

# WisDems: “Knives Out” — April 28

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*A Weekly Roundup of the Hot Mess That Is the Republican Primary for Governor*



**MADISON, Wis.** — Welcome to “Knives Out”— Rebecca Kleefisch’s favorite phrase and a weekly roundup of the infighting between the radical Republicans running for Wisconsin governor.

The GOP is locked in a heated and brutal primary for governor, where Rebecca Kleefisch, Kevin Nicholson, Tim Ramthun, and Tim Michels are each trying to prove they are the most divisive candidate in the race. What’s going on in the Republican Party is so outrageous, it’s hard to keep track of all of their blunders — so here is a roundup:

## **Who Said It?**

Can you guess who said the following?

*“I’m not gonna let a little cabal of greasy lobbyists write my first executive budget.”*

Scroll to the end of this newsletter for the answer.

## **Who is Tim Michels?**

Ultra-wealthy Tim Michels joined the Republican dumpster fire this week with his radical and [conservative messaging blazing](#).

Michels hasn’t run for office in Wisconsin since 2004 (an election he lost!) and owes Wisconsinites a lot of answers. Michels seems to be avoiding mainstream press, and we can’t depend on the conservative media to get answers – but we’ve compiled a

list of the questions Wisconsinites deserve to have answered at [TimMichels.com](http://TimMichels.com).

### **Tim Michels Has Scintillating Conversation With Donald Trump**

It's hard to believe, but there is at least one human out there who left a conversation with Donald Trump thinking Trump was "impressive." (Remember when Trump [passed the cognitive test?](#))

On his pilgrimage to Mar-a-Lago, Tim Michels and Donald Trump [reportedly talked about](#) "building stuff."



"I thought he asked great questions. [...] We talked about, how do you build a subway right underneath the middle of downtown Manhattan? How do you [...] build a pipeline? How does a tunnel boring machine work? I thought his mind was incredibly sharp with the questions that he was asking. I was very impressed."



Wow, sounds like a fascinating conversation.

### **Did Kellyanne Conway Call Off Her Event With Rebecca Kleefisch?**

Rebecca Kleefisch and Kellyanne Conway were supposed to meet with donors yesterday afternoon [for the worst coffee meeting ever](#). Tragically, it seems to have been scrubbed from the website!

Conway [still made the trip to Wisconsin](#). Does this mean she canceled the event with Kleefisch? This begs the question, as Conway is a close confidant of Trump, does she think the coveted Trump endorsement is going to newbie Tim Michels?

### **Rebecca Kleefisch Blows Up the Swamp**

This week, Rebecca Kleefisch [posted this video](#), with the following caption: "Political elitists are scared because they know I'm good at blowing up the swamp."



Republicans are so obsessed with fighting off the political elite, but Rebecca Kleefisch... was Lt. Governor and she's backed by Wisconsin's largest business

lobby, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce...

### **Rebecca Kleefisch Strikes a Nerve With Tim Ramthun**

Yesterday, the [Journal Sentinel reported](#) that Rebecca Kleefisch has doubled down on her election conspiracies calling the 2020 election “rigged” and comparing it to the NFL’s “deflategate” scandal. Kleefisch’s comments this week were likely in response to Tim Michels entering the race on Monday.

But this isn’t the first time this has happened. When Tim Ramthun entered the race on a platform of illegal election decertification, Kleefisch [would no longer say](#) whether she would have certified the election if she had been governor at the time.

Ramthun is not accepting this blatant pandering to Trump’s base any longer! On his campaign Telegram account he posted:



### **“Who Said It” Answer Revealed**

Rebecca Kleefisch on the Jay Weber Show [[47:00](#)].

Does Rebecca Kleefisch know that her husband is a lobbyist and that her biggest supporters Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce ... are .... lobbyists? Awkward.

