

TRINITY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Minutes: Trinity County Democratic Party Executive Committee (CEC)

Date: April 1, 2023

Present: Don Fisher, County Chair; Garry Brown, Box 1 (Groveton High School); Penny Willmann, Box 14 (Trinity Pines Baptist Church); and Rita Danford, Box 16 (Baldwin Chapel, Groveton) (Members); Jerald Polk Mays, Secretary; Deb Tullos; George Hawkins; Herbert Gary; Jan Brown; Laura Klosterman (Observers and Participants).

Not Present: Mary Lee Spring, Box 9 (Apple Springs); Amanda Stansberry, Box 11 (Trinity), Eula English, Box 17 (Trinity), and Cheryl Savage, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by County Chair Don Fisher at the Trinity County Courthouse Annex, in Groveton, TX, at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 1, 2023. This meeting is the required meeting of the TCDPEC (the "Committee") held for the first quarter of 2023.

Mr. Mays reported to the Committee that death of Ms. Vernell Spencer, Precinct Chair of Box 18. Mr. Mays also reported that Mary Lee Spring (Box 9) was planning on stepping down as Precinct Chair in Box 9. There are also recommendations for filling vacancies in the Precinct Chair positions for Boxes 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, and 19. Because none of the recommended individuals for those positions, action on filling the vacancies was delayed until the next CEC meeting.

Because Ms. Savage was not present, no Treasurer's report was received.

Mr. Mays reported that he had spoken with Michael Fletmark, SDEC member for SD3, regarding the refusal of several Republican Election Judges to appoint Democrats as Alternate Judges for the November 2022 General Election. Mr. Fletmark is conferring with the Texas Democratic Party staff and with the Secretary of State's office regarding this refusal to abide by Texas Election law.

The group discussed several upcoming projects and the need for committees to address the following matters: Voter Registration; Vacancies on the CEC; recruiting candidates for County offices; and naming clerks and judges for the March 2024 primary election. It was agreed that these committees would not be established until a later meeting when more people were present.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting location will be at the County Courthouse Annex, in Groveton, Texas.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Dated: February 7, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Jerald Polk Mays, Secretary