Emerald Coast Republican Liberty Caucus
President Sherry Chapman
Vice President Rene Johnmeyer
Treasurer David Farrow
1May2025

Sherry Chapman Called the Meeting to Order
Jean Kimball Prayer
George Oedsma Pledge

✨ Summary

The meeting focused on strategies for upcoming elections, the importance of engaging mail-in voters, and concerns regarding election integrity and transparency. Key decisions included forming a canvassing board and reaching out to media for awareness on local issues.

📋 Outline

1. Website Access and Registration • 00:00:07

- Christa explained how to access the Republican Liberty Caucus website for amendments and listserv registration.
- Attendees were instructed to log in using their names and a simple password, 'xxxxxx,' and to complete a math problem to prevent robot registrations.

2. Upcoming Elections and Candidate Support • 00:04:23

- The group discussed the importance of supporting their candidate, Bowles, in the upcoming election against a Democrat.
- There is a need to engage mail-in voters, especially those overseas, to ensure their participation in the election.

3. Canvassing Board and Election Updates • 00:08:54

- Diane requested volunteers for the canvassing board to assist with the upcoming election.
- She reported on legislative challenges, including issues with election transparency and the failure of certain bills aimed at improving election integrity.

4. Concerns Over Election Integrity • 00:10:05

- Concerns were raised about a bill that would reduce transparency in election audits and allow supervisors of elections to withhold reports.
- The group discussed ongoing lawsuits related to election integrity and the need for independent audits to ensure fair elections.

5. Media Outreach and Public Awareness • 00:16:34

- A suggestion was made to utilize local media to raise awareness about election issues and engage citizens.
- The group is planning a large event in June to mobilize support and express dissatisfaction with current legislative actions.

6. Election Integrity Concerns • 00:19:51

- There are concerns about the influence of corporate lobbyists on election processes, particularly with David Ramba overseeing elections while being affiliated with major corporations.
- Speaker 1 highlighted issues with voting machines and the potential for tampering through unverified thumb drives.
- The group emphasized the need for community involvement in the election process due to limited financial resources.

7. Community Dinner for Congressman • 00:23:02

- A Trump Day dinner is scheduled for June 1st in Bay County, which aims to gather support for Congressman Byron Donald's gubernatorial campaign.
- Speaker 1 will coordinate attendance and sponsorship for a table, encouraging members to contribute.

8. Local Development Issues • 00:26:30

- There was a significant community effort to halt a road construction project that residents believed was improperly approved.
- Citizens successfully stopped the project, demonstrating the power of community activism and involvement in local governance.
- The builders are now suing the county, but the county attorney believes they will not succeed.

9. Recall Legislation Update • 00:30:43

- The recall initiative is facing challenges, with funding issues leading to a lack of legislative progress.
- Speaker 0 expressed frustration over the lack of support from elected officials regarding the recall process.
- Future podcasts will aim to expose corruption and educate citizens on how to engage with local governance.

10. Future Community Engagement • 00:35:03

- The group discussed the importance of organizing town halls to facilitate communication between citizens and local commissioners.
- There is a proposal to invite commissioners to speak regularly and answer community questions to improve transparency.
- Members expressed enthusiasm for increasing community involvement and support for local initiatives.

11. Citizen Engagement in Meetings • 00:39:28

- There is a concern that the timing of BOCC meetings is not citizen-friendly, making it difficult for people to attend.
- Suggestions were made to provide advance notice of questions and topics to be discussed in meetings to increase public awareness and participation.

12. Commissioner Speaking Order • 00:41:11

- It was decided to allow new commissioners to speak first in the upcoming meeting to facilitate their introduction to the community.
- The group agreed to prioritize discussions with new commissioners over established ones to ensure fresh perspectives.

13. Accountability Measures • 00:42:51

- A proposal was made to create an 'Oathbreaker' award for commissioners who fail to uphold their commitments, to be displayed in their offices.
- The idea of developing a scorecard to evaluate commissioner performance was discussed, with a suggestion to create a website for public engagement.

14. Political Funding Concerns • 00:46:20

- Concerns were raised about the influence of campaign funding on political appointments and decisions.
- The group discussed the need for transparency and accountability in political funding to ensure fair representation.

15. Upcoming Events and Community Involvement • 00:58:18

- Plans were made to participate in local events, such as a crawfish boil and a flea market, to gather signatures and engage with the community.
- Members were encouraged to volunteer at these events to increase visibility and support for their initiatives.
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The meeting involved a motion to dismiss a certain issue, with a clear consensus among the participants. The discussion was brief and focused on the decision-making process regarding this motion.

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1. Motion to Adjourn • 00:00:00

- A motion to adjourn was proposed and accepted by the participants.
- There was a unanimous agreement on the motion, indicating strong support for the decision.

Part 1 Link

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Part 2 Link

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Motion to invite speakers including the County Commissioner approved by Cindy Smith and Dianne Warner

Motion to Adjourn Rene Johnmeyer and Donna Long

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