



Coconino County Republican Committee (CCRC)
General Meeting
10-12pm, November 11th, 2023
Montoya Adult Center Thorpe Park Flagstaff, AZ

1. **Call to Order** @ 10:10 a.m. 29 in Attendance.
2. **Invocation:** Doreen Holtje
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Merle Henderson
4. **Reading and Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:** Skipped (secretary not there today)
5. **Welcome and Introductions:** Bill Culbertson welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially for coming on Veteran's Day.
6. **Credentials Committee Report and Declaration of Quorum:** Skipped
7. **Rules Committee Report:** Skipped
8. **Reports of Officers or Standing Committees:** Skipped
9. **Unfinished Business:** Joan Harris is working on a new contact list for CCR members (emails).
10. **New Business**
 - Bill Culbertson talked about:
 - a) the NAH and Flagstaff hospital zoning was voted down.
 - b) **Call to Action**-We need more PCs. The more PCs we have the more representation we have at the state GOP state committeemen meetings which translates to more votes cast for statewide issues, offices, etc.
 - c) Bill is attending the Flagstaff Warehouse Elections trainings. The next one is 11/17/23.
 - d) We're looking for more republican Poll Workers and Observers. See the link on the CCR website about how to get signed up.

- e) AZ. GOP Executive Meeting is on 12/16/23 in Phoenix (it was moved from Tucson). Amerifest (Turning Point) kicks off that night and runs from 12/15-12/18.
 - f) CD 1 needs a republican to serve on the board of elections for new District Judge appointment that is resulting from current judge stepping down. (Cindy ? last name). Esler Musta told us that in 2016 there was a new initiative passed that changed judges being elected per party base was changed to merit based.
 - g) Bill puts the agenda on the website each month.
 - h) Bill mentioned "Equal-AZ SOS" which is an online opportunity to sign candidates' petitions. Here is the link if you're interested: <https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>
 - i) There is some confusion about "Equal-AZ SOS" and "Equal Rank Choice Voting." Not sure which website that is on.
- Doreen Holtje shared the following:
 - a) Flagstaff First is working on providing the film "Grid Down, Power Up" at Harkin's theater in Flagstaff. Doreen talked about a waterbob available on Amazon to conserve water.
 - b) At the state FRW convention, a new president was chosen. Flagstaff FRW received 3 awards!
 - c) Sheriff Mark Lamb and Kari Lake are both running for US Senator.
 - Merle Henderson is working on a PC Network: These PCs will reach out to support conservative values. He gave out voter registration rolls to precinct PC at the meeting. He would like to see CCR clean-up voter registration rolls.
 - BJ talked about Flagstaff being one of the only level 1 trauma centers in northern AZ.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

1. **Leslie White**, representing *Citizens Renewing America* (est. 2021). She is a PC in Maricopa County. Russ Vought founded the CRA. He worked for Trump.
 - **Call to Action**- participate in their 20-minute calls every Thursday at 3 p.m. Her phone number is: (720)-260-9070. She sent around a sign-up sheet for those interested in joining them.
 - Their organization is mostly focused on the Speaker of the House and the US Budget, and election integrity. The 2014 elections-cavassing and voter rolls were inaccurate. Russ Vought was a part of the current speaker change & Pete Buttigieg's proposed 1\$ salary. He is involved with watching the DOJ, FBI, DEI.

2. Eslir Musta, *Elections Director for Coconino County*. He has been the director for three years.

- Eslir provided a handout with dates and information about engagement and participation.
- Voting turn-out this last election was about 35% of all registered voters. Of that 35%, Highlands/Kachina Village/Mountaineer was 29%, Ashfork 29%, Williams 30%, Sedona 37%, Munds Park 42%.
- As of Oct. 1st, there are 87,008 voters registered which is down from 91K in 2022.
- In addition to the Democrat and Republican parties, there is the No Labels, Libertarian, and Patriot Party.
- For the upcoming election, Coconino County Elections is involved with following the statutes, candidate filing, voter registration (Recorder Patty Hansen).
- Eslir was asked many questions from the audience and answered those that pertained to his role; however, many questions were more targeted to the Recorder's office functions and roles.

11. Announcements:

- 12/9 is our next CCR meeting. Guest Speakers will be Rachel Walden & Senator Hoffman.
- 12/14 FRW meeting will have Sheriff Mark Lamb as speaker.
- 11/16 FRW meeting is holding a "Baby Shower" to raise donations for the Hope Pregnancy Center. Games and Prizes. She gave out flyers for the event.
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12. Motion to Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.