

# Vetting Report: William Rockie Roper

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When asked to participate in the vetting for Rockie, there were three concerns that I had. This report will detail these concerns and the findings for each. The vetting process has been a difficult but healthy learning experience for me. As such, I want to share and discuss an additional three concerns I have about the process itself. Finally, I will conclude with my recommendation.

Before diving into the concerns I had about Rockie, I want to express my gratitude to both Rockie and Denise Mraz for inviting me to observe their Clark County meetings. This is exactly the kind of transparency that we need more of! Thank you both for the warm invitations.

My first concern was regarding the attendance of people to official business meetings that have not completed their paperwork. Unfortunately, I observed this in the Clark County official business meeting held on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. In my opinion, only ASNs and ASCs should be attending these types of meetings. Yesterday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, I finally had a chance to discuss my concerns with Rockie and this was one of them. He agreed with my stance that only ASNs and ASCs should have been in attendance and agreed to watch out for this going forward. In my opinion, I do not believe this was intentional. Furthermore, I am at present satisfied with his response to this concern.

My second concern was regarding the election of Shallon Bent (of Nye County) to the position of Militia Commander. Unfortunately, I observed this in the Clark County official business meeting held on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. In my opinion, this is a state-level position that must be filled by the Nevada Assembly. Clark County has no business electing anyone for state level positions, as this would disenfranchise the people of other counties. During my call with Rockie yesterday, he seemed to have since then already figured this out. He agreed with my stance that this election is null and void by stating that this indeed must instead happen within one of our regularly held Nevada land jurisdiction state-wide assembly meetings, where ASNs and ASCs from all counties are able to participate. His response was immediate, without hesitation and reassuring. As such, I am at present satisfied with his response to this concern.

My final concern was regarding the doxxing of fellow assembly members (including our Nevada Assembly Coordinator!) on Clark County's new web site: <https://www.theccnvassembly.org>. When I asked Rockie about this in our call yesterday, he claimed that this was done by Denise Mraz, who finances and controls this web site. He went on to say that upon learning about this, that he then asked her to remove this content and that it has since been removed. I went to the web site to check for myself and am unable to find any doxxing. I believe that it has indeed been removed.

Of my three concerns, this last one is in my opinion the most serious. Over the last several weeks I have observed extreme hostility between Denise Mraz and other Nevada Assembly members including our coordinator, Sue Hulsebus. This has alienated Denise from many ASNs and ASCs across Nevada, even those not directly involved in conflict with her. In their minds, her lust for conflict, viscous attacks and threats to people that disagree with her overshadow the immense contribution that she brings - so much so that they overwhelmingly voted to suspend her activities within the land jurisdiction state-level assembly. I personally abstained from this vote. I suppose that I have a soft spot for Denise. Her arrival has marked an end to years of stagnation. I find her to be a highly motivated and passionate woman that is effective at getting things done quickly. I have always been results-oriented and appreciate her directness. I believe that her divisive tactics and general need for conflict stem from character flaws that she is working on. We are all working on ourselves and no-one is perfect. I wish her continued progress in this area and choose to focus on her many strengths.

That being said, there are people in our assembly who believe her viscous attacks on others to be part of a calculated, intentional conspiracy to capture our entire state starting with Clark County -

that she is knowingly working with FBI or other LEOs to create chaos within our state assembly, perhaps to have some criminal record cleared or for other personal gain. These are very serious allegations, but I recognize that they are not entirely unfounded. I have seen plenty of circumstantial evidence to support this theory.

I must admit that for many months I ignored warnings from others about David Brutsche. I had a soft spot for him too and turned out to be completely wrong. Ultimately, I came to learn with certainty that he was indeed working with LEOs to infiltrate our assembly. He put all of us in danger – more so than many will ever know. I am very grateful to our Marshall at Arms, Doug Hulsebus, who aptly handled the situation. To see him doxxed on Clark County's web site saddens me. Many thanks to Rockie for correcting this.

With all of the drama going on between Denise and others, I believe that the vetting committee has partially lost objectivity. Rocky has been attacked (at least passively) by Sue and perhaps others for not enforcing what they perceive to be Denise's suspension from assembly participation at both levels, state and county. In my opinion, any suspension from Clark County level participation must be done by Clark County's assembly and that the existing suspension only applies to the land jurisdiction of Nevada where the vote actually occurred. I recognize that others may have a different opinion, but I feel that we all need to remain objective about the issue without letting it corrupt the vetting process. I believe that the drama revolving around Denise has unfortunately had an impact on Rockie's vetting. As such, I would like to mention some concerns that I have about it.

My first concern regarding the vetting process is lack of participation. Although Michelle Schmidt is a member of the vetting committee, she was not invited to participate. When the vetting committee met on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, I informed all members that I had observed Michelle actively participating in Clark County business meetings. Despite this, she was not contacted or invited to participate in Rockie's vetting as she was assumed to be inactive. In my opinion, we are unable to deliver our recommendation without including her findings.

My second concern regarding the vetting process is objectivity. While Michelle Schmidt has avoided involvement in the conflicts surrounding Denise Mraz, Sue Hulsebus remains directly involved. She has stated to me that she believes Denise to be running Clark County through her proxy, Rockie. I see this to indicate a conflict of interest. Knowingly and intentionally excluding Michelle Schmidt makes this conflict of interest even clearer, at least to me anyway. In my opinion, it would have been better if she had recused herself from Rockie's vetting.

My final concern regarding the vetting process is the haste in which the recommendation was delivered. When the vetting committee met last Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the other attending members expressed great concern about the doxxing issue previously mentioned. I agreed that if Rockie was both aware of this and complicit that this would disqualify him. In my opinion, posting of inflammatory rhetoric online and/or doxxing of other assembly members must remain strictly forbidden. We must be able to maintain and show respect toward those that we disagree with. We agreed to gather our thoughts in written form and to deliver them to Sue by Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Initially, Sue suggested that we take a week for this but I said that a couple of days should suffice and that by Wednesday should be enough time – a suggestion that I would come to regret.

I really wanted to connect with Rockie first before delivering my prose and ultimately my final recommendation. While I had agreed that the doxxing issue would disqualify Rockie if proven true, I required at least a chance to review the web site for myself and also a chance to have a phone conversation with Rockie to ask him about all three of my concerns. As it came to be, both Rockie and myself were busy as could be on both Monday and Tuesday, missing each other's calls without any chance to talk. Wednesday came and I was still unprepared so I explicitly wrote the entire committee requesting more time. Unfortunately, my request was ignored and the committee's recommendation was delivered without my input. I recognize that I must take responsibility for late delivery. However, sending out the committee's recommendation without my input greatly disappointed me. I immediately contacted Sue and she agreed to send a follow up mail with my input so that I can be included. It is my wish that this document be attached to the committee's recommendation as an addendum.

In conclusion, I believe that this vetting process has proven to be a valuable learning experience for me and hopefully for other's as well. Through my own observation of Rockie's leadership of two Clark County meetings; and through my own interrogation of Rockie on the phone yesterday involving several difficult subjects; I have decided to express my support for Rockie. I have great respect for the other Vetting Committee members and have tried to find reasons that would disqualify him in order to satisfy consensus. However, the closer I look, the more I see a fair and just leader capable of thinking for himself. I dismiss the allegations that Denise is somehow running the Clark County assembly from the background. Even if Denise is an infiltrator, I believe that Rockie is capable of dealing with that admittedly difficult challenge. I believe that he needs our trust and support. I recommend to the state assembly and to other county assemblies that we work together in cooperation and that we stop attacking each other. To all parties doing the attacking, please calm yourselves and focus on each other's strengths. Rockie has expressed what I believe to be a sincere desire to work together across counties to achieve our common goal of standing up both our counties and our state. As Nye County Coordinator, I look forward to working with him and encourage the other coordinators to do the same.

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