

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF CROW WING COUNTY

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is the Republican Party of Crow Wing County of the State of MN.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose and objectives of the Republican Party of Crow Wing County are the maintenance and advancement of good government through the promotion within Crow Wing County of the principles and objectives of the Republican Party, as determined by the Republican Convention of Crow Wing County, the Republican Convention of the Eighth Congressional District and the Convention of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Party is composed of all voters of the County who wish to be affiliated with the Republican Party of Crow Wing County and who support the purposes and objectives of the Republican Party.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 – The Crow Wing County Republican Party organization is affiliated with The Republican Party of Minnesota, and its activities will be consistent with the objectives, platforms and principals of the official state organizations.

Section 2 – No member of the County organization is authorized to express the views or otherwise speak on behalf of any group within, 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 official of the county organization from freely expressing their own personal views.

Section 3 - 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 they are entitled to participate.

Section 4 - Wherever the word Chair is used it denotes either sex.

ARTICLE V – CROW WING COUNTY FULL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Section 1- The Crow Wing County Full Republican Committee is composed of the County Republican Executive Committee, the Republican Chair and Deputy Chair of each precinct of the County, three Republican representatives from each Commissioner District elected by their precinct, one representative from each Commissioner District (5 Districts) elected by the convention and any District or State Republican Party Officers residing in the County.

ARTICLE VI – CROW WING COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 – The Crow Wing County Republican Executive Committee shall be composed of the County Chair, the Deputy Chair, the immediate past County Chair, six Precinct Vice Chairs, the Secretary, the Treasurer, three representatives elected from each Commissioner District and one representative from each Commissioner District elected by the County Convention.

Section 2- Any members of the Crow Wing County Republican Party who have been elected to public office or appointed to positions of authority can be nominated as non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICER DUTIES

Section 1 – County Executive Republican Committee

The management of the affairs of the Crow Wing County Republican Party is vested in the County Executive Republican Committee, subject to the direction of the County Republican Convention, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota and the statutes of the State of Minnesota.

Section 2 – Republican County Chair

Duties of the Republican County Chair are to preside over regular and executive committee meetings and the County Convention, to set the date of special meetings and the County Convention, to notify members of the boards and committees of meetings ten days in advance of the meeting. (regular and electronic mail are acceptable) and is an ex-officio member of all committees. Attendance at committee meetings is not required.

Section 3 – Republican County Deputy Chair

Duties of the Republican County Deputy Chair are to serve on the Full County Committee and the Executive Committee, to assume the office and duties of Chair in the Chair's absence, assumes the office of Chair if the position becomes vacant and is an ex-officio member of all committees. Attendance at committee meetings is not required.

Section 4 – Republican County Past Chair

Duties of the Republican County Past Chair are to serve on the Full County Republican Committee and the Executive Committee and assist County Chair as requested

Section 5 - Secretary

Duties of the Secretary are to record proceedings of meetings of the organization, keep a list of all committees and their members, complete any necessary correspondence and keep a file of all committee reports, keep an official roll of officers and committee members with names addresses and phone numbers, make minutes and records available on request, notify officers, committee members and delegates of their appointments to office, notify all delegates and alternates of their call to conventions, furnish committees with any documents required for the performance of their duties and maintain a record book of the current constitution, special rules of order, standing rules, and minutes of all meetings of the organization, with any amendments to these documents properly recorded. The Secretary will have the current record books on hand at every meeting and will keep all historical secretarial records of the organization.

Section 6 – Treasurer

Duties of the Treasurer are to be responsible for all Crow Wing County Republican Party monies, maintain the financial records of the organization, disburse all monies as authorized by the Executive Committee, prepare any necessary reports to the State and as required by law, present financial reports at each meeting, be a member of the Finance Committee and provide financial records for audit prior to the County Convention. The Treasurer will assist the Finance Committee with the preparation of the annual budget and keep all historical financial records of the organization.

The Republican Executive Committee will designate the financial institution to be used as depository for funds after the Republican Convention in the odd numbered years.

Section 8 – Republican County Precinct Officers

Republican Precinct Officers are elected to 2-year terms in even numbered years. If a precinct fails to elect the Republican Chair may appoint to fill vacancies.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1- Eligibility

Any person eligible to vote at any Republican precinct caucus may hold office in the Republican Party of Crow Wing County.

Section 2 – Appointment

All committee chairs will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - Audit Committee

An Audit Committee of three Executive Committee members will be appointed by the Chair of the Executive Committee at the September meeting each year. The duty of the committee is to audit the accounting records of the Republican Party of Crow Wing County and report their findings to the Executive Committee at the meeting before the annual convention.

Section 4 - Nominating Committee

This Committee will be appointed by the County Executive Committee three months prior to the Republican County Convention in the odd years. This committee will provide nominations for all elected County offices, provided however, that nominations may also be made from the floor.

Section 5 - Credentials Committee

This Committee is be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve at the County Convention. If not present at the Convention the County Chair may appoint a replacement.

Section 6 - Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is composed of the Treasurer and the 6 Vice-Chairs. This committee is charged to develop a budget and devise a strategy to raise adequate funds to support this budget. The budget and Fund Raising Plan are to be approved by the Executive Committee. The finance committee may from time to time submit amendments to the budget for the current fiscal year, which will be adopted by majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE IX – VACANCIES AND REMOVALS

Section 1- Vacancies in precinct offices are filled by appointment by the Crow Wing County Executive Committee, or if directed by this Committee by a meeting of Republicans residing within the precinct in which the vacancy occurs.

Section 2 – Vacancies occurring in the Commissioner Districts will be filled by appointment of the Crow Wing County Executive Committee.

Section 3 – Should a vacancy occur in one or more offices of the Crow Wing County Republican Committee, the County Executive Committee will appoint a replacement to fill each vacancy.

Section 4 – An officer of the Crow Wing County Executive Committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds, (2/3) vote at any meeting of the Crow Wing County Full Republican Committee, provided that the officer whose removal is under consideration has been furnished with a detailed written statement of the charges against such officer at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, and provided further, that the officer will be entitled to answer the charges against the officer before the entire committee, if so desired, before the question is voted upon.

Section 5 – An appointed member of the Crow Wing County Full Republican Committee or the Crow Wing County Executive Committee may be removed by the authority that appointed them.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

Section 1 - The Crow Wing County Full Republican Committee will meet at least once a year.

Section 2 – They will meet at the Call of the Crow Wing County Republican Chairman, or at the request of 25 % of the members of the Committee. Notice will be by electronic or regular mail at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Section 3 – They will meet to conduct Crow Wing County Republican Party business.

Section 4 – Twenty four (24) members will constitute a quorum of the Crow Wing County Full Republican Party.

Section 5 – The Executive Committee will meet monthly at the call of the County Chair. The regular date, time and place will be determined by the Committee. Notice will be by electronic or regular mail at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Section 6 – Seven (7) members will constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Section 7 – Special meetings of the Executive Committee can be called by the County Chairman or three members of the committee.

Section 8 – Notice of special meetings will be by electronic or regular mail at least 5 days prior to the special meeting.

ARTICLE XII – CONVENTIONS

Section 1 – County Conventions of the Party will be held each year during the period, and for the purpose designated by the Official Call issued by the Crow Wing County Chair or in lieu thereof, issued by the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the Congressional District Committee.

Section 2 - The provisions of the Constitution are presumed to be incorporated as a part of the rules of each County Convention.

Section 3 - Crow Wing County Conventions will be held at a time and place determined by the Crow Wing County Republican Executive Committee. First order of business is the temporary credentials report. The Convention will then proceed to the seating of the delegates as outlined in Article XIII

Section 4 – Special Crow Wing County Republican Conventions will be held at the Call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, or the Eighth Congressional District Committee and at any time deemed necessary by a majority of the members of the County Executive Committee, provided at least two (2) weeks written notice (U. S. Mail) is sent each delegate and alternate.

XIII CONVENTION DELEGATES

Section 1- First order of business is the temporary credentials report. The Convention will then proceed to the seating of the delegates.

Section 2 - A precinct will be entitled to one (1) vote for each delegate present and seated as herein provided.

Section 3 –The Crow Wing County Convention will be composed of delegates and alternates elected by members of the Republican Party in the respective election precincts of Crow Wing County. The number of delegates and the bases of their apportionment will be uniform throughout Crow Wing County. The

Credentials Committee will seat duly accredited delegates of each precinct who are there and present their credentials prior to the time stated in the Call for the convening of the Crow Wing County Republican Convention.

Section 4 - In the event no delegates are present from a precinct, the Credentials Committee will seat all accredited alternates from that precinct, indicating which delegates they replace. In the event there are both delegates and alternates present, The Credentials Committee will seat only the delegates and the vacancies will be filled as provided in Section 7

Section 5 - The precincts will caucus after acceptance of the temporary report of the Credentials Committee. If the Chairman of the precinct is not present, the seated delegates will first elect a Chairman and then will fill the vacancies as provided herein. The precincts may also fill vacancies that occur later by informal caucus on the floor in like manner.

Section 6 - The seated delegates of each precinct will fill all vacancies by a vote of the seated delegates and will fill vacancies first from the accredited alternates and second from Party members present from that precinct. In case of a tie, the Republican County Chair will appoint one of those who are tied to fill that particular vacancy.

Section 7- Alternates will be elected to fill vacancies one at a time to replace specific delegates and then the alternate elected to fill the vacancy will be eligible to vote in the election to fill the next delegate vacancy.

Section 8 - If such specific delegate arrives late, the delegate will assume their seat and replace the alternate who was elected for them. Alternates who arrive later will not replace any person seated, except they will be eligible to fill vacancies from the Precinct.

Section 9- Delegates and Alternates to the Crow Wing County Republican Convention, the Eighth Congressional District Republican Convention and the Minnesota State Republican Conventions will be elected in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota, and with the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota and will continue as such until their successors are elected, provided that they continue to be entitled to vote in the area which they were chosen to represent.

Section 10 - If an elected delegate is not present at the District or State Convention to which he was elected, the vacancy will be filled by an alternate as determined by the number of votes received at the County convention. Alternates will be seated in consecutive order starting with that alternate receiving the greatest number of votes. If it is determined in advance of such a convention that one or more delegates will not be in attendance, then the Crow Wing County Chair, or designee, will notify the alternates needed to fill the vacancies.

XIV CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Section 1 - The Crow Wing County Convention may endorse candidates for public office, if such candidates received sixty percent (60%) of the voting strength of the convention as established by the last report of the Credentials Committee, preceding such vote, and provided that such Convention, by a simple majority vote, has determined to endorse or consider endorsement at the Crow Wing Convention for office.

Section 2 -When more than one candidate is nominated for endorsement for an office, none of them will be voted upon separately and the candidacy of all will be submitted on one ballot. If no candidate receives the required sixty percent (60%) vote, then subsequent balloting may eliminate all but the top two candidates.

Section 3- The determination of endorsement for office, in which the constituency is not coterminous with the territory of the convention, will be made only by those delegates residing within such constituency.

Section 4 - The rules of the Crow Wing County Republican Convention may provide that where only one candidate is nominated for endorsement for a particular office, endorsement may be granted if such candidate receives sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast on the proposal.

Section 5 - The Crow Wing County Convention may provide an advisory endorsement of candidates for District, State or National office, provided that such convention, by a simple majority vote, has determined advisory endorsement is not binding upon delegates to District and State Conventions.

Section 6 - The procedure for advisory endorsement will be limited to one ballot with all nominated candidates for the same office to be submitted on the same ballot, A Sixty percent (60%) vote as outlined in Section 4 will be necessary to be considered an advisory endorsement as provided for in this section.

ARTICLE XV – PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will govern the Crow Wing County Republican Meetings. In all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE XVI – AMMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates present at any Crow Wing County Republican Convention, provided that the proposed amendments have been first referred to a duly appointed Constitution Committee.

This document was approved at the 2007 Crow Wing County Republican Convention

Signed by: Dale Walz

Crow Wing County Republican Party Chair

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Date