

Democrats of the Morongo Basin
 General Meeting Minutes
 10:00 a.m., December 9, 2023
 Online using Zoom &
 Jorge's Place, CMC Campus



Today's Meeting Agenda and Minutes of the November General Meeting were distributed to the membership before the meeting.

Club President Jo Ann Bollen called the meeting to order at 10:01.

<u>Board members present:</u> Jo Ann Bollen Liz Neff Deborah Dunaway Paula Durrant (Zoom) Dianne Markle-Greenhouse (Zoom)	<u>Club members present (in person)</u> Cody Briggs Matthew Mark Campos Mark Chappell Patty Domay Francis Moss Phyllis Moss Gary Neff Johnny Tolbert <u>Club members present (Zoom)</u> Stephanie Ballard Deb Bollinger Debra Gail Savitt	<u>Guests (in person)</u> Sean Carter Mark Goodwin Graham Smith <u>Guests (Zoom)</u> James Albert Chris Carrillo Nancy Karl Ray Kennedy
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The Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mark Chappell.

Guest Speakers: Board of Supervisor candidates Chris Carrillo and Graham Smith both spoke to our members, and responded to members' questions. Thank you, candidates!

Nancy Karl joined us to speak about the proposed glamping developments in Landers, including the Flamingo 640 project and the proposed geodesic dome project that will abut the Integratron property. Nancy is one of the owners of the Integratron, and is strongly opposed to having 6 dome rentals plus the larger common area dome right next door. Nancy also shared information and resources regarding the December 18 planning meeting and December 19 County Board of Supervisors meeting on the Flamingo 640 project appeal. Thank you so much, Nancy! *[Nancy spoke after Debra Savitt's Environmental Committee Report.]*

Gary Neff moved and Johnny Tolbert seconded approval of the Agenda. *Unanimous.* Matthew Mark Campos moved and Johnny Tolbert seconded approval of the November meeting minutes. *Unanimous.*

Treasurers' Report: \$2,600.62 in the bank. \$104 in the cash box. \$60 check from October 22 still outstanding.

Correspondence: Most correspondence has been with Chris Carrillo and Graham Smith regarding endorsement. In addition, Antoinette Wilson will be moving to the area and hopes to become involved.

Environmental Committee: Debra Savitt let us know about the Hi-Desert Water District (Yucca Valley) survey asking for residents' views and feedback. She encouraged us to participate.

Endorsement: The Endorsement Panel made a split recommendation to endorse Chris Carrillo for Board of Supervisors. Deborah described the process and the options available to the Club. Johnny Tolbert moved and Liz Neff seconded endorsing Chris Carrillo. With a vote of 9 members for and 6 members against, Chris received the Club's endorsement. Congratulations, Chris!

Israel-Hamas War Resolution: The draft proposed resolution was distributed to membership earlier in the week. A discussion ensued. Paula Durrant moved and Liz Neff seconded adoption of the resolution. Motion approved.

- Tabling: Jo Ann Bollen and Luke Warner tabled at the JT Farmer Market Thanksgiving weekend. We need more volunteers, please!

Other Items

- Support our endorsed candidates! Derek Marshall (derekmarshallca.com), Lisa Middleton (electlisamiddleton.com), and Christy Holstege (christyholstege.com).
- Yolanda Brown is working with Adelanto Visitation & Advocacy Network, under CARECEN's umbrella. Please make tax-deductible donations here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/avan>
- County Democrats' Endorsement Meeting will be December 14 at 7:00 pm.

Announcements

- Next Board Meeting: January 7 at 2:00 pm, email DemocratsMB@gmail.com for zoom link.
- Next General Meeting: January 13, 10:00 am, Zoom and in person.

Gary Neff moved and Johnny Tolbert seconded adjournment at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dunaway
January 1, 2024