

UCRP Central Committee Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2015, Lehi Jr. High School

9:00 am Call to order

Tributes to Becky Lockhart and Stephens Hales

Minutes of 11/8/14 approved without objection

Officer Reports

Secretary Report -

Notice Of Next Meeting(s)

April 18, 2015 (Country convention – 1 week after spring break)

Sept. 26, 2015

Nov. 7, 2015 (Our usual Nov. date, right after election day)

Jan. 23, 2016 (Saturday before legislature convenes)

Committee Reports

The C&B committee moved to adopt C108 and B161 – Lost (2/3 required)

New Business

Limits on debate were adopted without objection.

Resolution on Local Control – Oak Norton

Resolution on Local Control

By Oak Norton

Whereas local control is at its heart, self-government,

Whereas the closer control is to individuals, the greater the ability to meet the needs of the people involved,

Whereas until such time as children become self-governing, parents are the God-given stewards over their development,

Whereas parental involvement is the number one factor in student success,

Whereas parents have primary responsibility over their children's education,

Whereas state law recognizes that parents are the primary educators and schools play a secondary and supportive role to the parents,

Whereas the purpose of a public school should be to meet the needs of students based on parental input,

Whereas the greater the concentration of power, the less responsive a state, district, or school is to the needs of parents,

Therefore be it resolved that this body supports efforts to create greater parental authority in the education of children through increased flexibility in the school system,

Be it further resolved that this body supports greater opportunities for parental input and service through an increase in the number of school districts in the state,

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to all Utah county legislators and a copy sent to the Governor and Lt. Governor.

ADOPTED

Input on Legislative issues – Norman Thurston

Straw Poll Questions

1. Would you support a proposal to increase the state income tax from 5% to 6% and use the additional revenue for public education? - Lost

2. Would you support a proposal to change the state school board elections into partisan elections?- Adopted

3. Would you support a proposal to ban wood burning for home heating purposes on all days from November 1 through March 15? - Lost

4. Would you support a proposal to remove Utah from participation in the Common Core State Standards?- Adopted

5. Would you support a one-time increase in the gasoline tax to off-set the effects of inflation?- Lost

6. Would you support a proposal to allow anyone to refuse to solemnize a marriage if doing so violates their religious beliefs?- Adopted
7. Would you support a proposal to outlaw discrimination in employment and housing based on sexual preference or gender identity? - Lost
8. Which of the following four proposals regarding Medicaid expansion for low-income adults would you support? -
 - A) Would you support a full expansion of Medicaid as envisioned in the Affordable Care Act – granting full Medicaid to all adults below 138% of the federal poverty level?- Lost
 - B) Would you support the implementation of the Healthy Utah plan as proposed by the Governor's Office – using public funds to pay private insurance premiums for all adults below 138% of the federal poverty level? - Lost
 - C) Would you support the creation of a limited program that provides coverage for a smaller number of low-income adults, such as those with medical problems? - Lost
 - D) Would you prefer to maintain the status quo regarding Medicaid for low-income adults - Lost

Resolution opposing all form of Obama care Expansion in Utah including “Healthy Utah” - Jake Anderegg –

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ALL FORMS OF OBAMACARE EXPANSION OF MEDICIAD IN UTAH INCLUDING “HEALTHY UTAH”

WHEREAS, the Utah Republican Party Platform has long asserted that the proper role of government exists by consent of the governed and must be restrained from intruding on the freedoms of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Republican Party has always reaffirmed states rights and opposed unreasonable and intrusive federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Republican Party asserts that the primary responsibility for meeting basic human needs rests with the individual, the family, and voluntary charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, roughly half of the anticipated gains in insurance coverage from Obamacare (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) are to be achieved through expansions of Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program has soaring prices and inadequate levels of access and care for recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program is in dire need of reform and not just expansion; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the Medicaid program will cause future increases in taxes and pressures on other areas of public spending; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the Medicaid program will increase dependence upon government services and “crowd out” more of the private sector; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the Medicaid program will worsen the state budget challenges and further restrict state options for providing other public services; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the Medicaid program will increase bureaucratic complexity and state tensions with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Utah program is proposed to be paid for entirely using Medicaid program dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Utah program is exclusively possible because of provisions in Obamacare; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Utah program is dependent upon continuation of Obamacare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Utah County Republican Party opposes all forms of Obamacare expansion of Medicaid in Utah; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to all Republican members of the Utah State Legislature.

ADOPTED

Resolution to oppose Provo-Orem Bus Rapid Transit Project – Jennifer Babtista

Resolution to Oppose the Provo-Orem Bus Rapid Transit Project

WHEREAS, the Provo-Orem Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is a controversial public transportation endeavor that will cost Utah County taxpayers \$65 million in bonding;

WHEREAS, the BRT project benefits only a small percentage of commuters in Provo and Orem yet will be funded by residents throughout Utah County;

WHEREAS, the BRT project will likely take away funding for more needed transportation projects throughout Utah County;

WHEREAS, large public transportation projects often end up greatly exceeding original cost projections;

WHEREAS, the public has been given insufficient notice to discuss and examine the need (if any) and the financial implications of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Tribune reported that the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) used faulty data in projecting BRT ridership numbers and in drawing routes for the BRT project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Utah County Republican Party admonishes all members of the Utah County Commission, as well as all other publicly elected officials, to vigorously oppose any efforts to impose a bond or use County taxpayer dollars for the purpose of funding the Provo-Orem BRT project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to all three members of the Utah County Commission.

Kirby Glad moved to postpone indefinitely. Lost

Motion to suspend the rules to allow 1 additional speaker in favor and opposed. Adopted (2/3 required)

Resolution ADOPTED

Adjourned