



Jeff Davis County Democratic Party Our First Year Accomplishments

Early Reorganization Efforts

- 1.) In the fall of 2022, we formed the Executive Committee of the Jeff Davis County Democrats, selecting a county chair, precinct chairs for all five county precincts, and other committee members – including a treasurer and a secretary. Precinct chairs were advised to, and have appointed, deputy chairs.
- 2.) Approved bylaws, an organizational chart for the Jeff Davis County (JDC) Democratic Party, an annual budget, and a policy of monthly financial statements.
- 3.) Renewed the lease on our office at 103 State Street, purchased liability insurance, and changed signatories on our Fort Davis State Bank account.
- 4.) Established monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, with one meeting per year in Valentine and one in the Davis Mountains Resort.
- 5.) Established a goal of monthly informational meetings open to the public; gained permission to hold these at the new JDC Community Center.
- 6.) Approved three primary goals for our first year: attaining financial security; growing our membership; electing Democrats to local offices. The first two goals have been accomplished, but we're still working on number three.
- 7.) Started fundraising to support our activities and goals;
- 8.) Designed a complete Website for the Party with information to keep our members well informed on the issues and our activities and hopefully bring in younger people.

Subsequent Efforts and Accomplishments

- 1.) Held numerous public meetings, on a monthly basis, with speakers on various topics:

- a. Immigration and border issues with Michael Wallens, Rio Grande Borderland Ministries
- b. Reproductive rights with Lisa Kettyle, Big Bend Reproductive Coalition
- c. Censorship and banned books with Julia Green, Front Street Books
- d. Public education and school vouchers with John Porras, Raise Your Hand Texas
- e. HB 1330, grants programs, vision of JDC's future with County Judge, Curtis Evans
- f. Texas Constitutional Amendments with Mary Bell Lockhart, Brewster County Democratic Chair

2.) Conducted a Candidate Recruitment event.

3.) Held "Meet and Greet" events in all five voting precincts.

4.) Worked successfully with county commissioners and others to pass HB 1330, which will enable unincorporated county seats to apply for a wider array of grants.

5.) Published three articles in the JDC Mountain Dispatch weekly newspaper and obtained coverage of many of our events in the Big Bend Sentinel, Alpine Avalanche, Terlingua Moon, and Facebook pages of our Jeff Davis County Democrats, Big Bend Democrats, Big Bend Liberals, and Our Terlingua.

6.) Continued support of and participation in Tri-County Voter Promoters bipartisan voter registration, registering numerous new voters prior to the deadline for voting in the Constitutional Amendments election, and making our party eligible for a grant of \$500 from Count Every Vote.

7.) Sent two members to Austin for the Secretary of State Election Law Seminar.

8.) Now working with others to establish a Big Bend Democratic Party PAC, with membership throughout the tri-county area.