

Libertarian Party of Indiana
State Central Committee Meeting
July 20, 2024

Chair: Evan McMahon

Secretary: Clayton Soultz

Voting Attendees: Kristin Alexander (Vice Chair), Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer), Chuck Hagerman (Tech), John Schick (D1), Elizabeth Coquillard (D2), Kristi Avery (D3), Danny Lundy (D4), Lauri Shillings (D5), Larry Silver (D6 Proxy), Libby Glass (D7), Darin Kinser (D9)

Members Absent: Andrew Smith (Comms)

Guests: Greg Hertzsch (Region 3 Alt)

Meeting held at 801 Shelby St Indianapolis, IN.

I. Call to Order

- a. Called to Order by McMahon at 1:11pm.

II. Roll Call

- a. 13 voting members present, 1 guest.

III. Adoption of Agenda

- a. McMahon moved to amend the agenda and move LNC update to immediately before New Business. Motion passed without objection. Agenda adopted as amended without objection.

IV. Officer Reports

- a. Chair – Filed presidential electors, sat in on a couple of election division meetings regarding campaigns. Followed up on signatures for independents trying to get on ballot. Had recent event with several local candidates, and Mike Ter Maat (VP candidate) was present. Received a strange FOIA request, responded by saying LPIN is not a government adjacency and is not bound by FOIA, but all our records are available in Indiana Campaign Finance records.
- b. Vice Chair – Kept busy by the Rainwater campaign. Had a few reports of people wanting to step away from certain county affiliates, but others are looking to get more active. Will be going up to Madison County on Monday to help the chair with some legal affairs.
- c. Treasurer – Balance Sheet and P&L for July to date was sent, still doing decent, but we are down about \$8000 compared to end of May. Many expenses are one-time per year, so expenses next month should be lower. Current balance is \$5322.92. We are bringing

in about \$1500 or so per month after expenses. There was a question about a potential sale of the voter list, but it cannot be discussed currently.

- d. Secretary – Three minutes (June 8 special nomination, June 15 regular meeting, June 20 special nomination) are on the table to be addressed. McMahon moved to amend Kenneth Fitzlaff to K. Richard Fitzlaff on the June 8th minutes. Amendment passed without objection. Kinser moved to approve June 8 minutes as amended, second by Glass, motion passed without objection. Alexander moved to approve June 15 minutes, second by Glass, motion passed without objection. Schick moved to approve June 20 minutes, second by Glass, motion passed without objection.

V. Director Reports

- a. IT – Several counties need to update membership information so that Hagerman can update the LPIN website with county info.
- b. Membership – Membership is up, including a new lifetime member who included a very nice note about why they wanted to join. According to national numbers and Triple Memberships, we are currently 4 members higher than Ohio.

VI. District Reports

D1 – All counties continue to hold regular meetings. D1 Beach cleanup next week on June 27 at the Indiana Dunes. Porter county has Popcorn Festival parade coming up on Sept. 7.

D2 – All counties continue to hold regular business meetings. St. Joseph recently got two new memberships, and has put in paperwork for County Commissioner in South Bend. St. Joseph had county fair with Mike Ter Maat and several state candidates. Elkhart county has Goshen parade on July 21, Rainwater will be there.

D3 – This past Sunday, Rainwater campaign sponsored a day at the Whitley County fair, making it “Rainwater Day”. Sept. 14 is Service Saturday coming up, removing invasive plants in Bicentennial Woods north of Ft. Wayne.

D4 – Just had Service Saturday working for Food Finders Food Bank. Down 3 members in the past month. Ronnie Dickson plans to move to Hamilton County. Putnam county continues to hold meetings and delivering signs.

D5 – Had an active month. Grant County chair plans to have booth at James Dean Festival in September. Hamilton county will be attending Cicero street festival on August 14. Service Saturday coming up August 10th, working with FeedingTeam to stock and clean pantries in Hamilton County. Madison County closed convention on June 21, nominated Marquest Higgins for County Commissioner D2. District is looking to have an event at Tipton Pork Festival, Sept. 4-6. Received communication from potential chair and treasurer for Howard County.

D6 – Presented by Larry Silver, proxy for Luke Lomax. Hancock county has been doing door-knocking for candidates, and recently participated in a gun show, including giving out custom-

made bullets. Attempting to raise additional \$300 by the end of the month, so that they can afford two booths at upcoming October 3-6 fair.

D7 – Recently had two regular meetings on third Wednesday of the month at Centerpoint Brewery. Should be on events calendar soon. Marion County wants to volunteer one weekend per month to make calls for Rainwater campaign. Book club is continuing to meet.

D8 – Chair presented briefly, though there still is no representative. District 8 committee did recently meet and dissolve, though they are still working on resolving a balance in the District 8 bank account. Upcoming event in Jasper, IN on July 27th.

D9 – Most affiliated counties are having regular meetings. Harrison county is down just to two officers, discussing possible disaffiliation. Jefferson County is having a meeting on July 31st, having trouble getting people to come to meetings, hopefully can get more interest soon. Richard Shill has been a big help in distributing signs in many counties. Chair asked Mr. Kinser to drive to Washington County clerk office to ask about the status of the county affiliate.

VII. Recess

10-minute Recess called at 2:01pm. Called back to order at 2:11pm.

VIII. Teams

- a. Gaming - Hancock county requested use of gaming license for an upcoming event. Treasurer will ensure that everything is in order for that license.
- b. Data – No new report
- c. 2025 Convention – Meeting soon. Libby submitted potential speaker, rest of the team is also brainstorming speakers. Two of the three deposits have been made, only Friday evening deposit needs to be made, less than \$400.

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Legal –
- b. 50th Gala – Shillings presented a brief report. Will be held at the same location as the convention. It will be held September 21, 6-10pm, they are seeking sponsorships for tables, and the cost is \$100 per plate. Shillings encouraged all counties to advertise to their members.
- c. Rainwater Updates – Several upcoming events. Don is at the last day of the Johnson County fair, they have given away over 100 signs and are almost out of shirts and hats. Campaign has just passed the \$100,000 mark for fundraising, and they will be participating in several upcoming debates. Tonya Hudson was informed that there will not be a Lt. Governor's debate this year.

X. LNC Update

- a. LNC is seeking applications for Candidate Support and Affiliate Support Committees. Hertzsch gave update on recent fundraising agreements and financial concerns. Next in-person meeting will be August 24th in Miami. Avery asked about the 2026 convention, Hertzsch said that a committee still needs to be created. McMahon brought up a concern that the national chair had not yet executed any initial agreements with the Grand Rapids convention site.

XI. New Business

- a. Howard County – The Howard County affiliate had apparently not been closed out, and is in arrears for prior unfiled forms. Has had very little communications with the prior chair, that was several years ago, and none at all with the former treasurer. They have been out of compliance since 2021, and incurred the maximum fine at that point. Shillings asked recommendation for how to handle, if the existing affiliate should be salvaged or create a new one for the new people who are interested. McMahon will ask the Election Division to see if there is a way to salvage the existing affiliate and come to an agreement regarding the \$2000 fines in arrears.
- b. Madison County – Someone is challenging candidates in Madison County, claiming that the candidates were filling ballot vacancies and should have given a 10-day notice. McMahon shared an email that he sent to the Madison County Election Board, that laid out why this complaint was invalid, because the candidates were elected at county convention, not as a ballot vacancy. McMahon and Alexander will be going up to Madison county on Monday to fight this situation, might result in a lawsuit due to the way the Election Board handled it.
- c. Voter Gravity – Alexander moved to take a 10-minute recess, passed without objection. Called back to order at 3:10pm. The primary issue with Voter Gravity is that it costs candidates \$50 per month. There is also a competing issue, which is that campaigns should have skin in the game, since many campaigns will ask for data then not use it. There may be an opportunity for counties to buy an instance for use only for the local candidates, statewide candidates would need to get their own. Lundy proposed giving campaigns/counties a certain goal, including a certain number of doors knocked and/or conversions, and if the goal is met, the candidate or county could be reimbursed from the State. They would just need to provide the initial \$50 payment, which would then be reimbursed if goals were met. Lundy proposed a goal of 10% of voters in the last midterm election for that race. McMahon and Lundy answered several questions from the board. Lundy moved to institute a County party/candidate Voter Gravity rebate policy. County parties, and county candidates or below will pay \$50 per month to Voter Gravity as per normal. State will rebate these based on performance, overall 10% of midterm voter turnout prorated monthly will equal 100% rebate, 9% equals 90% rebate, etc. Must have a minimum 20% conversion rate. Additional considerations made per approval of the SCC. Second by Soultz. Discussion was held about expected cost to the LPIN, chair anticipated about \$500. Motion passed.

XII. Adjournment

Alexander moved to adjourn, second by Glass. Motion passed, adjourned at 4:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Soultz
Secretary, LPIN

Appendix A

		Present	Voter Gravity Policy
Chair	Evan McMahon	Y	Y
Vice Chair	Kristin Alexander	Y	Y
Secretary	Clayton Sultz	Y	Y
Treasurer	Michael Schultheiss	Y	Abstain
Political Director			
IT Director	Chuck Hagerman	Y	
Membership			
Communication Director	Andrew Smith	N	
District 1	John Schick	Y	Abstain
District 2	Liz Coquillard	Y	Y
District 3	Kristi Avery	Y	Y
District 4	Danny Lundy	Y	Y
District 5	Lauri Shillings	Y	Abstain
District 6	Larry Silver (Proxy)	Y	N
District 7	Libby Glass	Y	Y
District 8			
District 9	Darin Kinser	Y	Y

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Guests

Greg Hertzsch Region 3 North Conference Alt

Appendix B

On Wednesday, August 14th, the following email ballot was started by Chair McMahon:

MOTION: Resolution on RFK/LNC JFC

MOVED BY: Evan McMahon, Chair

CO-SPONSOR(S): N/A

THRESHOLD: Majority

DEADLINE: 7 days - August 21st, 2024 by Noon ET

Move to adopt the following resolution in regards to the Libertarian National Committee participation in a Joint Fundraising Agreement with the Robbert F Kennedy Jr presidential campaign and upon adoption to submit and publish the same to the LNC.

Resolution Against the Kennedy Victory Fund

WHEREAS, it was established by the delegates present at the Libertarian National Convention on 26 May 2024 to have Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat as the Libertarian nominees for President and Vice President respectively.

WHEREAS, in contravention of the delegates and members of the National Libertarian Party, the National Libertarian Party Executive Committee voted on 11 July 2024 to enter into an agreement with a rival candidate for the purposes of fundraising (now known as the Kennedy Victory Fund).

WHEREAS, the agreement itself can be reasonably perceived as violating multiple National Libertarian Party bylaws, including but not limited to:

- a. Article 2, Sections 1, 2, 4, 5
- b. Article 5, Section 4
- c. Article 14, Sections 1, 4

WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Indiana opposes any action that is in contradiction to the National Libertarian Party bylaws and to the rightfully elected Libertarian Party nominees for President and Vice President, Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat.

WHEREAS, the Campaign for Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat have publicly stated that they do not support the Kennedy Victory Fund, and consider it support of an opponent in an ongoing race.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of Indiana calls on the Libertarian National Committee to void any and all fundraising agreements or otherwise with any presidential candidate other than the Libertarian Party nominee selected by delegates at the 2024 Libertarian National Convention.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of Indiana calls for the censure of the following National Libertarian Party Executive Committee members for knowingly and willfully violating the will of the delegates of the 2024 Libertarian National Convention:

- a. Angela McArdle
- b. Pat Ford
- c. Andrew Watkins
- d. Kathy Yeniscavich

Motion PASSED, votes as follows:

		JFC Resolution
Chair	Evan McMahon	Y
Vice Chair	Kristin Alexander	Y
Secretary	Clayton Soultz	Y
Treasurer	Michael Schultheiss	Y
Political Director		
IT Director	Chuck Hagerman	Y
Membership		
Communication Director	Andrew Smith	Y
District 1	John Schick	Y
District 2	Liz Coquillard	Y
District 3	Kristi Avery	Y
District 4	Danny Lundy	Y
District 5	Lauri Shillings	Y
District 6	Luke Lomax	Y
District 7	Libby Glass	Abstain
District 8	(Vacant)	
District 9	Darin Kinser	Y