorney
Frank Rivero, Sheriff

MOTION: It was moved by W. Harris, and seconded, that each candidate be discussed and voted on seriatim (one at a time) whether to endorse or not to endorse. Motion was passed.

The Chair asked that all candidates who were present to leave the meeting before the committee voted on candidate endorsements. The Secretary was asked to take a Roll Call vote on each candidate.

Candidate

Don Anderson, District Attorney

<u>Member Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes on Endorsement</u>	<u>No Endorsement</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Johnnie Flato		No	
Will Flato		No	
Wanda Harris		No	
Jennifer Popovich – Absent			
Ron Green			Abstain
Larry Baron		No	
Shirley Howland		No	
Bill Manners		No	
Harold Riley		No	
Louis Rigod		No	
James Evans		No	
Wanda Quitiquit		No	
Luisa Acosta		No	
Maira Harris		No	
Becky Curry		No	
Adckinjo Estuoki		No	
Paula Mune	Yes		
Sunol Grayhorse – Absent			
Joy Swetnam - Absent			
Judy Conard			Abstain
Holly Luia			Abstain
TOTAL	1	14	3

Candidate

Frank Rivero, Sheriff

<u>Member Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes on Endorsement</u>	<u>No Endorsement</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Johnnie Flato	Yes		
Will Flato	Yes		
Wanda Harris	Yes		
Jennifer Popovich – Absent			
Ron Green		No	
Larry Baron	Yes		
Shirley Howland	Yes		
Bill Manners	Yes		
Harold Riley	Yes		
Louis Rigod		No	
James Evans	Yes		
Wanda Quitiquit	Yes		
Luisa Acosta	Yes		
Moira Harris	Yes		
Becky Curry		No	
Adckinjo Estuoki		No	
Paula Mune	Yes		
Sunol Grayhorse – Absent			
Joy Swetnam - Absent			
Judy Conard		No	
Holly Luia		No	
TOTAL	12	6	0

Candidate

Jeri Spittler, Supervisor D2

<u>Member Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes on Endorsement</u>	<u>No Endorsement</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Johnnie Flato			Abstain
Will Flato	Yes		
Wanda Harris	Yes		
Jennifer Popovich –Absent			
Ron Green	Yes		
Larry Baron	Yes		
Shirley Howland	Yes		
Bill Manners	Yes		
Harold Riley	Yes		
Louis Rigod	Yes		
James Evans	Yes		
Wanda Quitiquit	Yes		
Luisa Acosta	Yes		
Moira Harris	Yes		
Becky Curry	Yes		
Adckinjo Estuoki	Yes		
Paula Mune			Abstain
Sunol Grayhorse –Absent			
Joy Swetnam - Absent			
Judy Conard			Abstain
Holly Luia	Yes		
TOTAL	15	0	3

Candidate

Herb Gura; Supervisor D3

<u>Member Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes on Endorsement</u>	<u>No Endorsement</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Johnnie Flato	Yes		
Will Flato	Yes		
Wanda Harris – Absent			
Jennifer Popovich – Absent			
Ron Green	Yes		
Larry Baron	Yes		
Shirley Howland	Yes		
Bill Manners	Yes		
Harold Riley	Yes		
Louis Rigod	Yes		
James Evans	Yes		
Wanda Quitiquit	Yes		
Luisa Acosta - Absent			
Moirra Harris			Abstain
Becky Curry	Yes		
Adckinjo Estuoki	Yes		
Paula Mune			Abstain
Sunol Grayhorse – Absent			
Joy Swetnam - Absent			
Judy Conard			Abstain
Holly Luia	Yes		
TOTAL	13	0	3

Candidate

Sorhna Li-Jordan, County Assessor

<u>Member Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Yes on Endorsement</u>	<u>No Endorsement</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Johnnie Flato	Yes		
Will Flato	Yes		
Wanda Harris – Absent			
Jennifer Popovich – Absent			
Ron Green	Yes		
Larry Baron	Yes		
Shirley Howland	Yes		
Bill Manners	Yes		
Harold Riley	Yes		
Louis Rigod	Yes		
James Evans	Yes		
Wanda Quitiquit		No	
Luisa Acosta	Yes		
Moira Harris		No	
Becky Curry	Yes		
Adckinjo Estuoki	Yes		
Paula Mune			Abstain
Sunol Grayhorse – Absent			
Joy Swetnam - Absent			
Judy Conard			Abstain
Holly Luia	Yes		
TOTAL	13	2	2

On Going Business

2014 Democratic Candidate Event: Date is Sunday, April 27 at the Sons of Italy in Nice. This is a fundraiser; cost is \$20 per person. A press release will go out soon. Luisa volunteered a PA system.

Annual BBQ: Date is Sunday, October 4, Clearlake Senior Center. Will Flato and Richard East will barbecue the meat. The insurance and rental payment will be taken care of next week.

New Business: None.

Announcements were made and meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Signed:

Wanda A. Quitiquit, Secretary

Amendment to April 3, 2014 Minutes.

Since the body did not accept the election committee's recommendations, contribution votes had to be voted on as separate motions.

An electronic vote to make contributions to each of the endorsed candidates was sent out, by the chair, April 6 and asked for return on April 13. The tally below was recorded by the chair as votes came in, so they are not alphabetical

Four motions were made:

Endorsement votes to motion:

Our bylaws allow us the provision to vote electronically (Standing Rule L)

- James Evans has made this motion:

Because the Committee did not approve the recommendation of the Elections Committee the contributions to endorsed candidates was also not approved. Therefore I move that the Committee contribute \$500 to the Gura for Supervisor Campaign
2nd Ron Green

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James Evans has made this motion:

Because the Committee did not approve the recommendation of the Elections Committee the contributions to endorsed candidates was also not approved. Therefore I move that the Committee contribute \$500 to the Sorhna Jordan's Lake County Assessor/Recorder campaign
Second and yes for Sorhna Jordan
Shirley Howland

- Our bylaws allow us the provision to vote electronically (Standing Rule L)

James Evans has made this motion:

Because the Committee did not approve the recommendation of the Elections Committee the contributions to endorsed candidates was also not approved. Therefore I move that the Committee contribute \$500 to the Jeri Spittler's Supervisor Campaign.
Second – Wanda Harris

- Our bylaws allow us the provision to vote electronically (Standing Rule L)

James Evans has made this motion:

Because the Committee did not approve the recommendation of the Elections Committee the contributions to endorsed candidates was also not approved. Therefore I move that the Committee contribute \$500 to the Rivero for Sheriff campaign
Second Shirley Howland

	Rivero	Gura	Spittler	Jordan
Green	no	yes	yes	yes
Harris W	yes	yes	yes	yes
Howland	yes	yes	yes	yes
Manners	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mune	yes	yes	yes	yes
Quitiquit	yes	yes	yes	no
Grayhorse	yes	yes	yes	yes
Evans	yes	yes	yes	yes
Swetnam	no	abs	abs	abs
Acosta	yes	yes	yes	yes
Luia	yes	yes	yes	yes
Flato J	yes	abs	yes	yes
Adckinjo	yes	yes	yes	yes
Conard	abs	abs	abs	abs
Flato W	yes	yes	yes	yes
*Riley	yes	yes	yes	yes
*Rigod	no	yes	yes	abs
*Harris M	yes	no	yes	no
Baron	yes	yes	yes	yes
Coons	abs	abs	abs	abs
Totals	Rivero 15 yes/3 no/2 abstain	Gura 16 yes/1 no/4 abstain	Spittler 17 yes/3 abstain	Jordan 14 yes/2 no/4 abstain

*Votes received via paper ballot, collected by the chair, to be filed with the minutes