

WCRGOP ORGANIZING CONVENTION

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In the desire to get this information to the web as quickly as possible, just the basics of the meeting have been included. Unlike Teddy Roosevelt, I apologize for the rough writing (riding).

Senator Hatch – President Obama’s cabinets are run by Czars. After all the talk about transparency, we don’t even know what these Czars are doing.

The President’s approach, more: regulation, control government, taxes, czars. They actually think they can keep on this path. We’ve got to stop it.

What we need to do:

1. Make the government live within means
2. Pass the balanced budget amendment
3. Continue to strengthen our country. We can no longer be world’s policemen.
4. Restore the Constitution & its principles.

The employee mandate under ObamaCare is also unconstitutional. It requires you to buy insurance. They are trying to justify it by the Commerce Clause, which has been broadly interpreted by Supreme Court. It is the 1st time the Gov’t can force you to do something for inactivity. It will be a 5-4 decision one way or the other.

Why should all other states have to pay to bail out CA, IL, & other states. We’re not going to do it.

It’s time to reinforce 10th Amendment. Let us manage our own lands.

In all the time Senator Hatch has been in office, we’ve never had a fiscal conservative majority.

Lt. Gov. Greg Bell – He grew up in Weber County, and has an affection & warmth for our legislators & county folks. We have a lot of clout in the legislature, with 2 majority leaders. Lt. Gov bell promised to Jeremy Petersen that if he beat the incumbent, Bell would kiss him on the forehead. A grassroots rating organization rated the past 4 governors with a lifetime rating. 3 were in the 30% range, but Gov. Herbert had a 74% rating.

Gov. Herbert – We ought to have a Utah philosophy in Washington DC – DC would be a lot better if we did. Many ask, “What about this one-party rule?” Well, look at the outcome. Fiscally prudent, knowing how to grow economy, & understanding the proper role of government. We’ve become the envy of the other states. 29 new governors were elected last November – one of highest numbers. Many have come to meet with Gov. Herbert to try to copy the Utah philosophy.

We were named #1 area for quality of life and as the fiscally fittest state. Utah is one of only 8 states with AAA bond rating with all 3 rating agencies. Steve Forbes expressed his admiration for Utah, for

understanding the proper role of government. He rated us #1 state for businesses & careers. The awards go on an on – why? Because of good Republican rule. We've led the nation in the growth of exports. Recently he went to China on a trade mission. It was successful – at least \$30 M in investments came to Utah because of that trip. The Chinese knew 1) UT has a lot of Mormons, and we have the Utah Jazz. They also view Utah as a leader in the USA. They asked what Utah is doing differently. They are learning about free markets and are embracing the concept of competition. They are moving toward a private sector economy. Almost seems opposite of what Washington DC is doing.

Economic opportunity leads to social change.

Ronald Reagan said, "If you agree with me 80% of the time, you're my friend." We need to stay together & work through these hard issues.

Thomas Wright – UT GOP Chair – Thanked Christie Moore for her tremendous work. Weber County has some of the best state senators and representatives. Precinct Chairs and County delegates are the most important positions in the party. They wield a lot of influence, especially stopping the spread of liberal sprawl. Caucuses are on March 15, 2012. Encourage your neighbors and friends to attend these. Working hard really works. Get involved & we'll see tremendous results.

Jan Zogmaister – Weber County is in a very strong financial position because of conservative values & strong principled leadership for several years, and that came from the Republican Party. We have a balanced budget and have made hard decisions to keep the costs down. With the recent flooding, we've seen Weber County residents at their best. Please continue to stay in touch with the County officials.

Craig Dearden – thanked the county party leaders – they have done a lot of work.

Kerry Gibson – 1 year ago I asked for your support. Now I want to thank you for that. I will do my best to serve the public. I've been very busy with the flooding. If you have to be in a disaster somewhere, Weber County is the place to be. People got to work without waiting for the government to get involved.

John Bond – He's blessed to stand on the shoulders of giants, like the prior Weber County treasurers. He also stood on his dad & mom's shoulders as well. We've kept your \$ safe. The office is running well. When Republican value rubber hits the road, we keep costs down and revenues up. We have fewer employees than the past 15 years. Printing costs have been reduced. He's a fan and agent of change. They're moving towards paperless office.

John Ulibarri – They eliminated a position to save \$ and changed their management structure, saving over \$75K annually. They are also using technology to better serve the public. I stopped taking notes on John's talk because I needed to prepare for mine.

Ricky Hatch – See text and get an audio of the speech, titled "Just One Person," at www.rickyhatch.com – will be posted soon.

Terry Thompson – Thank you for being involved.

Earnest Rowley – Both the Recorder and Surveyor offices are tied to property rights. We've made changes that increase the reliability of the process of recording documents.

Stuart Reid, Senate District 18 – Is helping Weber County have a higher profile at the state. He's on 8 different committees, more than any other legislator. He'll focus on economic development and education.

Allen Christensen, Senate District 19 – This was a tough session. He chairs 6 committees now. Sometimes I wonder why I do this, because I'm often surrounded by naysayers and armchair QBs. Then I come to meetings like this and see all you good people who are involved and positive. That's why I do this.

Scott Jenkins, Senate District 20 – As majority leader, I have probably the most partisan position – of keeping the republican caucus together.

Republicans have a 22-7 advantage over Democrats. If the Democrats don't change, they will go away. Couldn't be happier with our Governor, especially with his proposed budget, which we changed very little. We shaved a couple hundred million from the Governor's budget, and tried to be very fiscally conservative.

Rob Bishop - US Representative – If we come out of this national crisis, and all we do is cut spending, that will be a big disappointment. We need to get the federal government out of the business of controlling your lives. I'm the chair of the task force of the 10th Amendment. There are some things the Federal government should do: Hill AFB, protect our borders. Where we have our fences, it is working. The border patrol is prohibited from entering much of the public border because of endangered species. On the budget side, he's proud that the House passed a 2012 budget. What we have to do in Washington is freeze, and then phase out of existence. We have to reverse what has been done for 70 years. It will take at least the next 10 years.

Matt Bell – Two Washington Post reporters attended our Lincoln Day Celebration. They said that in NY or CA, it would cost about \$20K per person to attend a function that has the two state senators and the other representatives. We're fortunate to have our elected officials be there. Encouraged us to attend the Sheriff's BBQ on May 7th.

Brad Dee – If you have questions about what your legislator/senator/elected official have done, come talk with them and they should be able to explain the reasoning behind their decision.