

GRANT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Democratic Party was called to order at 6:30pm by Vice Chair George Carr in the absence of Chairwoman Barbara Bush. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico. We met at the Peace of Heaven facility courtesy of Eric Vreeland.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting of August 13, 2025 were available for review. Linda Pafford made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Bill Hudson seconded the motion and vote was in favor of the motion.

Treasurer Frances Vasquez reported a beginning balance of \$2634.29 on June 8, 2025 with revenue of \$1540.89 and expenses of \$843.99. Ending balance is \$3331.19. Bill Hudson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Shelby Hallmark seconded the motion and vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

There was not a report for Ward A-E. Glenn Griffin reported on Ward A-W which included comments regarding the County Commission meetings and Public Lands dialogue. John Song reported on Ward C – including a report on the Summerfest booth including participation by Fred Marquez, Gilbert Guadiana and Barbara Mora.

John Song reported on communications including the purchase of a new laptop that will accommodate Windows 11. Barbara Bush purchased the laptop and donated funds are being collected to reimburse Barbara.

ELECTED OFFICIALS and CANDIDATES

Elected officials who attended and spoke were Stephanie Garcia Richard, NM State Land Commissioner and candidate for Lt. Governor; Silver City Mayor Ken Ladner; Frances Gonzales, Bayard City Council, mayor pro tem; Renee Provencio, Bayard Public Library; and Eric Vreeland, candidate for Silver City Council, District 2.

OLD BUSINESS

Pride Fest, Sat. Sept 13 – Gough Park – Simon Sotelo and Renee Provencio volunteered to man the booth.

NEW BUSINESS

Janet Wallet-Ortiz announced deadlines for comments and Oct 18 NO KINGS DAY

Frances Gonzales announced Mimbres Fall Festival on Oct 4 and Tamal Fiesta on Nov. 15

Shelby Hallmark suggested a proposed Grant County Democratic Party Resolution.

Shelby Hallmark made the motion to adjourn. Eric Vreeland seconded the motion and vote was in favor of adjourning. Adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Vasquez, Secretary