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Complaint Form (08/17)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Sheridan Buck
Complete Mailing Address 82 Bend View Lane
Great Falls, MT 59404
Phone Numbers: Work (406) 836-9848 Home (406) 771-8282

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Shadow Group (See attached names, addresses, and phone numbers)
Complete Mailing Address _____
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home _____

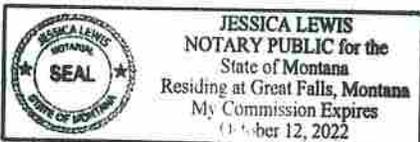
Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alledged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

State of Montana, County of CASCADE

I, Sheridan Buck, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(SEAL)



Sheridan Buck
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 2019.

Jessica Lewis
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/12/22

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Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name J.C. Kantorowicz
Complete Mailing Address 166 Swift Road
Great Falls, MT 59405
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home 406-788-0483

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Shadow Group (See attached names, addresses, and phone numbers)
Complete Mailing Address _____
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home _____

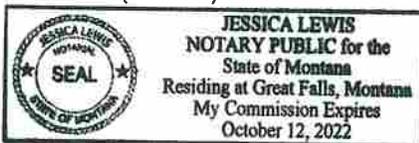
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J.C. Kantorowicz
Signature of Complainant

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Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

- Cyndi Baker, 500 Montana Ave NW, Great Falls, MT 59404, (406) 788-4172
- Joe Briggs, 5900 Western Drive, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 761-2034
- Ed Buttrey, 27 Granite Hill Ln, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 452-6460
- Steve Fitzpatrick, 3203 15th Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 750-6764
- Roger Hagan, 117, Gerber Road, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 459-0773
- Barbara Hoven, 1501 Meadowlark Dr, Great Falls, MT 59404, (406) 761-8533
- Brian Hoven, 1501 Meadowlark Dr, Great Falls, MT 59404, (406) 761-8533
- Cindy Ingman, #9 3 St (PO Box 156), Sand Coulee, MT 59472, (406) 736-5617
- Wendy McKamey, 33 Upper Milligan, Rd, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 866-3300
- Eric Tillemann, 701 Mountain View Dr, Cascade, MT 59421, (406) 736-5280
- Roberta Tilleman, 701 Mountain View Dr, Cascade, MT 59421, (406) 736-5280
- Phyliss (aka: Phyllis) Tryon, 2709 1st Ave N, Great Falls, MT 59401 (406) 899-6179
- Kerry Yates, 44 Pheasant Lane, Great Falls, MT 59404, (406) 788-4215

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

See attached.

Complaints must be:

- signed
- notarized
- delivered in person or by mail.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The individuals listed on the Complaint Form (Page 2) constitute the "Shadow Group" who ~~erroneously portrayed themselves as the Cascade County Republican Central Committee~~. They conducted business transactions, had expenditures, and clearly operated as a PAC that may have supported candidates during the 2018 election in Cascade County. They did these things all without ever filing any of the required paperwork with Montana COPP or the Montana Secretary of State's Office. Refer to Exhibits 12-25.

Each political committee must appoint a committee treasurer, 13-37-201 and 203, MCA and Cindy Ingman is listed as the Treasurer while Ed Buttrey is listed as the Finance Chair. The name of the treasurer must be certified to the Commissioner of Political Practices on Form C-2, 13-37-201, MCA. To date they have not filed a C-2 form. The treasurer is prohibited from performing any duty until a certification statement is filed, 13-37-203, MCA. Also, only an appointed and certified treasurer or an appointed and certified deputy treasurer may make deposits to or draw funds on the political committee account, 44.11.409, ARM. Refer to Exhibit 1.

The treasurer must keep detailed accounts that must be current within not more than 10 days after the date of receiving a contribution or making an expenditure, except that accounts shall be current as of the 5th day before the date of filing a report. . . 13-37- 208(1), MCA. Refer to Exhibit 1.

In addition to the accounting and reporting duties required by law, the treasurer for a political committee is required to preserve committee accounts and reports for a minimum of four years or for the length of the term of office, whichever is longer, 13-37- 208(3), MCA and 13-37-231(2), MCA. Refer to Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 2 (Pages 15-16) indicate that a packet of information was reproduced and mailed to 28 individuals. Exhibits 3-11 will prove that expenses were incurred but no paper trail exists indicating where the money came from or who had the authority to expend those funds. With no financial reporting to COPP, it is unknown if any donations were received or if any funds were collected from unwitting donors who thought they were donating to the legitimate Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) possibly perpetrating fraud.

Each political committee must designate one primary depository. This depository may be a bank, a credit union, a savings and loan association, or a building and loan association; however, this depository must be authorized to transact business in Montana and must offer accounts on which the equivalent of a check may be drawn. Accounts must be completely separate from any personal accounts, 13-37-205, MCA, although they may be in the same depository. To date they have not provided this information to COPP. All monetary receipts shall be deposited in the political committee account and that all money spent by the political committee be by checks, debit card, wire transfer, or other electronic means drawn on this account, 44.11.409(4), ARM.

Immediately after designating or changing a primary depository and after appointing a treasurer, a political committee must complete and file a Statement of Organization (Form C-2) with the Commissioner of Political Practices, 13-37-201, MCA. This was clearly NOT done by the Shadow Group.

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In addition, before making a deposit to the political committee account, the treasurer is required to prepare a statement of amounts received from each contributor, 13-37-207(2), MCA. This statement, all cash receipts, and the deposit slip must be kept together as part of the committee records maintained by the treasurer.

Receipts must be written for any contributions of currency and coin of \$25 or more. Cash receipts must show: • The contributor's full name • Complete mailing address • Occupation • Employer • The exact amount received • Date of receipt, and • The name of the individual who received the contribution on behalf of the committee, 44.11.407, ARM. Clearly this was not done.

In-kind contributions must be accounted for and reported in the same manner as other contributions. The in-kind item or service must be identified in detail. Documents provided with this complaint clearly show that former Senator Ed Buttrey (now Representative Buttrey) provided a meeting location on numerous occasions, yet did not show any of this "in-kind" activity on his financial reports. (see attached). 44.11.403, ARM (1) A candidate or political committee shall report an in-kind contribution on the appropriate reporting schedule and shall describe what was received consistent with the reporting requirements specified in ARM 44.11.402. Please refer to Exhibit 4 and Exhibit 5.

Anonymous contributions are illegal in Montana, 13-37-217, MCA. All contributions are required to have a source. A contribution is defined by law, in part, as "an advance, gift, loan, conveyance, deposit, payment, or distribution of money or anything of value to support or oppose a candidate or ballot issue. . ." 13-1-101(9), MCA. In other words, "pass the hat" types of donations are prohibited.

It is unclear if money laundering is an intent of this group, since it is unknown exactly how much money went through their coffers. Use of an intermediary to pass funds along from a third party as a means of concealing the identity of the true donor is illegal. A campaign may not knowingly accept a contribution in a name other than that of the person who is the actual contributor, 13-37-217, MCA.

Are there any debts or obligations outstanding? All debt or obligations must be in writing at the time it is incurred and must be signed by the parties and retained for inspection. (44.11.506, ARM)

Were any donations made to specific candidates by this Shadow Group?

A number of email communications were sent by the Shadow Group without proper attribution. Please note, that the impostors actually tried to steal the identity of a legitimate group which not only is cause for concern financially, but also presented problems during the election to the Cascade County Election Office and Rina Fontana-Moore, Clerk and Recorder. Refer to Exhibits 12-26.

Exhibits 26-28 provide documentation from the Montana State GOP acknowledging the Shadow Group is not the legitimate CCRCC.

It's appalling to think that seasoned legislators such as Representative Ed Buttrey, former Representative Roger Hagan, Senator Brian Hoven, Representative Wendy McKamey, Senator Steve Fitzpatrick, Representative Fred Anderson, and others associated with this Shadow

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Group inadvertently forgot to file the necessary paperwork. This is a blatant attempt to circumvent the laws of the State of Montana.

**Cascade County Republican Central Committee
P. O. Box 6146
Great Falls, MT 59406**

~~Roger A. Hagan, Chairman~~

Cascade County Republican Central Committee
117 Gerber Road
Great Falls, MT 59405

June 27, 2018

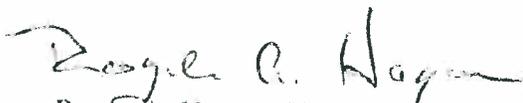
Debra Lamm, Chair
Montana Republican Party
P. O. Box 935
Helena, MT 59624

Ms. Lamm,

The Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC), in special meeting held June 26th, elected the following individuals to the Executive Board of the CCRCC.

- Chairman (**Roger Hagan**)
- First Vice Chairman (**Cyndi Baker**)
- Second Vice Chairman (**Kerry Yates**)
- Secretary (**Phylliss Tryon**)
- Treasurer (**Cindy Ingman**)
- State Committeeman (**Brian Hoven**)
- State Committeewoman (**Barbara Hoven**)
- Congressional Committeeman (**Eric Tilleman**)
- Congressional Committeewoman (**Roberta Tilleman**)
- Finance Chairman (**Ed Buttrey**)

This Executive Board met following the Central Committee Meeting and voted unanimously to rescind and null the amended rules submitted to the county elections office on June 21, 2018. The CCRCC will void the amendments of September 13, 2014 (not submitted to your office) and September 5, 2017. These amendments were done improperly as the Executive Board rather than the full Central Committee adopted these amendments. Therefore, the Rules of the CCRCC as Amended May 1, 2007 are reinstated (copy attached). Thank you for your help with this filing.


Roger A. Hagan, Chairman

Cascade County Republican Central Committee

EXHIBIT 2

June 18, 2018

TO: **Sheridan Buck, Chairman, Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC)**

Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen of the CCRCC 26A – Rudolph Tankink

CCRCC Executive Board (Chairman Buck to share with her Executive Board)

FROM: **The Undersigned Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen of CCRCC**

SUBJECT: **Call for Special Meeting**

The undersigned majority members of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) hereby call for a special meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Montana Republican Party, Section C, paragraph III, sub-paragraph I (3) and the Rules of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee, Article III, paragraph B, subparagraph 2C.

This notice has been mailed to all Precinct Committee members at their last known address (see Attachment #1) in accordance with the Rules of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee, Article III, paragraph B, subparagraph 3. Please insure the CCRCC Executive Board members who are not Precinct Committeemen or Precinct Committeewomen are notified of this meeting as we do not have their current contact information.

This special meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26th, at 6pm. The meeting location is the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce offices, Lower Level Conference Room, 100 1st Avenue North.

The purpose of this meeting is the following:

Agenda Item 1. Appointment of Precinct Committee members to fill vacancies on the central committee.

Agenda Item 2. Election of Executive Officers and other Executive Board Members.

In accordance with the Rules of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee, Article III, paragraph B, subparagraph 4, "no business may be conducted which is beyond the scope of the purpose so stated".

The following members are eligible to vote at the Central Committee special meeting called for June 26th:

19A1, Mark and Garnett Rope

19A2, Bradley and JaNae Opheim

19A4, Keith Ochs and Linda Madsen

19B1, Pete and Cynthia Schulz

19B2, Eric Tilleman and Wendy McKamey

19C, Harry Power III and Cindy Ingman

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19E, J.C. Kantorowicz and Stephanie Annis

20A, Brian and **Barbara** Hoven

20B, Al and Nancy Getten

21A, Cleve Loney and Cyndi Baker

21B, Rickey Linafelter and Sally Tucker

22A, Ron and Rita Staley

22B, CB 'Blue' Corneliusen and Lola Sheldon-Galloway

23, Steve and Julia Fitzpatrick

24, Tom Martin and Stacie Landon

25, Roger **Hagan** and Phyllis Tryon

26A, Rudolph and Judy **Tankink**

27, Jeffrey and Julie Wolf

No person who was previously appointed to a precinct committee member position is eligible to vote at the **June 26th Central Committee meeting**.

Under Montana Law, a vacancy in a precinct committee representative position must be filled by the party governing body as provided in its rules [Section 13-38-201(5), MCA].

Under the rules of the Montana Republican Party, a person can only be appointed to a precinct position after the primary election is conducted (Montana Republican Party Rules, Section C, Committees, III. B. ii). The rule states the following:

Appointment. If no candidate is elected under (i), following the election the County Central Committee may appoint a person to that position.

The appointment must be made during a meeting of the Central Committee (Montana Republican Party Rules, Section H., Vacancies).

Since there has not been a meeting of the Central Committee since the June 5, 2018 election, no person could have been appointed to a precinct position. Therefore, persons identified as being appointed to precinct positions prior to the election would have been appointed to precinct positions for terms which have expired. Thus, no person appointed to a precinct position prior to the election holds a precinct position today.

The following pages identify the majority members of the CCRCC who have called for this special meeting. We look forward to conducting an orderly and positive meeting to attend to the business of our Central Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Cascade County Republican Central Committee Precinct Committee Members

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 19A2



Bradley Opheim (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 19A2



JaNae Opheim (Signature)

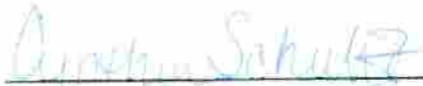
Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 19B1



Pete Schultz (Signature)

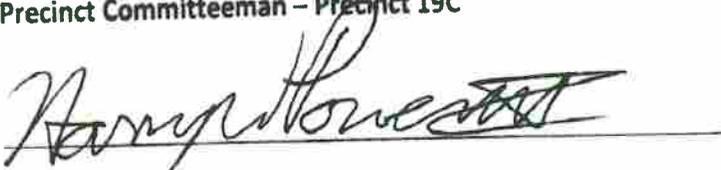
Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 19B1



Cynthia Schultz (Signature)

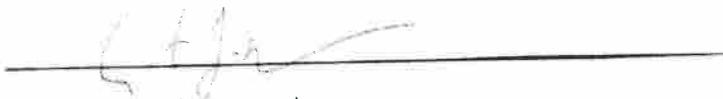
Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 19C

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Harry Power (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 19C

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Ingman", written over a horizontal line.

Cindy Ingman (Signature)

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 19E



Stephanie Annis (Signature)

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 20A



Brian Hoven (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 20A



Barbara Hoven (Signature)

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 21A



Cleve Loney (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 21A



Cyndi Baker (Signature)

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 23



Steve Fitzpatrick (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 23



Julia Fitzpatrick (Signature)

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 24



Stacie Landon (Signature)

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 19B2

See e-mail on back

Eric Tilleman (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 19B2

Wendy S. McKamey

Wendy McKamey (Signature)

Re: Confirmation of signature for CCRCC Special Meeting Call

Eric Tilleman <eslasht99@yahoo.com>

2018/06/17, 4:28 PM

to: Roger Hagan <rahagan@msn.com>

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Eric Tilleman <eslasht99@yahoo.com>
To: Roger Hagan <rahagan@msn.com>

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2018, at 4:28 PM, Roger Hagan <rahagan@msn.com> wrote:

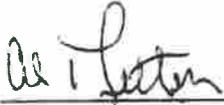
Eric, I understand you are out of the state and **unable** to sign the form calling for the **Cascade County Republican Central Committee Special Meeting**. **Please** reply to this email, confirming that you are to be listed **as one** of the **Precinct Committee Members** calling for the special **meeting**. Thank you. Roger

Roger A. Hagan
117 Gerber Road
Great Falls, Montana 59405-8107
(406) 459-0773
rahagan@msn.com

*"God Bless America"
"One Nation Under God"*

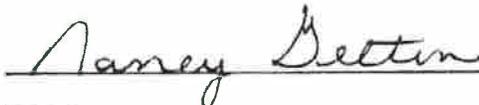
Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 20B



Al Getten (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 20E



Nancy Getten (Signature)

Precinct Committee Members Call for Special Meeting

Precinct Committeeman – Precinct 25



Roger Hagan (Signature)

Precinct Committeewoman – Precinct 25



Phyllis Tryon (Signature)

Attachment #1

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

I, **Roger A. Hagan**, mailed a copy of the special meeting notice of the **Cascade County Republican Central Committee** on the 18th day of June 2018 to the following people and entities:

Mark and Garnett Rope
255 **Gordon** Rd
Vaughn, MT 59487

Bradley and JaNae Opheim
101 **Edward** Lane
Vaughn, MT 59487

Keith Ochs
1507 3rd West Hill Drive
Great Falls, MT 59404

Linda **Madsen**
146 Sun River Rd
Great Falls, MT 59404

Pete and Cynthia Schultz
179 Russell Ranch Ln
Great Falls, MT 59404

Wendy McKamey
33 Upper Milligan Rd
Great Falls, MT 59405

Eric Tilleman
701 Mountain View Drive
Cascade, MT 59421

Harry Power
1006 Calvert Rd
Stockett, MT 59480

Cindy Ingman
#9 3 St (P.O. Box 156)
Sand Coulee, MT 59472

J. C. Kantorowicz
166 Swift Road
Great Falls, MT 59405

Stephanie Annis
83 Gerber Rd
Great Falls, MT 59405

Brian and Barb Hoven
1501 **Meadowlark** Dr
Great Falls, MT 59404

Al and Nancy **Getten**
1500 39th St South
Great Falls, MT 59405

Cleve Loney and Cyndi Baker
500 Montana Ave
Great Falls, MT 59404

Ricky Linafelter
401 17th St
Black Eagle, MT 59414

Sally Tucker
1915 Montana Ave
Black Eagle, MT 59414

Rita and Ron Staley
801 3rd Ave SW
Great Falls, MT 59404

Lola Galloway
202 Sun Prairie Rd
Great Falls, MT 59404

CB Corneliusen
285 Riverfront Lane
Great Falls, MT 59404

Steve and Julia Fitzpatrick
3203 15th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405

Tom Martin
3117 6th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405

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Stacie Landon
2912 4th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405

Roger A. Hagan
117 Gerber Road
Great Falls, MT 59405

Phyllis Tryon
2709 1st Ave North
Great Falls, MT 59401

Rudolf and Judy Tankink
3620 9th Avenue North
Great Falls, MT 59401

Jeffery and Julie Wolff
92- Northview Ave
Great Falls, MT 59404

Sheridan Buck
P. O. Box 6146
Great Falls, MT 59406

Cascade County Republican Central
Committee Executive Board
P. O. Box 6146
Great Falls, MT 59406

Dated this 18th day of June, 2018.

Signed: Roger A. Hagan

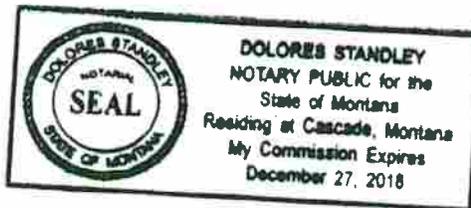
Printed Name: ROGER A. HAGAN

Title: PRECINCT COMMITTEE MAN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on this 18th day of June, 2018.

Dolores Standley

Notary Public for the State of Montana





Address: 526 1st Avenue North
Town: Great Falls
State: MT
Zip: 59401
Country: 406.454.1691



Securitas Fees:

Unarmed \$30/hour
Armed \$38.00/hour

Three security guards were hired. Please refer to video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOOYCYcTJJ8&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=c3bc0655d8&mc_eid=%5BUNIQID%5D (Enclosed is a thumb drive with this video as well.)

Exhibit 11 is a transcript of the above mentioned recording. Please refer to Page 3 of the transcript for comments made by Representative Steve Fitzpatrick.



The Buttrey Team
Buttrey Realty
708 Central Ave
Great Falls MT 59401
Office: (406) 452-6460
Fax (406) 770-3013

SHADOW GROUP meetings were held at Buttrey Realty, which is owned by Representative Ed Buttrey. At the time he was a sitting Senator, but was running as a candidate for HD21. Please note, there are no "in-kind" entries on any of Representative Buttrey's C-5 forms that were submitted electronically to COPP. Also, of particular interest is the number of times Senator Buttrey amended his C-5 forms to make corrections, however, he never once claimed that he was donating his business/building for the SHADOW GROUP.

You can reference Exhibit 5 which is Cascade County tax record showing Buttrey Realty is the rightful owner of that building.



CASCADE COUNTY

Your Local Government in Great Falls, Montana



Shopping Cart: 0 Items [\$0.00]

- [New Search](#)
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- [Payoff](#)
- [PayTaxes](#)
- [Help](#)

Parcel Number: 0001575600

Status: Current

Receipt: 25513

2018 Owner(s):
BUTTREY REALTY COMPANY

Mailing Address:
708 CENTRAL AVE
GREAT FALLS, MT 594013731

Levy District:
1C-1, Levy District 1C-1

Market = \$1,109,082

Market: \$1,109,082
Taxable: \$0

First Half = \$409.70

First Half: \$409.70 **Due:** 11/30/2018
Second Half: \$409.68 **Due:** 5/31/2019
Total: \$819.38

[View Pie Charts](#)

Second Half = \$0.00

First Half: \$409.70
Second Half: \$0.00
Total: \$409.70

[Show Current Tax Bill](#)

(May include penalty & interest)

[Detail](#)

[Detail](#)

Geo Code = 02-3016-09-3-02-16-0000

Geo Code: 02-3016-09-3-02-16-0000 **Instru#:** R0297381 **Doc Type:** CORP **Date:** 2014-10-20

Property address: 4125 10TH AVE S, GREAT FALLS MT 594055617
Subdivision: (STA) SUNRISE TERRACE **Lot:** 18 **Block:** 7
Legal: SUNRISE TERRACE
LOTS 17 & 18 BLOCK 7

Geo Code:

Note: The accuracy of this data is not guaranteed.

Web data was last updated 01/09/2019 11:00 AM.

Send Payments To:

**Cascade County
Treasurer's Office
121 4th St North,
Suite 1A,
Great Falls, MT 59401**

EXHIBIT 6

Great Falls Chamber
100 1st Ave North
Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 761-4434
Fax: (406) 761-6129



The basement meeting room fee is \$50/hour.

The 6/26/18 Special Meeting was held in the lower-level conference room of the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Refer to Exhibit 1.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING The Cascade County Republican Central Committee will hold a special meeting, Tuesday, June 26th, 6 pm, at the Chamber of Commerce Offices, 100 1st Avenue North, Great Falls, MT. The purpose of the meeting is the following: Agenda Item 1. Appointment of Precinct Committee members to fill vacancies on the central committee. Agenda Item 2. Election of Executive Officers and other Executive Board Members. Published by: Roger A. Hagan, Precinct Committeeman, Precinct 25 (2988875) 06/22 MNAXLPL

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EXHIBIT 7

Published 6/22/18 GF Tribune



Steve Fitzpatrick
3203 15th Avenue South
Great Falls, MT 59405

June 28, 2018

Sheridan Buck
PO Box 6146
Great Falls, MT 59406

Dear Sheridan:

I wanted to follow up and discuss with you the meeting of committeemen and committeewomen that occurred on June 26, 2018. At 6:01 on June 26, 2018, Mr. Polaski stood up and stated he was parliamentarian and indicated he was calling the meeting to order. He stated you were going to act as the presiding officer during the meeting. He asked if anyone objected and I indicated I did. Then, Mr. Polaski told me I was being removed from the meeting. He also attempted to remove Roger Hagan from the meeting.

The conduct of Mr. Polaski was not authorized under Roberts Rules of Order or any applicable law or authority. Roberts Rules of Order specially states that a parliamentarian acts in an advisory capacity and his advice is not binding on the committee. A parliamentarian cannot run a meeting and make decisions about who may attend a meeting. Moreover, you did not follow the correct procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order for dealing with people who are not following procedure. Roberts Rules of Order contains specific requirements and you did not satisfy any of the requirements.

We all know the purpose of Mr. Polaski's conduct and your conduct was to stop the meeting and to prevent me and other precinct people from exercising our rights to appoint precinct people and a new executive board. Your conduct and the conduct of Mr. Polaski violated my rights and the rights of Mr. Hagan under the Montana Constitution, Montana state law, the rules of the Montana Republican Party, and the Rules of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee. It is disappointing you and the other former members of the executive board feel the need to shut down debate and to stop participation in a meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you to preserve all videotape footage and other documentary evidence pertaining to the meeting. This includes all videotapes, audiotapes, emails, communications, written materials, or other documents which may pertain in anyway to the June 26, 2018 meeting. The videotape materials show you and Mr. Polaski engaged in conduct which violated my rights and the rights of Mr. Hagan. The videotape evidence also shows 21 people attended the meeting in the adjacent room where you and the other members of the executive board were removed. Depending upon the result of our appeal to the Montana Republican Party, litigation may be instituted against you and Mr. Polaski for the conduct at the meeting. If you fail to preserve these materials, an action may be brought against you for spoliation of evidence.

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EXHIBIT 8

For the last four years, the members of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee have been unable to act in an appropriate manner. I would strongly advise you to refrain from any additional conduct which may be considered retaliatory in nature. Such action will only strength any claims Mr. Hagan and I possess against you.

Sincerely,



Steve Fitzpatrick

EXHIBIT 8

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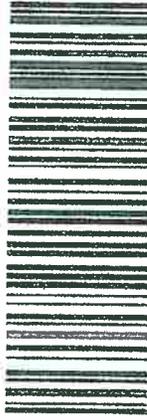
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Roger A. Hagan
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Great Falls, MT 59405

August 30, 2018

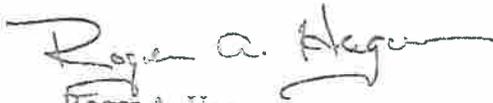
Jim Brown
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30 South Ewing Street, Suite 100
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Jim:

Enclosed please find our legal style appeal brief as you requested. I am sending a copy of this brief to all elected precinct people, any people claiming a position as an appointed precinct person, and to all people who believe they are members of the CCRCC executive board. I assume you will forward a copy to Mr. Monforton.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Roger A. Hagan

DATED this 30th day of August, 2018.

By Roger A. Hagan
Roger A. Hagan

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 30th day of August, 2018 a true copy of the foregoing was mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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People Claiming a Position of an Appointed Precinct Person
Various Addresses

People Claiming an Executive Board Position
Various Addresses

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June 26, 2018

Sheridan Buck
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and

82 Bend View Lane
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Certified Mail # 7018 1130 0000 72193186

Dear Sheridan:

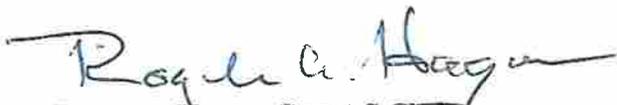
I regret to inform you that you and the other members of the Executive Board were removed at the Tuesday meeting by a vote of 20-0 with Ron Staley abstaining. I think it would be best if we proceeded in an orderly manner to transition the Central Committee.

Please provide me with the keys to the mailboxes, the access information for the website, and the bank account information along with the checkbooks and signature cards. I expect you will provide me with all the materials requested by June 29, 2018. If you do not, I will consider all remedies including legal action.

If you or any other member of the Central Committee spends any money out of the bank account during this transition period, we intend to notify the police and charge you with theft.

I hope you will work with me in a cooperative and courteous manner to transition the Central Committee. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Roger A. Hagan, CCRCC Chairman

0:08 Ron Staley:

The date is June 26th the time is just before 6:00 PM. We are meeting at 100 1st Avenue North, for a precinct; well for a special meeting for the Cascade County Republican Central Committee.

Background noise with unintelligible conversations.

1:00 Ron Staley

Roger is sitting there Steve.

1:02 Steve Fitzpatrick

Oh

Background noise with unintelligible conversations.
(Both Roger Hagan and Mike Polaske stand)

3:46 Mike Polaske

I have 6:00. I am the CCRC Parliamentarian and Sgt at Arms; so, I am going to let everybody know the procedure that will be followed today at this meeting. Sheridan Buck...

4:00 Unidentified Female

I can't hear, I'm sorry.

4:01 Mike Polaske

Oh, okay I'm sorry. I am the Parliamentarian and Sgt at Arms. Sheridan Buck is the Chairwoman. She is the only one who can run a meeting for the CCRCC. What we are going to do is use Roberts Rules of Order for all the parliamentary procedure that happens. I expect everyone to act professionally during this meeting. If it gets out of hand I am going to ask security to escort those people out of the room. If there are any objections they come back to the Parliamentarian, that's myself. We'll proceed from there.

4:37 Steve Fitzpatrick

Could you show us in the rules where the ah, where the Chair...

4:42 Mike Polaske

You're out of order. I'm only going to tell you once. By law and state law. The only way a CCRCC meeting can be conducted is by the Chairperson; and that is Sheridan Buck. If anybody has a problem with that, let us know now because I will have you escorted out of the room right now. Does anyone have an issue with that?

5:04 Steve Fitzpatrick

I want to make an objection for the record.

5:06 Mike Polaske

Can you escort him out of the room please? Objection noted on record. Will you escort him out of the building please?

5:07 Steve Fitzpatrick

I'm not leaving the room

5:15 Roger Hagan

No, no. Not at all

5:16 Steve Fitzpatrick

Actually, we're gonna

5:17 Mike Polaske

Escort him out of the meeting. Okay, this meeting will not even proceed.

5:20 Steve Fitzpatrick

No, that's not right. We're going to start the meeting right now. This meeting is

5:26 Sheridan Buck, Chairwoman

You're out of order; and I am the Chairman of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee, and I am presiding at this meeting. And as of right now, the meeting is an open meeting and we are allowed to record and I see several people recording. Please silence your cell phones though. Would we please stand and do the Pledge and Darlene Meddock... Yes, I would like them escorted out.

5:52 Mike Polaske

They need to escort them out of the room please. Both of them please.

5:52 Roger Hagan

No, no
(unintelligible)

5:56 Security Guard

I'm sorry guys.

5:58 Mike Polaske

... Escort the out of the room.

6:01 Security Guard

I'm sorry

6:02 Roger Hagan

He has no control. He has no authority.

6:06 Sheridan Buck

Pledge of Allegiance
Group reciting Pledge of Allegiance

6:21 Sheridan Buck
Next item of order...

6:22 Mike Polaske
(unintelligible)

6:24 Sheridan Buck
Yes, they do.

6:28 Mike Polaske
... escorted out

6:29 Roger Hagan
No, we won't

6:32 Security Guard
We're not going to play games here. We're here

6:36 Steve Fitzpatrick
They're not running the meeting. This is the guy that brought us here today. He organized the meeting. He rented the building. He's paying your salary. So, they're trying to take over the

6:52 Security Guard
Who's in charge here?
Several people identifying Sheridan Buck

6:53 Ron Staley
The lady, the lady in black and green is in charge.

7:00 Mike Polaske
She is the Chairwoman of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee

7:01 Steve Fitzpatrick
The rules don't allow her to run a meeting. That's a ... (unintelligible)

7:04 Security Guard
We're not here to... to... She's asked you guys to leave the building.

7:08 Steve Fitzpatrick
She's not in charge

7:09 Sheridan Buck
I am in charge. I am the Chair of this Central Committee, and I am running this meeting, and you are asked to leave. Now.
(unintelligible)

7:18 Sheridan Buck

If you do not leave this meeting...

7:20 Cyndi Baker

Is this the way you run your meetings Sheridan? That anybody....

7:22 Sheridan Buck

You are out of order. Out of order.

7:25 Cyndi Baker

This is ridiculous

7:26 Sheridan Buck

Out of order.

7:28 Cyndi Baker

This is ridiculous

7:31 Roger Hagan

At this point in time, rather than embarrass...

7:32 Sheridan Buck

You are out of order.

7:32 Roger Hagan

... Securitas, I would like to ask that the 20 Central Committee members who requested this meeting leave at the same time as we do. And we'll have our own little...
(unintelligible)

7:50 Sheridan Buck

This meeting is adjourned, because it is an illegal to begin with. (gavel sound)

7:56 Roger Hagan

Get that camera (unintelligible)

7:57 Phyllis Tryon

Sheridan you are out of your mind to say it was illegal. Come on.
(unintelligible)

8:02 Sheridan Buck

Bring it on... bring it on.

8:08 Cyndi Baker

There is a reason why the Republican Party doesn't like you guys.
As people move out of the room conversations are unintelligible.

8:27 Rick Tryon

I'm ashamed of this thing Ron. I'm ashamed of you.

8:28 Ron Staley

I'm ashamed of you. And it's about time it got taken care of.
(unintelligible)

8:47 Sheridan Buck

.... they are having their own meeting? I would like you to take that camera outside because they are talking now. Thank you everybody for showing up. Thank you.

**THE INCONSEQUENTIAL MEETING IS BEGINNING IN THE HALLWAY
IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE ROOM.**

9:07 Recording shows Steve Fitzpatrick flipping through the sign-in sheets from the clipboard. He is clearly holding it and when he sees the camera is recording, he turns his back to the camera.

9:22 Steve Fitzpatrick walks further into the hallway. He places a sheet of paper on top of the clipboard.

9:28 Judy Tankink

I need those lists.
(Unintelligible)

9:50 Steve Fitzpatrick

.... Ochs, Madsen, Schultz, Cyndi Schultz (here), Wendy McKamey (here), Eric Tilleman (here), ... proxy...by proxy (yes), (unintelligible) Cyndi Baker (here)

10:07 Judy Tankink

Excuse me but I need the other list. The sign-in sheet.

10:14 Wendy McKamey

It's sitting on the table I think.

10:20: Mike Polaske

Is it right there, your clipboard?

10:22 Judy Tankink

Yes, that's my mine.... Well, you can have your paper back, but I will take my list. Did you get that on camera too Ron? Thank you.

10:36 Steve Fitzpatrick

Stephanie Annis (here), (unintelligible) (here), (unintelligible), (here), (unintelligible), Ron Staley, (unintelligible), Steve Fitzpatrick, Julie (unintelligible), Roger Hagan (here), Judy Tankink, ... Tankink, (unintelligible) We have a quorum. We have items on the agenda. The first item is ah (unintelligible) central committee, do we have a motion?

11:40 Wendy McKamey

Mr. Chair, yes, ah the first motion I want to make is, I motion to appoint (unintelligible) to vacant precinct position 19A3.

11:54 Steve Fitzpatrick

Do I have a second? (unintelligible) Second. Discussion.

11:58 Wendy McKamey

First of all, I am making this motion, I am making this motion because Far too many.... (unintelligible)

12:25 Steve Fitzpatrick

Discussion... All those in favor say Aye.

12:30 Group speaking Aye

12:33 Steve Fitzpatrick

All those opposed? Motion carried

12:36 Wendy McKamey

The next motion which I would like to make is have the precinct positions, the precincts 19... (unintelligible)... 19A... on June 2nd. (unintelligible). For your information, June 2nd is the date of the Primary Election. If this motion is granted the precinct positions I have identified (unintelligible) will remain (unintelligible).

13:10 Steve Fitzpatrick

The purpose of this motion is (unintelligible) ...Is there a second?

13:30 Wendy McKamey

Second

13:35 Steve Fitzpatrick

Any discussion

13:37 Wendy McKamey

My I interrupt... an explanation for the ... the reason I did it is so we can keep in place the results of the election (unintelligible) on election day (unintelligible) the opportunity to run this committee. I'm concerned that if we do not (unintelligible) positions (unintelligible)... Every side is going to spend time trying to gain the precinct positions to try to appoint more people so they can take over or take back the Central Committee. This is disruptive, this is disruptive to the operation of the Central Committee. (Unintelligible) ... called to multiple meetings (unintelligible) discussed (unintelligible). It would be best for everyone if we eliminated anyone's views about precinct positions and the only way to do that, is to make the remaining positions off limits from any side.

14:33 Steve Fitzpatrick

All those in favor? Any discussion?

14:37 Steve Galloway

If you want some input, I'll give you a little input. You guys have not done this legally and you're barking up the wrong tree.

14:42 Steve Fitzpatrick

Any discussion, besides that guy?

Unintelligible

Group says Aye

14:52 Steve Fitzpatrick

Last motion.

14:56 Wendy McKamey

The last motion I would like to make is a motion that the current committee executive board (unintelligible)... names of people

15:00 Steve Galloway

If you did your research you'd realize that five people that had been appointed and accepted by the State (unintelligible)

15:10 Steve Fitzpatrick

So, we have a list of precinct people that Roger passed out that (unintelligible) central committee (unintelligible) ... Is there a second to the motion? (unintelligible) Any discussion this is for Central Committee board. (unintelligible) all those in favor?
Group says Aye

15:44 Steve Fitzpatrick

Opposed. Motion carries. Alright. I guess that's it I think we're done, ah, Roger (unintelligible)

15:58 Brian Hoven

Don't we need to elect the officers?

15:59 Steve Fitzpatrick

We just did.

16:00 Brian Hoven

Oh, we did?

Unknown speaker

Congratulations

2nd Unknown Speaker

So, is the meeting adjourned?

16:13 Steve Fitzpatrick

Meeting is adjourned. I guess we'll have a motion as well. One more motion, I move that I will be the secretary. I will record the minutes (unintelligible) and I will distribute them. All those in favor?

16:23 Roger Hagan

Secretary of that meeting.

16:24 Steve Fitzpatrick

Secretary of this meeting.

16:26 Roger Hagan

I second it

16:29 Unidentified speaker(s)

Second

16:30 Steve Fitzpatrick

Discussion

16:31 Roger Hagan

(unintelligible)

Group says Aye

16:35 Steve Fitzpatrick

Alright. Move to adjourn

16:36 Roger Hagan

I would like to, as chairman, just ask for a motion to suspend the bylaws corrections of the rules changes that were made by the Executive Board over the past few years and return to our bylaws, our rules that were in effect as of May 1st, 2007; that would negate all changes to the rules that were made September 13, 2014 and September 5, 2017. Is there a motion to that affect?

17:23 Unknown Speaker

So moved

17:23 Steve Fitzpatrick

I'll second that

17:26 Roger Hagan

All in favor say Aye

17:26 Group says Aye

17:27 Roger Hagan

Opposed. Okay so we will file duly with the Elections Office the new appointment that was made tonight, the new list of executive officers, and a motion that we will file the new 2007 rules that override or nullify the next two changes made. With that is there any other business for the good of the order.

17:57 Wendy McKamey

Are there any questions people have about what is in this, the rules of the Montana Republican Party?

18:04 Roger Hagan

Everybody's got a copy.

18:05 Wendy McKamey

Okay
Unintelligible

18:10 Roger Hagan

Well, we will, we will have to expect that there won't be a July monthly meeting because of the July 4th parade. So, our first meeting will be the first Tuesday in August which I have a date. Seventh of August we will meet as the Executive Board of Cascade County Republicans Central Committee.

18:42 Unknown Speaker

Unintelligible

18:42 Ron Staley

Where will that be?

18:45 Roger Hagan

Place to be determined. Any other questions?

18:51 Ron Hepp

Hey Roger, who made you chairman and when did this happen?

18:55 Unknown Speaker

Right now

18:57 Roger Hagan

About 2 minutes ago

19:00 Ron Staley

That meeting was shut down

19:01 Roger Hagan

It was a vote by the majority of the Central Committee

19:04 Ron Staley

No, it wasn't the majority. You have five people that were not included. Five precinct men and women that were not included. So, you did not ...

19:14 Roger Hagan

They were appointed prior to the Primary Election and they are invalid after the Primary Election.

19:15 Ron Staley

No, no, no.

19:19 Ron Staley

No, you have got your information totally wrong.

19:22 Roger Hagan

I just spent a half a day with the Elections Office and they concurred we have we have 36 seats precinct committeemen and committeewomen

19:28 Ron Staley

Which Election Office?

19:30 Roger Hagan

Here in Helena, ah Great Falls, Montana.

19:32 Ron Staley

Well, we dealt with Helena, Montana... so

19:37 Roger Hagan

Is there any other business to come before the Executive Board? If not, I ask for a motion to adjourn.

19:42 Unknown Speaker(s)

So, moved

19:43 Roger Hagan

All those in favor say Aye

19:45 Group says Aye

19:46 Roger Hagan

Opposed Nay. Motion carried. We are adjourned.

19:52 RECORDING ENDS



CCRCC Executive Board Meeting Sept 4 2018

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Sat, Sep 1, 2018 at 12:46 PM

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CASCADE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Please plan to attend the September 4, 2018 meeting of the CCRCC Executive Board

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

6:00 PM

LOCATION: Buttrey Realty, 708 Central Avenue, Great Falls MT

Agenda is attached and is as follows:

Cascade County Republican Central Committee

Executive Board Agenda

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

6:00 PM

Location: Buttrey Realty, 708 Central Ave, Great Falls MT

1. Call to Order / Pledge
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum Verified

EXHIBIT 12

4. Review and set Agenda
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Chair Report
10. For the Good of the Order

Next Meeting: October 2, 2018

Adjournment

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**Cascade County Republican Central Committee
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 2018
6:00 PM**

Location: Buttrey Realty, 708 Central Ave, Great Falls MT

1. Call to Order / Pledge
 2. Roll Call
- Executive Board Roll Call: (P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent)
- P – Hagan, Roger
 - E – Baker, Cyndi
 - E – Yates, Kerry
 - E – Tryon, Phyllis
 - P – Ingman, Cindy
 - E – Hoven, Brian
 - E – Hoven, Barbara
 - A – Tilleman, Eric
 - A – Tilleman, Roberta
 - E – Buttrey, Ed
 - P – Mesaros, Ken
 - P – Fitzpatrick, Steve
 - A – Briggs, Joe

Also in attendance were the following Precinct Committee Members:

Opheim, Brad; Wells, Carol; McKamey, Wendy; Power, Harry; Ingman, Cindy; Getten, Al; Getten, Nancy; Loney, Cleve; Fitzpatrick, Steve; and Hagan, Roger.
Special Guest was Ron Hepp.

3. No Quorum present – no official minutes

NOTE: There was not a quorum present to conduct an official Executive Board meeting. However, those who attended (Precinct Committee Members and Board members) discussed how the various campaigns were progressing for the upcoming elections on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. It was noted that anyone wanting to help with the campaigns could volunteer their services at the Montana GOP County Office at the Strain Building, 410 Central Avenue, Suite 306. Campaign signs are also available for many campaigns at that address.

Additionally, minutes for the June 26, 2018 CCRCC Meeting and subsequent Executive Board meeting were distributed. We provided an update on our appeal to the MT GOP concerning the election of a new Executive Board.

The next Executive Board meeting of the CCRCC will be held Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.



Fw: September 2018 White Hat Express

PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>

Tue, Sep 18, 2018 at 8:02 PM

Dear Executive Board Members and Precinct Captains of CCRCC:

Yesterday, September 17 marked the official anniversary of the signing of our U.S. Constitution. The 17th is called Citizenship Day. Attached is the White Hat Express newsletter which shares information about this significant event. We trust it will both motivate and interest you - Although I am sending it a day after the fact, the newsletter provides excellent information on this event.

Phyllis Tryon
secretary CCRCC
Great Falls MT

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CCRCC Executive Board Meeting Agenda

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Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 1:41 PM

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Sept. 25, 2018

Dear CCRCC Executive Board and Precinct Captains:

Attached please find the Agenda for the CCRCC Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 as well as notes from the September 4 meeting. Precinct captains and others are welcome to attend this meeting of the Executive Board.

Cascade County Republican Central Committee

Executive Board Agenda

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

6:00 PM

Location: Buttrely Realty, 708 Central Ave, Great Falls MT

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2. Roll Call
3. Quorum Verified
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EXHIBIT 15

Next Meeting:

Adjournment

Phyllis Tryon
Secretary

2 attachments

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 **Notes Sept 4 2018 CCRCC Executive Board Meeting.docx**
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Oct 2 2018 CCRCC Executive Board Meeting Recap

PHYLLIS TRYON <TRYON58@msn.com> Thu, Oct 25, 2018 at 2:35 PM
 To: "rahagan@msn.com" <rahagan@msn.com>, "cyndiann101@hotmail.com" <cyndiann101@hotmail.com>, "kerry.s.yates@monsanto.com" <kerry.s.yates@monsanto.com>, PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>, "cindy.ingman@yahoo.com" <cindy.ingman@yahoo.com>, "brian@hovenequipment.com" <brian@hovenequipment.com>, "bhoven4@hotmail.com" <bhoven4@hotmail.com>, "eslasht99@yahoo.com" <eslasht99@yahoo.com>, "ebuttrey@mtbus.net" <ebuttrey@mtbus.net>, "ken@mrbugle.com" <ken@mrbugle.com>, "fitzpatricksbresnan.net" <fitzpatricksbresnan.net>, "jbriggs@briggscom.com" <jbriggs@briggscom.com>
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Please note: There will be no meeting of the CCRCC Executive Board in November due to election day falling on Tuesday, November 6. The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, December 4, 2018. In the meantime, let's all work to get out the vote!

Here is a recap of the meeting of the CCRCC Executive Board held October 2 at Buttrey Realty in Great Falls.

Cascade County Republican Central Committee

Executive Board Meeting RECAP

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

6:00 PM

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There being no quorum present, an informal meeting was held with those in attendance. Present were Roger Hagan, Chair; Cindy Ingman, Treasurer; Phyllis Tryon, Secretary; and precinct committee member, Wendy McKamey. Guests present were Drew Zinecker and Brian O'Leary with the Montana GOP.

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 A – Tilleman, Roberta
 E – Buttrey, Ed
 E – Mesaros, Ken

A – Fitzpatrick, Steve
A – Briggs, Joe

No Quorum present – no official minutes

Those present discussed how the various campaigns were progressing for the upcoming elections on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Volunteers can assist candidates by knocking on doors in neighborhoods and putting up election signs. It was also noted that anyone wanting to help with the campaigns could volunteer their services at the Montana GOP County Office at the Strain Building, 410 Central Avenue, Suite 306. Campaign signs are also available for many campaigns at that address.

Roger Hagan provided an update on the appeal to the Montana GOP concerning the election of a new Executive Board. Drew and Brian provided information on election software and mobile applications available to candidates.

Election day is Tuesday, November 6 so there will be no Executive Board meeting in November. The next Executive Board meeting of the CCRCC will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Tryon, secretary



GOP PEP TALK!

PHYLLIS TRYON <TRYON58@msn.com>
To: PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>

Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 10:59 AM

Sent by:
Phyllis Tryon
CCRCC Secretary

 **GOP Pep Talk (10-28-2018).pdf**
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Final Stretch! Reminder

PHYLLIS TRYON <TRYON58@msn.com>
To: PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>

Mon, Oct 29, 2018 at 11:03 AM

CASCADE COUNTY REPUBLICANS, LET'S GIVE OUR PARTY ALL THE HELP WE CAN IN THE FINAL STRETCH.

Please read the request for volunteers below and give as much time as you can to help our GOP Candidates in Cascade County and Statewide get over the finish line as winners! Thanking you in advance for your help.
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Brian: brian@mtgop.org 406.451.2884

Drew: drew@mtgop.org 202.600.1413

Election Day is November 6th and we need folks to help us poll watch, knock on doors, and make phone calls. Poll watching is very important and ensures that our efforts at the doors and on the phones are optimized. In order to poll watch all you need to do is click on the names of the people who sign in to vote on our app and this will then remove them from the knock and call lists so that our folks in the field are only contacting people who have not yet voted and aren't wasting time contacting people who already have. A sign-up sheet for Election day can be found [HERE](#). Simply fill in your name in the appropriate time slot.

Let's make our President and our Party proud this November 6th!

Roger A. Hagan

117 Gerber Road

Great Falls, MT 59405-8107

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(406) 459-0773

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**FINAL STRETCH REMINDER!**

PHYLLIS TRYON <TRYON58@msn.com>
To: PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>

Thu, Nov 1, 2018 at 12:57 PM

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FINAL FINAL STRETCH REMINDER!

PHYLLIS TRYON <TRYON58@msn.com>
To: PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>

Sat, Nov 3, 2018 at 11:31 AM

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REMINDER: Dec 4 2018 Executive Board meeting of CCRCC

PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>

Tue, Dec 4, 2018 at 9:39 AM

Subject: Dec 4 2018 Executive Board meeting of CCRCC

The next regular meeting of the CCRCC Executive Board will be Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Buttrey Realty, [708 Central Ave, Great Falls MT](#).

Look forward to seeing you there!

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A – Tilleman, Eric

From: **Roger Hagan** <rahagan@msn.com>

Date: Sun, Nov 4, 2018 at 7:12 PM

Subject: Re: Election Night

To: scoburn@cherrycreekmedia.com <scoburn@cherrycreekmedia.com>, Drew Zinecker <drew@mtgop.org>

Cc: Brian O'Leary <brian@mtgop.org>, Sheridan Buck <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>

Thank you Drew for the inclusion with this request.

Seth, Thank you for checking with our group. Yes, we will be hosting all Cascade County Republicans at an Election Night gathering. You are welcome to join us to mingle with our friends.

We will be at Buttrey Realty, 708 Central Avenue, starting as the polls close at 8pm.

Roger A. Hagan
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rahagan@msn.com
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From: Drew Zinecker <drew@mtgop.org>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 1:09:33 AM
To: scoburn@cherrycreekmedia.com
Cc: Brian O'Leary; Sheridan Buck; Roger Hagan
Subject: Re: Election Night

Seth,

I have included Roger Hagan and Sheridan Buck on this email. CCRCC Chairman Hagan will be having a party in Great Falls for the central committee when polls close and can provide you with the location. Most of our state legislators will be in attendance, so some great opportunities to catch electeds and candidates there. Ms. Buck is the leader of the other Republican group and will be having a gathering I believe. She can provide you with those details.

Let me know if you have any questions.

-Drew

On Sun, Nov 4, 2018 at 2:37 PM Coburn, Seth <scoburn@cherrycreekmedia.com> wrote:
Greetings

My name is Seth Coburn, and I am the Program Director for 560 KMON, Cherry Creek Media in Great Falls. On Tuesday night, starting at 6pm, we will be covering election turn-out and results. We would like to know if there is going to be a gathering in Great Falls backed by the Republican Party. If there is, we would like to have one of our reporters on sight throughout the night, filing hourly reports, getting reactions and possible interviews. Would this be possible?

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EXHIBIT 23

Seth Coburn
Program Director
560 KMON/99.9 ESPN
Cherry Creek Media
406 761-7600 office
406 899-2744 cell

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Fw: Nov 2018 White Hat Express

PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>
To: Phyllis Tryon <tryon58@icloud.com>

Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 7:01 PM

With the current crisis pertaining to immigration and the 14th Amendment (Anchor Baby question) being in the daily news we are pleased to attach the November issue of the White Hat Express. We trust it will help you understand these important topics and what needs to be done. Enjoy the reading.

Gary and Joan

Gary K. Carlson, Publisher
White Hat Express

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Dec 4 2018 Executive Board meeting of CCRCC

PHYLLIS TRYON <TRYON58@msn.com>
To: PHYLLIS TRYON <tryon58@msn.com>

Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 11:13 AM

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Please see attached news release from the Cascade County Republican Central Committee

4 messages

Cascade County Republicans <ccrcmt@gmail.com>

Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 7:21 PM

To: "Moore, Rina" <rfmoore@cascadecountymt.gov>

Cc: Sheridan Buck <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>, Ron Staley <twocampers@myexcel.com>

Bcc: "J. C. Kantorowicz (Jon Carl)" <HuskyandHatz@gmail.com>

Rina,

I am attaching a news release that we submitted to the media today. This should resolve any issues about the CCRCC leadership.

You already have the current slate of CCRCC Executive Board. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this issue.

Sheridan Buck, Chairwoman

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Cascade County Republican Central Committee

Mailing Address:

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www.ccrccmt@gmail.com

(406) 761-6083



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Moore, Rina <rfmoore@cascadecountymt.gov>

Fri, Dec 7, 2018 at 7:00 AM

To: Cascade County Republicans <ccrcmt@gmail.com>

Cc: Sheridan Buck <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>, Ron Staley <twocampers@myexcel.com>

Sheridan –

Thank you very much for your correspondence. We had been placed in a rather uncomfortable position, not knowing whose paper work to accept.

I would also like to thank you for your participation throughout the election and on the day of the recount. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Happy New Year!

Rina Fontana Moore

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Clerk & Recorder/Auditor/Surveyor

EXHIBIT 26

325 2nd Ave North - Rm 100

Great Falls, MT 59401

406-788-1720

From: Cascade County Republicans <ccrcmt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 7:22 PM
To: Moore, Rina <rfmoore@cascaedcountymt.gov>
Cc: Sheridan Buck <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>; Ron Staley <twocampers@myexcel.com>
Subject: Please see attached news release from the Cascade County Republican Central Committee

[Quoted text hidden]

Michael Buck <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>
To: "Moore, Rina" <rfmoore@cascaedcountymt.gov>
Cc: Cascade County Republican Central Committee <ccrcmt@gmail.com>, Webmail twocampers <twocampers@myexcel.com>

Fri, Dec 7, 2018 at 9:32 AM

Rina,

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Merry Christmas to you too!
Sheridan

[Quoted text hidden]

Ron & Rita Staley <twocampers@myexcel.com>
To: "Moore, Rina" <rfmoore@cascaedcountymt.gov>
Cc: "Republican Cascade County Committee, Central" <ccrcmt@gmail.com>, Michael Buck <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 7, 2018 at 4:51 PM

Rina,

I thoroughly enjoyed working the election and plan on working again.
Ron Staley

From: "Moore, Rina" <rfmoore@cascaedcountymt.gov>
To: "Republican Cascade County Committee, Central" <ccrcmt@gmail.com>
Cc: "Michael Buck" <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>, "Ron & Rita Staley" <twocampers@myexcel.com>
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 7:00:34 AM
Subject: RE: Please see attached news release from the Cascade County Republican Central Committee

[Quoted text hidden]

Contact: Sheridan Buck, Chair
Cascade County Republican
Central Committee
Phone (406) 761-6083
ccrcmt@gmail.com

P.O.Box 6146
Great Falls, MT 59406

**Cascade County
Republican
Central Committee**

News Release

State GOP rules on hostile takeover of CCRCC by “Shadow Group”

December 6, 2018

The Cascade County Republican Central Committee, chaired by Mrs. Sheridan Buck was informed that it is the only recognized and legitimate Republican central committee in Cascade County. A sub-committee of the Rules Committee in the state Republican Party affirmed an earlier ruling by Mrs. Debra Lamm, the state Chairwoman who stated that the CCRCC is the sole representation of all Republicans in Cascade County. This decision ended a fight started last June by a shadow group that sought to replace Mrs. Buck and her Executive Board by circumventing the rules.

Mrs. Buck expressed her gratitude to the Montana State GOP for their thoughtfulness and thorough examination of the disagreement. She also stated that moving forward, the CCRCC welcomes the members of the shadow group to support and promote the Republican Party Platform in Cascade County and Montana.

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Contact Sheridan Buck at 761-6083

For immediate release

**Fwd: Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC)****Michael Buck** <mikeandsheridanbuck@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 7:21 PM

To: Judy Tankink <jtankinkccrcc@gmail.com>, Webmail twocampers <twocampers@myexcel.com>

Just received.

Sheridan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Debra Lamm** <chairman@mtgop.org>

Date: Fri, Jun 29, 2018 at 6:57 PM

Subject: Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC)

To:

Dear Roger:

I received your letter identifying an Executive Board election resulting from a special meeting, and Amended May 1, 2007 CCRCC Rules attachment. You have asked the MTGOP for help in filing.

However, according to the MTGOP Bylaws, the time for a County Committee Election was February 1-May 8 of every odd-numbered year pursuant to Section C: Committees, III. County Central Committee, C. Election of officers (2016-2017). The CCRCC held their convention on May 2, 2017 and notified the MTGOP of the outcome of their election convention on May 3, 2017.

Subsequently, the rule was changed in June 2017 to provide for the County Convention to occur between February 1-May 1 in odd-numbered years. The next County Convention would properly be scheduled for February 1-May 1, 2019.

Therefore, for purposes of state party recognition, officers elected on May 2, 2017 are the recognized officers for CCRCC. Any dispute at the county level as to who are the current officers of the CCRCC should be resolved at the county level.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me. If you wish to appeal my reading of the MTGOP Bylaws, please let me know according to Section F. Appeals of the Bylaws as amended on June 23, 2018. See below.

Sincerely,
Debra

Debra Lamm
Chairman
Montana Republican Party
c 406-223-9368

Section F. Appeals

In all instances where application of these rules is contested, the aggrieved party must file a written protest with the state chair within ten (10) days. The state chair may designate a

subcommittee of the state rules committee to investigate and make a determination of the conflict or the state chair may refer the matter to the General Counsel for an opinion. The decision by the subcommittee or the General Counsel, as the case may be, is final unless appealed to and overruled by the rules committee.

EXHIBIT 27

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Michael A. Buck
(406) 836-9857

Sheridan H. Buck
(406) 836-9848

82 Bend View Lane
Great Falls, Montana 59404

Subject: Re: Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC)

From: Roger Hagan <rahagan@msn.com>

Date: 7/2/2018 1:18 PM

To: "chairman@mtgop.org" <chairman@mtgop.org>

Debra:

Thank you for your prompt response to the letter I dropped off at the party office last Wednesday. I am writing to appeal the decision rendered in the email you sent to me on June 29, 2018 and to ask for a determination as to the identity of the correct precinct people for the Cascade County Republican Central Committee. On June 28, 2018, I sent you a letter regarding various issues with the Cascade County Republican Central Committee. In the letter, I indicated I was making an appeal. In looking at your response, I think the proper procedure would be ask you for an initial determination first with regard to precinct people.

I would like a determination as to whether Lori Badgley, Michael Badgley, Bill Davis, Vicky Jo Reeves, and Keith Reeves were properly appointed to precinct positions because the appointments occurred prior to the primary election. Under Section C Committees, III Central Committees, B. Selection of Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen, the rules plainly state "If no candidate is elected under (i), following the election the County Central Committee may appoint a person to that position."

All the people identified above were supposedly appointed to these positions prior the primary election. There is no way any of these people could be appointed prior to the primary election and carryover post-primary. Under party rules, a term for committeeman or committeewoman is no greater than 2 years or the next primary election. If these people were appointed prior to the election they would have been appointed to a term longer than 2 years by the 2020 primary.

Additionally, I would like a determination as to whether Carol Wells was appointed to precinct position 19A3. On June 26, 2018, we held a meeting and Ms. Wells was voted into the committeewoman position by a 20-0 vote with one person abstaining.

The explanation and basis for my request pertaining to these precinct positions is contained in my June 28, 2018 letter to you.

I would like to appeal your ruling that the current executive board cannot be changed. Under the rules of the party, each central committee may adopt its own rules as to the determination of membership on its executive committee. Section C Committees, III Central Committees, G. County Executive Committee. Under the rules of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee, the executive board serves at the pleasure of the precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman and may be removed at any time. Article VI. Executive Board. I have mailed a copy of the local rules to you for your review in the June 26, 2018 letter.

I did not see anything in the state GOP rules that prohibited a local central committee from adopting rules that permitted local committeeman and committeewomen from removing and replacing the current executive board at time other than a convention. The Cascade County Republican Central Committee has authorized such a removal in its rules. As such, I would request that you give effect to the local rules and rule the executive board may be changed in Cascade County pursuant to its rules and was in fact changed at the meeting held on June 26, 2018.

Finally, I would like you to provide me with a copy of the June 23, 2018 amended By Laws you referred to in your reply as I am unable to secure them from the mtgop.org website.

If you believe anything in this request or the appeal is beyond the ability of you or the state party to render an opinion on, please let me know as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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"God Bless America"
"One Nation Under God"

From: Debra Lamm <chairman@mtgop.org>

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 5:38 PM

To: rahagan@msn.com

Subject: Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC)

Dear Roger:

I received your letter identifying an Executive Board election resulting from a special meeting, and Amended May 1, 2007 CCRCC Rules attachment. You have asked the MTGOP for help in filing.

However, according to the MTGOP Bylaws, the time for a County Committee Election was February 1-May 8 of every odd-numbered year pursuant to Section C: Committees, III. County Central Committee, C. Election of officers (2016-2017). The CCRCC held their convention on May 2, 2017 and notified the MTGOP of the outcome of their election convention on May 3, 2017.

Subsequently, the rule was changed in June 2017 to provide for the County Convention to occur between February 1-May 1 in odd-numbered years. The next County Convention would properly be scheduled for February 1-May 1, 2019.

Therefore, for purposes of state party recognition, officers elected on May 2, 2017 are the recognized officers for CCRCC. Any dispute at the county level as to who are the current officers of the CCRCC should be resolved at the county level.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me. If you wish to appeal my reading of the MTGOP Bylaws, please let me know according to Section F. Appeals of the Bylaws as amended on June 23, 2018. See below.

Sincerely,
Debra

Debra Lamm
Chairman
Montana Republican Party
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Section F. Appeals

In all instances where application of these rules is contested, the aggrieved party must file a written protest with the state chair within ten (10) days. The state chair may designate a subcommittee of the state rules committee to investigate and make a determination of the conflict or the state chair may refer the matter to the General Counsel for an opinion. The decision by the subcommittee or the General Counsel, as the case may be, is final unless appealed to and overruled by the rules committee.

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November 28, 2018

To: Chairwoman Lamm

From: State Party Rules Subcommittee

Re: Decision of the Rules Subcommittee on the rules appeal filed by Roger Hagan.

Dear Chairwoman. Lamm,

BACKGROUND:

In June of 2018, Roger Hagan, a resident of Cascade County, requested that the State Chairman recognize a Cascade County Republican Central Committee ("CCRCC") Executive Board slate that was allegedly elected at a special meeting held that same month.

On or about June 29, 2018, in response to the aforementioned state rules appeal filed by Mr. Hagan, you, as Chairman, submitted a response to Mr. Hagan's request stating that the Montana Republican Party Bylaws ("State Party Rules") require the Montana State Republican Party ("State Party") to recognize those central committee officers elected during the county convention period stated in the State Party Rules. Further, you advised Mr. Hagan to resolve any dispute as to who are the proper officers at the county level, while noting that the next Cascade County Convention is required by state party rules to be held between February 1 and May 1 of 2019.

In turn, Mr. Hagan exercised his right under the State Party Rules to appeal the Chair's decision and State Party Rules interpretation. You referred Mr. Hagan's appeal to this State Party Rules Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee met in early August of this year to review Mr. Hagan's appeal. After that meeting, the Subcommittee requested that Mr. Hagan and Ms. Sheridan Buck, who was elected CCRCC Chair in May of 2017 each submit a 'legal type brief' outlining their respective positions on the Chairwoman's June 29, 2018, rules application and determination.

Those briefs were timely submitted by the end of August 2018. The members of the Subcommittee reviewed the copious amount of paper that was provided in this matter. And, in early November, the Subcommittee reconvened to deliberate on this matter and to render an opinion the merits of Mr. Hagan's rules appeal.

DECISION:

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The Subcommittee was asked to determine if the county precinct committee persons appointed in April 2018 were validly appointed. The Subcommittee did not consider this issue as it is moot. Any precinct committee persons who were appointed prior to the primary election only held their positions until June 5, 2018, the date of Montana's 2018 primary election. *See id.* Sect. C.III.H. As clearly set forth in the State Party Rules, all county central committee vacancies existing after the 2018 primary election can only be filled during a properly called and noticed meeting with a quorum of precinct committee persons present. The chair of the next CCRCC convention held in accordance with the State Party Rules may not recognize the persons appointed at the April Meeting as voting members.

CLOSING:

All this being stated, the Subcommittee agrees unanimously that the State Party Chairwoman was correct to point out in her challenged decision that it is not the State Party's role to be the arbiter of county central committee leadership and governance conflicts, nor is it the State Party's role to determine "which type" of Republicans are proper persons to file county party positions. Ultimately, it will be the job of the State Central Committee to determine who to recognize as having proper credentials.

As stated above, county central committees are associations separate and distinct from the State Party, but subject thereto. And, therefore, the determination of the validity of the actions of the CCRCC will be determined only at the next special or regular meeting of the State Central Committee.

As specifically stated under the State Party's rules, the CCRCC may adopt its own rules for the membership and function of the executive committee. *See id.* Sect. C.III.G. As a general matter, it is not the purpose of the Rules Committee of the MRP to determine who are the members of the executive committee or whether the CCRCC has complied with its own by-laws. Rather, as made clear by the Chairwoman, and as reinforced by this Subcommittee decision, the State Party's limited role in this proceeding has been to determine whether the State Party's own rules have been properly interpreted and applied. As noted above, the Subcommittee determines they have and, as such, the State Party should recognize, for State Party purposes, those CCRCC officers elected during the convention held on May 2, 2017, and whose names were given to the State Party on May 3, 2017.

NOTICE AND ADVISEMENT

Under State Party Rules Sect. F, the parties may appeal this decision of the Rules Subcommittee to the full Rules Committee of the State Party. **The appeal must be filed within 10 days of the date the parties are given notice by the Chair of this decision.**

Further, the Rules Subcommittee suggests to the Chairwoman that, given the animosity between some members of the CCRCC, the Chair make herself or other trusted observers available to the CCRCC to serve as a neutral bystander and observer during the 2019 county convention process.

Signed,

This being stated, the Subcommittee would remind the parties to this appeal and the CCRCC that another organizational convention to elect county officers is required to be held in early 2019, a few short months from now and must be held in compliance with Montana Code Annotated Section 13-38-205.

In his appeal, Mr. Hagan asserts that, regardless of the clear language of the State Party Rules, a new slate of county officers was allegedly elected at a meeting called in June of 2018 and should be so recognized by the State Party. Setting aside the fact that the State Party rules clearly state that the State Party will only recognize new county officers in the event of death, resignation, failure to maintain status of an elector of the county, or removal from the county (none of which circumstances present themselves here), *see id.* Sect. C.III.G the Subcommittee determines that the June 26, 2018 meeting suffered from multiple procedural infirmities and, thus, that meeting does not provide a legal basis to overturn the Chairman's challenged decision.

Under the materials presented, the Subcommittee determines, pursuant to Section C.III.I. of the State Party Rules, that the June 2018 meeting was properly called by a majority of the members of the CCRCC. However, under the clear terms of the CCRCC's own bylaws, the Chair is and was specifically tasked with chairing any and all properly called meetings of the CCRCC, such as the one at issue.

Under the facts presented to this Subcommittee, it is clear that, after the properly called CCRCC meeting of that date dissolved into chaos, the "hallway meeting" that took place immediately thereafter among some of the precinct persons was not a proper meeting of the CCRCC. This is because Chair Sheridan Buck adjourned the duly-called and properly-noticed meeting prior to the hallway meeting taking place. Under Roberts Rules of Order, which are incorporated into the County's own bylaws in Art. III, sect. F., Chair Sheridan Buck had the authority to close a meeting if no objection to the same was heard.

Based on the evidence presented, nobody objected to Chair Buck's action to adjourn the meeting and, therefore, any actions that were taken during the hallway meeting were improper and so void *ab initio*. What is more, any actions taken during the hallway meeting are also void because (1) that meeting was not properly noticed pursuant to the CCRCC's bylaws—the notice of special meeting published in the Great Falls Tribune on June 22, 2018, pertained to the meeting ultimately adjourned by Chair Buck, not to the subsequently held hallway meeting, and (2) County Chair Buck did not preside over the hallway meeting.

Mr. Hagan's appeal also requested an application of the State Party Rules regarding the appointment of vacancies in county committee precinct positions. The appointment of precinct committee persons is clearly explained in the State Party Rules in Section C.III.H:

Vacancies in the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman may be filled by a majority vote of the members of the County Central Committee present at a meeting called and noticed for that purpose. For the appointment to be effective, a quorum of duly elected and appointed precinct committeemen and committeewomen must be present at the meeting where a vacancy can be filled... Precinct committeemen and committeewomen hold such a position for a term of two years from the date of their election or in the case of an appointment until the next regularly scheduled primary election.

After discussing this matter extensively, for the reasons stated below, the Subcommittee agrees that the Chairwoman's decision of June 29, 2018 was correct and that, therefore, Mr. Hagan's appeal must be denied.

LEGAL PRINCIPLES & DECISION REASONING:

It is a truism that the Montana State Republican Party and the Cascade County Republican Central Committee are separate and distinct associations. *Eu v. San Francisco Cnty. Democratic Cent. Comm.*, 489 U.S. 214 (1989). As such, the CCRCC is free to organize and operate in any matter it so chooses, separate and distinct from the State Party, so long as the entity governs itself in a manner that is not inconstant with other authority.

The affairs of a given county central committee, including the CCRCC, are controlled principally by five authorities: (1) The Rules of the Republican National Committee, (2) the Rules of the Montana Republican Party, (3) the central committee's own governing document, (4) state law, and (5) Roberts Rules of Order (to the extent any of the above designate the Rules are to be followed).

The State Party Rules specifically provide that the State Party will recognize, for its own governance purposes, those central committee officers who were elected during county central committee conventions held between February 1 and May 1 in odd-numbered years. See Montana Republican Party Bylaws Sect. C.III.C..

Further, under the State Party Rules, after the county officers are elected at the county convention, the central committee submits its officer list to the State Party by May 6 of any odd-numbered year. See *id.* at Sect. C.III.F.

And, under the State Party's rules, the State Party must recognize, for its own governance purposes, county officers who are elected under this process for a term of two years unless a vacancy occurs at the county level because of death, resignation, failure to maintain status of an elector of the county, or removal from the county. *Id.* at Sect. C.III.G.

In her challenged decision, the Chairwoman correctly cited to and applied the above-recited State Party Rules for purposes of determining who the State Party recognizes as being the current officers of the CCRCC. As correctly noted by the Chair in her appealed decision, the CCRCC held a county convention in May of 2017 wherein the CCRCC's officers for the 2017-2019 time period were elected. And, subsequently, the CCRCC submitted to the State Party its list of officers for the 2017-2019 time period. Consequently, as correctly determined by the Chairwoman, those persons who were listed as CCRCC's officers in May of 2017 are those persons recognized by the State Party as CCRCC's officers for State Party purposes. Ultimately, the final decision on who will be recognized as the officers of the CCRCC will be the decision of the Credentials Committee at the next special or regular meeting of the State Central Committee, subject to the review of the entire State Central Committee.

Nothing in the materials submitted by Mr. Hagan demonstrates conclusively that the Chair misinterpreted the State Party Rules or misapplied them to the facts as presented. Therefore, the Subcommittee finds no basis upon which to recommend that Mr. Hagan's appeal be granted.

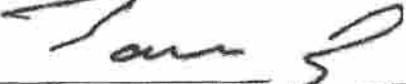
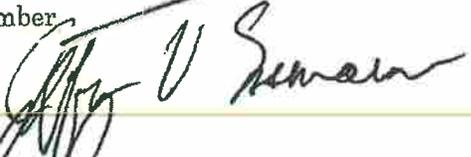
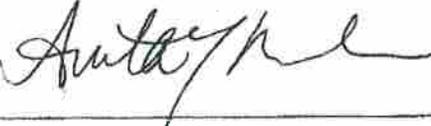
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