

Subject: Platform Committee Report 2/21/21

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Continued working on Platform on Discord.

Finished first round of comments.

Now working through Section IV; we are currently on IV.4 Prisons.

Attached is the current platform.

Here are minutes for January 28th Meeting.

Platform Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28th, 2021 Meeting, 8pm.

Agenda:

8pm Open meeting and attendance - Mr. Mejias, Mr. Moser, Mr. Rose in attendance.

Approval of agenda; - no objections.

(8:05pm) Item 1: Resolution of Platform Section X as discussed in the discord server (motions to be sent separately for review). (8:04 to 8:45)

(8:35pm) Item 2: Review of modified planks to date (attached) (8:45 to 8:47)

(8:45pm) Item 3: Reminder that further modifications to the platform has been requested; please email proposed revisions to the Committee Chair. (Mir. Rose's requests are attached)(8:47 to 8:51)

(8:50pm) Item 4: Reminder that revisions will also need to be made to explanatory document drafts for modified planks. (8:51 to 8:54)

(8:55pm) Close Meeting. (8:55) Meeting will continue on discord, next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday at 8pm if required.

Notes on item 1:

Section X currently is written:

X. Environment

1. Protection of Common Property

Libertarians believe that a function of government is to protect rights and responsibilities, including those involving private property, but also common property, mostly air and water and some land, that are shared by all. Common property in air and water is unavoidable because most of it moves and cannot be contained. And being commonly available to all, not private, it is overused and abused.

2. State Land Privatization

Aside from public safety, there is no greater concern for the people of Florida than having a safe, healthy environment. We look forward to the day when all property not required for police and court functions are returned to private ownership and control. Privatization of all public land not critical to government operations, may deed lock its future use for conservation or commercialization.

We oppose the creation of new government parks or wilderness and recreation areas. Such parks and areas that already exist should be transferred to non-government ownership. Pending such transfer, their operating costs should be borne by their users rather than by taxpayers.

3. Right to Sue for Pollution Damages

Every individual must be able to exercise the ability to sue for damages for the trespass of any individual, business, government or other entity that damages or pollutes their property. We support efforts to hold all individuals, businesses and governments accountable for the damages they cause.

4. State Withholding of Clean Energy Technology

The withholding or prohibition of clean energy technologies by any government, military, or public entity, is viewed as equal to racketeering, and we oppose such manipulation of markets and such secrecy.

5. Measures to Prevent Environmental Damage

Oceans and waterways may not be deeded lands, but are to be protected and conserved similarly. Immunity shall not be given to any industry, processor, or individual, related to damages occurring through these mediums, such as chemical run off. Other unowned mediums such as air, radio frequency, light, and sound should also be treated similarly when damages occur. Civil remedies are best pursued to make whole any victims.

A. The first motion to be decided is the deletion of Plank X.1 Protection of Common Property. The remaining planks in the section would be renumbered accordingly.

Call the question:

Ricardo - Nay

Cody - Aye

Chris - Aye

B. The second motion to be decided is the movement of Plank X.1 Protection of Common Property from the first to the last plank in section X. This motion is only to be undertaken if the first motion fails and this plank is retained.

Motion B is removed for lack of plank.

C. The third motion is to append plank X.5 with the precursor paragraph taken from the national platform:

Protecting the environment requires a clear definition and enforcement of individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife. Where damages can be proven and quantified in a court of law, restitution to the injured parties must be required.

Ricardo - Aye

Cody - Aye

Chris - Aye

D. The fourth motion is to promote X.5 to X.1 if X.1 has been deleted and X.5 has been modified to include the precursor paragraph.

Passed no objections.

E. The fifth motion is to replace the wording of plank X.3 with the following:

Every individual must be able to exercise the ability to sue for damages for the trespass of any individual, business, government or other entity that damages or pollutes their property directly, or indirectly by polluting or damaging the common property. We support efforts to hold all individuals, businesses and governments accountable for the damages they cause. But we oppose the punishment of polluters by way of fines paid to the government. All payments for damages should go to the victims as part of the settlement of a legal suit.

Unanimous Nay.

F. The sixth motion is to Remove X.3. (Replaces Motion to Relocation X.3 to X.2)

Unanimous Aye.

G. Motion by Mr. Rose, The seventh motion is to Remove the sentence "Aside from public safety, there is no greater concern for the people of Florida than having a safe, healthy environment." from plank X.2.

Passed no objections.

As revised by motions of this meeting, or consequence of deletion:

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In Liberty,

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— Attachments: —

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