

WisPolitics.com: GOP conventioners like Vukmir for GOP U.S. Senate nomination, strongly approve of Trump's performance

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WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Republican activists attending this weekend's Wisconsin Republican Party convention prefer to see state Sen. Leah Vukmir as the party's nominee next year to take on Dem U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, according to a WisPolitics.com straw poll.

They also strongly approve of President Trump's job performance.

Just more than 47 percent of the 296 delegates, alternates and registered guests at this weekend's convention who voted in the straw poll backed Vukmir, R-Brookfield. Nearly 14 percent preferred state Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau, while another 12 percent indicated their support for businessman Eric Hovde, who ran unsuccessfully for the party's U.S. Senate nomination in 2012.

They also uniformly back Trump with nearly 56 percent strongly approving the president's job performance, while another 35 percent approve.

State GOP officials said roughly 800 delegates, alternates and guests had registered at the convention as of Saturday afternoon.

See complete coverage of the straw poll and the Republican Party of Wisconsin convention in the WisPolitics.com Convention Blog:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/category/gop-convos/>

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****2017 GOP convention straw poll results****

296 valid ballots

If the 2018 GOP primary for U.S. Senate were held today, whom would you support?

Leah Vukmir	140	47.3%
Scott Fitzgerald	41	13.9%
Eric Hovde	36	12.2%
Dale Kooyenga	23	7.8%
Nicole Schneider	14	4.7%
Kevin Nicholson	13	4.4%

Write ins

David Clarke	11	3.7%
Rebecca Kleefisch	2	0.7%
Sean Duffy	2	0.7%
Dean Knudson	1	0.3%
Scott Walker	1	0.3%
No vote	12	4.1%

How would you rate Donald Trump's performance as president?

Strongly Approve	165	55.7%
Approve	104	35.1%
No position/opinion	6	2%
Disapprove	13	4.4%
Strongly Disapprove	5	1.7%
No vote	3	1%