

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF MEEKER COUNTY OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

PREFACE

The text appearing in boldface is provided in the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota and/or the Seventh Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota and shall not be amended or debated.

ARTICLE I : NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Republican Party of Meeker County of the State of Minnesota, herein referred to as Meeker County GOP.

ARTICLE II : PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of Meeker County GOP, the Basic Political Organizational Unit (BPOU), shall be the maintenance and advancement of honest, efficient, responsive, and limited government according to the Constitutions of the United States, the State of Minnesota, and the Republican Party of Minnesota. To obtain this purpose, it is essential the party shall organize to elect Republicans to public office.

Section 2. The duties of the Meeker County GOP shall include the following:

- A. Organize or cause to be organized each precinct in Meeker County.
- B. Administer the affairs of the Republican Party within Meeker County.
- C. Assist in conducting campaigns for the adoption of laws, and for the election of qualified Republican candidates for public office.
- D. Encourage the formation of auxiliary Republican groups, and cooperate with and coordinate their activities; and
- E. To ensure that the integrity of the organization and all assets, such as mailing lists, logos, web content, and written material are professional and in accordance with the principles of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

ARTICLE III : MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Meeker County GOP shall be composed of all voters of Meeker County who desire to support our purpose.

ARTICLE IV : STRUCTURE

Section 1. The management of the Meeker County GOP shall rest with the Meeker County Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Meeker County Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and six (6) At Large Committee Members.

Section 3. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- A. The Chair shall conduct Executive Committee meetings, appoint committee chairs, and coordinate the activities of the Meeker County GOP. S/he is also an ex-officio member of all BPOU committees.
- B. The Deputy Chair shall conduct meetings in the Chair's absence and assist in coordinating the activities of the Meeker County GOP. In the event of the Chair's resignation or removal, and during the period of a temporary vacancy pending election of his/her successor, the Deputy Chair shall perform all duties of the Chair.
- C. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all Party funds, keep accurate financial records, disburse funds as authorized by the Executive Committee, create an annual budget, and prepare and submit all reports to the state as required by law.
- D. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings, be responsible for written correspondence with the members of the Executive Committee, precinct and county delegates and alternates, and other correspondence that may be necessary.
- E. At-Large Committee Members shall assist in coordinating the activities of the Meeker County GOP.

ARTICLE V : ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers of each precinct shall consist of a Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary elected during the even-numbered year for a two-year term by a caucus of Republicans within said precinct, in accordance with the applicable statute of the State of Minnesota.

Section 2. The officers of the Executive Committee shall consist of a Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and six (6) At Large Committee Members, elected by the delegates to the County Convention held during each odd-numbered year. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election to any office. Officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been elected.

Section 3. The Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and At Large Committee Members shall be elected at large.

Section 4. State Central Committee Delegates, Congressional District Delegates, State Delegates and their respective ranked alternates may be elected at large and serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been elected. All alternates shall be ranked for seating purposes at their respective conventions.

Section 5. A nominating committee may be appointed by the Executive Committee in advance of the odd-year convention for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various Executive Committee positions. This does not prohibit nominations from the floor.

ARTICLE VI : MEETINGS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or at the Call of the Chair, or at the request of any four (4) members thereof. All members shall be notified at least three (3) days in advance of each meeting.

Section 2. A special meeting held at a time different from a regular meeting will only consider one or more items of business specified in the call of the meeting.

Section 3. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of the transaction of business by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Robert's Rules of Order, current revision, shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except as otherwise provided herein.

ARTICLE VII : CONVENTIONS

Section 1. Meeker County GOP Conventions shall be held each year during the period and guided by the Official Call issued by the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the Seventh District Committee.

- A. The time and place of these conventions is to be determined by the Executive Committee. Special Conventions may be held at the call of the aforementioned groups, or at the discretion of the majority of the Meeker County Executive Committee, provided that a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice, in writing and/or by email, be sent to each delegate and alternate.
- B. If events warrant a Special Election to public office, an emergency Endorsing Convention may be held at the call of the appropriate authority for the office, as specified in Article V, Conventions and Endorsements, Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution. **A notice of not less than five (5) days shall be given to delegates and alternates.** They shall be

held for the sole purpose of endorsing a candidate for office.

Section 2. At all Conventions, the first order of regular business shall be the temporary credentials report. The convention may then proceed to the seating of the alternate delegates, as outlined in Article VII, Section 4 .

Section 3. The BPOU Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates elected at the Republican Party Precinct Caucus within Meeker County. The ratio to allocate delegates shall be uniform throughout the BPOU. The credentials committee shall seat all duly elected and registered delegates of each precinct who are present.

Section 4. Vacancies in the precinct delegations shall be filled by the alternates in the order in which they were ranked by the Precinct Caucus. If alternates are not ranked, then vacancies will be filled by vote of the seated delegates. If a tie vote arises, the delegates shall appoint, by coin toss, one of the alternates who participated in the tie. The alternate so elected may subsequently vote in the election to fill the next vacancy. If a precinct has any vacancies that can't be filled by an alternate from the same precinct, the vacancy will remain.

Section 5. If a delegate should arrive late, the delegate shall assume the seat of the lowest ranked or most recently seated alternate. A delegate may be seated at any time.

Section 6: Delegates and alternates to the State and Congressional Republican District Conventions shall be elected in accordance with the State Republican Party Constitution and shall continue as such until their successors are elected. Each Congressional District's county convention delegates shall vote for their respective congressional district convention delegates and alternates.

Section 7: A Convention may issue a non-binding advisory endorsement of candidates for State or Federal office. Endorsement shall be by sixty (60) percent of the voting strength of the convention delegates.

ARTICLE VIII : VACANCIES AND REMOVALS

Section 1. Vacancies in precinct offices may be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee, or if so directed by said body, by a meeting of Republicans residing within the precinct in which the vacancy occurs.

Section 2. Should a vacancy occur in one or more offices of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement to fill each such vacancy by majority vote at

the next duly called meeting according to Article VI.

Section 3. A member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that the officer whose removal is under consideration shall have been furnished with a detailed written statement of the charges against him/her at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, and provided further that said officer shall be entitled to answer the charges against him/her in writing or in person before the entire committee before the question is voted upon.

Section 4. Any elected member of the Executive Committee who announces their candidacy for a Federal, State or County elected public office shall be placed on immediate leave of absence. If any member receives an endorsement or runs in the Primary Election, they shall suspend their position on the Executive Committee until election results are known.

ARTICLE IX : GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. No member of the County organization shall be authorized to express the views or otherwise speak on behalf of any group within the Party on any matters of policy unless the group has first considered and taken action on such matter. This shall not be construed to prevent any member of the county organization from freely expressing his/her own opinions, provided it is clear that the individual's statements are solely his/her personal views.

Section 2. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to deny or abridge the rights of any voter to participate in any Party caucus, primary or convention in which s/he is entitled by law to participate.

ARTICLE X : AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present at any Meeker County GOP Convention, provided that the proposed amendments be first referred to a duly appointed Constitution Committee, and that the Official Convention Call will indicate that constitutional amendments will be considered. Proposed amendments shall be sent to the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the convention for publication.

Amendments adopted at Convention on February 18, 2023, Litchfield MN