

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF SIBLEY COUNTY

PREAMBLE

We, the people of Sibley County in the state of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings and secure the same to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution

ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSE, AND MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Republican Party of Sibley County.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of the party shall be the maintenance and advancement of good government through the promotion within Sibley County of the conservative principles, objectives, and the platform of the Republican Party as determined by the National Republican Convention, the Republicans of Minnesota Republican Convention, the Seventh Congressional District Republican Convention, and the Sibley County Republican Convention. The endorsed candidates will also promote the conservative principles, objectives and the platform of the Republican Party to the best of their ability.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the party shall be composed of all voters of Sibley County Minnesota who support the objectives of the Republican Party Platform.

ARTICLE II

ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1: COUNTY COMMITTEE

A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The management of the affairs of the Party within the County shall be vested in the Sibley County Committee, subject to the provisions of the statutes of Minnesota, in support of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, and in cooperation with the State Central Committee, the State Executive Committee, the Seventh District Republican Committee, and the Sibley County Convention.
2. The duties of the County Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
Establishment of effective financial campaigns, organization of each Precinct within the county, assistance to the candidates involving Republican Party activities in Sibley County and cooperation with other political entities outside of Sibley County.

B. COMPOSITION

The County Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The chairperson and deputy chair person of each precinct.
2. The Sibley County Executive Committee
3. State Central Committee delegates and alternates

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In the event that there is a vacancy in the office of a precinct chair person, deputy chair person, or secretary, the County Committee may fill the office by appointment of another Republican living within the precinct.

SECTION 2. SIBLEY COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The County Executive Committee shall have charge of the administration and management of Party affairs within this County between meetings of the County Committee, subject to the direction and control of the County Convention and the County Committee.

1. The County Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the County Committee relating to policies, patronage, and general activities of the Party.
2. All proposals for the expenditure of \$50.00 and over shall be referred by the County Chairperson to the County Executive Committee.

B. COMPOSITION

The County Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

1. County Chairperson
2. First Vice-Chairperson
3. Second Vice-Chairperson
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Five Members at-large

In addition to the above the following shall be ex officio members of the County Executive Committee if not already members but shall have no vote:

1. Chairperson(s) of Sibley County Republican affiliate groups.
2. Officers of State or Congressional District organizations residing in Sibley County.
3. Finance chair person and/or other appointed County positions.
4. State Central Committee Delegates and Alternates.
5. Republican Legislators and State Constitutional Officeholders residing in Sibley County

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1. If the office of Chairperson becomes vacant the First Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of Chairperson until the next meeting of the County Committee when a new Chairperson shall be elected.
2. If the office of Treasurer becomes vacant the Secretary shall assume the duties of Treasurer until the next meeting of the County Committee when a new Treasurer shall be elected.
3. Any other vacancies shall be filled at the next meeting of the County Committee.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS

A. The County Committee shall meet at least three times annually at the call of the County Chairman, the County Executive Committee, or any ten members thereof. Written notice shall be mailed to all members at least ten days in advance of each meeting. Twelve members of the County Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of the transaction of business by that body.

B. The County Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or at the request of any three members thereof. Five members thereof shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business of the County Executive Committee.

C. The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings of the above-mentioned groups, except as otherwise provided herein or provided for in the rules governing the County Convention.

SECTION 4. PRECINCT OFFICERS

Officers of each precinct shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson, secretary and such other officers as may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee, elected during the election year for a two year term by a caucus of Republicans within said precinct, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Minnesota.

SECTION 5. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. The number of delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee shall be controlled by the Constitution of the Seventh Congressional District.

B. Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at-large by the delegates and seated

alternates voting at each County Convention held in odd numbered years.

C. Term of office shall be two years.

SECTION 6. ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS

The officers of the County Executive Committee shall be elected for a two year term by the delegates and seated alternates to the County Convention held during each non-election year. A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election to any office.

SECTION 7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee may be appointed by the County Executive Committee in advance of the County Convention held in the non-election year for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of the County Executive Committee to be submitted for the consideration of the County Convention, provided, however, that nominations may be made from the floor of the County Convention.

ARTICLE III

COUNTY CONVENTIONS

SECTION 1. TIME AND PLACE OF CONVENTION

County Conventions shall be held each year during the period, and for the purposes, designated by the Official Call issued by the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the Seventh Congressional District Committee. The time and place shall be determined by the County Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Special County Conventions shall be held at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Seventh Congressional District Committee or at any time deemed necessary by a majority of the members of the County Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION

County conventions shall be composed of the following residents of the County: Delegates and Alternates elected at the precinct caucuses which are held in each precinct every general election year as required by Minnesota Statutes. Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention shall be selected in a manner prescribed by the Constitution of the Republics of Minnesota and by Statute and as set forth in the Official Call of such Conventions. The number of delegates and alternates at each County Convention and the basis of their apportionment shall be uniform throughout the County and shall be based on the vote cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the last preceding state-wide

General Election; or if such election were a Presidential Election, the vote cast for the Republican candidate for President. Delegates and Alternates shall be elected for a two year term and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and certified. In the event that a delegate moves to a different county or a precinct within the county, an alternate will be seated in their place and that delegate forfeits his/her term.

SECTION 4. ENDORSEMENTS

A County Convention, by vote of 60 percent of the Delegates and seated Alternates at the Convention, may endorse candidates for public office, provided however, that such endorsements shall be no more than an expression of the sentiment of the Convention.

SECTION 5. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO STATE AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Delegates and Alternates to District and State Conventions shall be elected at the County Convention in even numbered years. Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention shall be elected first followed by an election of Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention. A Delegate or Alternate to the State Convention may also be elected a Delegate or Alternate to the District Convention. The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at-large.

ARTICLE IV

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may only be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates and seated Alternates at the County Convention in a non-election year. Constitutional amendments may be proposed by a Committee appointed by the County Executive Committee or by any three Delegates and seated Alternates at the County Convention.

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