

My name is William Truman Wayne, but you can Vote 4 Bill. I'm a Civil War reenactor and the Libertarian candidate for the 51st District. I appreciate this, my first ever invitation to speak to the Farm Bureau.

My wife of 41 years & I live on her great grandfather's farm off Y hiway, where we raise butterflies & deer, and occasionally hay. When I retired from the Air Force in '86 with plans to open a bed & breakfast on the farm, I figured I'd better learn something about farming – so I earned an Ag-Business degree from CMSU, and was an adjunct there for 5-6 years. We retired the B&B in 2016.

Where does this Libertarian stand?

- I think that you should be able to raise whatever crops or animals you want, without asking permission, as long as you do not harm your neighbors or their property, whether by contaminating their air or water, spreading CWD, overspraying dicamba, etc. I do have concerns about CAFOs.

- I believe in Free Trade. Farmers, who buy retail & sell wholesale, are most harmed by tariffs. But, part of free trade means eliminating corporate welfare (subsidies), which include such things as the ethanol mandate. Let's quite burning our food & animal feed; Industrial hemp could fill the income gap. A first, baby step, to ending the ban on hemp is medical cannabis, on the ballot in November. I'll vote Yes on 2, NO on 3.**

- I believe in property rights. That's why I oppose eminent domain for 'economic purposes', along with alphabet soup of TIF, NID, TDD and other tax credits, which take money from schools and give it to developers, costing all of us more in taxes.

- I support the growth of alternative energy – without subsidies – but I realize that wind/solar installations require distribution systems. This affects our property; I'm not sure of the equitable way to handle it.

- Crime, even when we end the expensive & counterproductive war on drugs, will continue to affect rural areas. Our police need body cameras to support their actions (& to get rid of the few bad apples). Let's end Civil Forfeiture (including so-called equitable sharing with the Feds) – they shouldn't be able to take your land & money without a conviction.

- Let's give primary control of public school curriculum to local schools, as long as consistent with individual rights. We should encourage more alternatives to traditional public schools.

- I strongly support our god-given right to self-defense as enshrined in the 2nd Amendment – I oppose any sort of registration or expanded government control. I'm a life member of NRA, but GOA fights harder!

**Thank you again for the opportunity to speak. I'll be happy to further discuss these and other issues. In November please vote Libertarian -
Vote 4 Bill!**