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<u>Kiowa, Colorado:</u> On November 29th, with a positive and inspiring grassroots spirit, a founding meeting took place to officially organize and establish *Ranchland Republican Women* (RRW).

The Colorado Federation of Republican Women (CFRW) President, Marilyn Harris could not be in attendance, but did send her encouragement to RRW through a brief and positive note: "I am so proud of the efforts of your group and look forward to visiting soon!"

President Marlene Groves, 1st Vice President Donna Dreyer-Ross, 2nd Vice President Mary Steen, Secretary Karen Shipper and Treasurer Jacqueline Smith Evans were elected to office.

Ranchland Republican Women is founded to foster and promote the principles of the Republican Party; to inform and educate members and the electorate; to support election of Republicans; to uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice; to increase the effectiveness of women in government; and to cooperate and assist the CFRW, NFRW (National Federation of Republican Women), and the GOP (Republican Party).

RRW will focus efforts and events in Elbert County but will be growing and organizing aid for Lincoln County, while also extending support to other Colorado ranchland areas.

An important element for RRW is working together in a positive fashion, with an open and inclusive style, so that some members and voters can learn, while other members and voters can teach. It's an overall priority with an *emphasis on welcoming all Republicans!*

The upcoming months for RRW will be festive, fun and fruitful. December 15th will be a brief meeting along with a joyful Christmas/Holiday celebration. On January 15th Kelly Dore will speak about *Human Trafficking* as well as a little about state and federal legislation.

RRW members are also coordinating a *can soup drive for National Soup Month* and hope to gather hundreds of cans of soup to deliver to our local food banks. February 19th will have RRW Secretary and Elbert County Central Committee Member Karen Shipper presenting and educating folks to "*Get Ready for Caucus*".

RRW meetings are held at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of each month and unless otherwise noticed, are held at the Elizabeth Library at 651 Beverly Street.

Membership is for Republicans only. Dues are \$25 for a full voting member (women only), and \$10 for a non-voting member (can be women or men). All Republicans are welcome!

For a membership application and additional information visit www.RanchlandRepublianWomen.org.