



Article I- Name

The name of this organization shall be the Cassia County Republican Central Committee

Article II – Purpose and Objective

To encourage Republican ideals as stated in the Preamble to the Idaho Republican Party Platform; To advise the Idaho State Republican Party concerning the development of state and national policies; To promote good citizenship and good government; To maintain the highest standards of character of those seeking and holding public office; To advance the interests of the Republican Party; To support Republican candidates.

Article III- Membership

Section 1 - Central Committee

The Cassia County Republican Central Committee shall consist of the precinct committeemen representing the precincts within the county and the officers of the Central Committee elected by the precinct committeemen, and other such appointed or elected positions as are elected by the precinct committeemen and/or appointed by the County Chairman [Idaho Code, Section 34-502].

Section 2 –Members

All members of the County Central Committee shall be qualified electors of the precinct in which they reside [Idaho Code, section. 34-502]

Section 3 - Duties

Duties of Committee Members shall be to support the purposes of County and State By-Laws and to perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Chairman. The Committee Member shall attend regular and special meetings in accordance with these by-laws.

Section 4 - Attendance

Attendance at meetings is expected of Committee Members. When any precinct Committee Member shall have four (4) consecutive absences, the Committee Chairman may contact the individual and inquire as to his or her absence.

Section 5 - Resignations and Vacancies

a. Any Precinct Committee Member who desires to resign from the County Central Committee shall submit their resignation, in writing, to the County Chair or in person to the Central Committee. If submitted to the County Chair, the Chair shall submit it to the body of the Committee for action. The Chairman shall notify the Precinct Committee Members at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

b. All vacancies occurring in the office of precinct Committee Member shall be filled by appointment of the County Central Committee by persons who shall be qualified electors of the precinct [Idaho Code 34-502]. The Chairman may present a name to the full committee for appointment. If two (2) or more names are presented to the full body, a vote of secret ballot shall determine the appointment (Article IV, Sec 8).

Section 6 - Discipline of Elected Members

The Central Committee may censure or reprove any Republican Party officer, candidate, elected official or committee member who violates Idaho Code; intentionally embarrasses the Central Committee, the Republican Party or its ideals, represents his/her views as being those of the Central Committee without authority, commits the Central Committee to action or financial expenditure without authorization.

Article IV- Officers

Section 1 - Officers

The officers of the County Central Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, and State Youth Committeeperson, who is between the ages of 18-40 when elected. (See Idaho State Republican Rules Article IV, Sections. 1-2).

Section 2 - Election of Officers

a. All officers of the County Central Committee shall be elected by the Precinct Committee Members at the Organizational Meeting held within 10 days after the Primary election. [Idaho Code 34-502] In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated for an office, voting may be by secret ballot.

b. Notice of Organizational Meeting shall be given to committee members no less than seven (7) days prior to such meeting.

Section 3 - Duties of the Officers

a. The Chairman shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Committee. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Central Committee. The Chairman shall have no vote at any meeting of the committee, except where the vote is equally divided. The Chairman shall have the power to set the agenda and verify proxies. The call for secret ballot may be at the discretion of the Chairman. The Chairman shall on or before February 1 of each year in which a general election is to be held and at other times as changes occur, certify to the County Clerk the names and addresses of the Precinct Committee Members of his political party [Idaho Code 34-502] and all other duties outlined by the Idaho State Republican Party Rules [Article IV, Sections 1-6]. The County Chairman holds a voting position on the Idaho Republican State Central Committee. His or her attendance at these meetings is an expected responsibility of the position he or she holds as they represent the interests of the County Central Committee at the State Central Committee meetings. If an individual is not able to attend a meeting it is expected that that individual will provide his or proxy to another member of the contingent, so that the County will have full voting authority at the State Central Committee meeting.

b. Duties of the Vice Chairman shall be to assist the Chairman; carry out assigned responsibilities and preside in the Chairman's absence.

c. Duties of the Secretary shall be to maintain a written record of all regular, special and executive meetings; prepare correspondence as is requested by the Chairman and/or necessary to inform the Committee and to perform any functions as may be requested by the Chairman.

d. Duties of the Treasurer shall include the custody and responsibility for all funds of the County Central Committee, including all donations and campaign funds collected on behalf of the Republican Party. The Treasurer shall be prepared to offer a current report of all financial transactions.

e. Duties of the State Committeeman, Committeewoman and Committee Youth Person shall be the same as those of regular precinct committeemen in conducting the business of the central committee, except that no officer of the central committee who is not a precinct committeeman shall be entitled to move a nomination or vote in either the Organizational Meeting or the County Delegate Meeting. Both the State Committeeman and Committeewoman hold voting positions on the Idaho Republican State Central Committee. Their attendance at these meetings is an expected responsibility of the positions they hold as they represent the interests of the County Central Committee at the State Central Committee meetings. If an individual is not able to attend a meeting it is expected that individual will provide his or her proxy to another member of the contingent, so that the County will have full voting authority at the State Central Committee meeting.

f. Duties of the Committee Youth Person shall be the same as those of regular precinct committeemen in conducting the business of the central committee, except that no officer of the central committee who is not a precinct committeeman shall be entitled to move a nomination or vote in the Organizational Meeting or the County Delegate Meeting. The specific responsibility of Youth Committeeperson is to act as facilitator to develop interest in the Republican Party amongst young people. The Youth Committeeperson holds a voting position on the Idaho Republican State Central Committee. His or her attendance at these meetings is an

expected responsibility of the position he or she holds as they represent the interests of the County Central Committee at the State Central Committee meetings. If an individual is not able to attend a meeting it is expected that individual will provide his or her proxy to another member of the contingent, so that the County will have full voting authority at the State Central Committee meeting.

Section 4 - Removal of Officers

Any officer deemed unwilling to perform the duties required by these By-Laws and by the rules of the Idaho State Republican Party may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the precinct Committee Members at a regular meeting called by the Chairman or a special meeting called by five (5) Committee Members of the Central Committee. A quorum of seventy five percent (75%) of Committee Members shall be required for the removal of the Chairman. No officer shall continue to serve who is no longer a resident of Cassia County.

Section 5 - Vacancy of Chairman

When a vacancy arises in the office of a County Chairman, Article IV, Section 9, of the Idaho State Republican Party shall apply. It states, "If the office of County Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice-Chairman shall assume all duties of the Chairman and, within thirty days after giving at least seven(7) days notice, call the Central Committee for the purpose of electing a new County Chairman. If such a meeting is not called within thirty (30) days and after giving seven (7) days notice, the State Chairman shall call a County Central Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy."

Article V – Meetings and Quorums

Section 1- Procedures

All meetings shall be governed according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2- Schedule of Meetings

There shall be five types of meetings of the Cassia County Republican Central Committee. They are:

- Organizational Meeting
- County Delegate Meeting
- Special Meeting Called by the Chairperson
- Special Meeting Called by Petition
- Regular Meeting

Section 3—Organizational Meeting

Organizational meetings are held once every two years, and within ten days after the primary election; for the purpose of seating elected and newly elected precinct committee members and electing the officers of the County Central Committee (Idaho Code, Section 34-502). This meeting requires a quorum of fifty-one percent of precinct committee persons. Only precinct committee persons may move nominations, with the chairman voting only in the event of a tie. Any resident of Cassia County who is a qualified elector and is a registered Republican is eligible for nomination and election as an officer of the Committee. When more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election to that office shall be

by secret ballot. Notice of organizational meetings shall be no less than seven (7) days prior to such meeting. Proxy voting shall not be allowed in the organizational meeting (Idaho Party Rules Article 4, Section 11).

Section 4—County Delegate Meeting

Held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Republican State Convention, this meeting requires a quorum of fifty-one percent of precinct committeepersons. Voting is limited to precinct committeepersons with the chairman voting only in the event of a tie. Proxy voting shall not be allowed in the County Delegate Meeting (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article IV, Section 12—March 2012).

Section 5 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. Five (5) regularly elected members of the County Central Committee may also request a special meeting. Notice of special meeting shall be no less than seven (7) days prior to such meeting. These meetings require a quorum of fifty-one percent of central committeepersons. Only officers and precinct committeepersons shall be entitled to vote at special meeting. Proxy voting shall be allowed at special meetings, except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and election of nominees to fill county office vacancies (See Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, Article IV, Section 12—March 2012). Proxy votes shall be in writing, signed properly, and carried by a voting member of the convening body and limited to that particular special meeting.

Section 6—Regular Meetings

Held to conduct the regular business of the central committee, a quorum at any regular meeting shall consist of thirty three percent (33%), but not less than eight (8) Precinct Members. Proxy votes shall be allowed at regular meetings, except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and election of nominees to fill county office vacancies (See Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, Article IV, Section 12—March 2012). Proxy votes shall be limited to that particular regular meeting and there shall be one(1) proxy vote per member. Precinct members will be recognized through media communication when physically absent from a meeting. Action at regular meetings shall be limited to agenda items.

Article VI – Powers of Committee Members

Section 1 - Power of Central Committee

The Central Committee shall have all powers and duties prescribed by State Law and adopted by the State Central Committee [I.C. 34-505]

Section 2- Voting Members

- a. Elected precinct Committee Members and officers as defined in Article IV shall have all voting rights. Proxy voting is allowed through another voting member and limited to that particular meeting. Exceptions to proxy voting include the election of Central Committee Officers, election of Delegates to the State Convention, and nominations to fill county office vacancies. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article IV, Section 12)

-
- b. Vote Requirement will be a simple majority of those eligible to vote.

Section 3- Filling of Vacancies of County Commissioner Boards

The Cassia County Central Committee shall follow the procedures outlined in the Idaho State Republican Party in Article V, Sections 1-4.

Section 4- Filling of County Vacancies other than Commissioners

The Cassia County Central Committee shall follow the procedures outlined in the Idaho State Republican Party, Article VI, Sections 1-4.

Section 5 - Selection of Delegates to the State Convention

- a. Thirty (30) days prior to the Presidential Primary Election, and prior to May 1, in each election year, each Republican County Chairman shall prepare and forward to the State Chairman, a notice stating the date, time, and place of meeting to be held within ten (10) days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Convention, who will select Delegates to the Republican National Convention. (Idaho State Republican Rules Article. II, Section 1).
- b. Each county shall select three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates to the State Convention. In addition, each county shall select one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each one thousand (1000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional candidate in the previous general election. Republican State Headquarters will advise each County Chairman of their Delegates. Each meeting shall establish the precedence of the Alternates selected. Any person qualified to vote in the county may be elected a Delegate or Alternate to the GOP State Convention. Each County Delegation to the State Convention shall select on Delegate as Chairman of the Delegation (Article II, section 3 and I.C. section 34-507).
- c. Each County shall follow the procedure set forth in open meeting laws in Idaho Code in selecting Delegates to the Republican State Convention [Idaho State Republican Rules, Article I, Section 3 and Article II, sec. 2 and Idaho Code Sections 67-2340 to 67-2347].
- d. Within two (2) days of the adjournment of the County Central Committee meeting, the Chairman shall send a statement giving the names and addresses of each delegate and Alternate elected [Idaho State Republican Rules Article III, Section 1].

Article VII—Subcommittees

Section 1 - Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the County Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the State Youth Committeeperson and any other precinct committeepersons as designated by the Chairperson. The County Chairperson may call meetings of the Executive Committee at the Chairperson's discretion.
- b. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Executive Committee.
- c. The Executive Committee shall have power to act for the Central Committee when matters arise that are so urgent as to preclude the calling of a special Central Committee meeting.

Expenditure of funds by the Executive Committee shall be authorized by a 2/3 vote of the committee and shall be limited to \$300.

- d. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to review and either ratification or disavowal at the next succeeding meeting of the Central Committee.

Section 2 – Standing Committees

- a. The County Chairperson shall at his or her discretion nominate a chairperson and such other members as deemed necessary to the following standing committees: Campaign, Finance, and Program. The Chairperson for any standing committee shall be a member of the County Central Committee. Members of the standing committee need not be Central Committee Members. The duties of the standing committees shall be those prescribed by the County Chairperson.

Article VII – Central Committee Endorsements

Section 1 - Candidates—The central committee may function to determine the political qualification of a candidate filing or declaring intent to file as a candidate of the Republican Party. Upon majority vote of Precinct Committeepersons in attendance at any REGULAR or SPECIAL meeting called in which a quorum is present, the Central Committee may endorse particular candidates for public office.

Article IX – Amendments

Section 1 - Amendments to By-laws

These by-laws may be amended by written request at a regular meeting and an affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of voting members at the next regular meeting. A quorum of fifty-one percent (51%) must be present to amend the by-laws.

Article X – Suspension of Rules

Section 1 - Suspension of Rules and By-laws

The rules and by-laws of the Cassia County Central Committee may be suspended through a unanimous vote of a suspension of rules motion originating from a voting member of the central committee at a duly noticed meeting of the Central Committee in which a quorum is present. A suspension of rules shall not conflict with the rules of the Idaho Republican Party and/or the laws of the State of Idaho.

Motion :

Second:

Adopted: