

JEROME COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

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The Jerome County Central Committee shall be the governing body of the Republican Party of Jerome County, Idaho. It shall establish all policy and functions of the Republic Party of Jerome County. The following by-laws have been adopted by the Republican Party of Jerome County to Guide its conduct in carrying out the business of said party.

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

A. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the Central Committee. Notice of Meetings shall be given at least seven (7) days in advance of the date of the meeting.

B. Petition for Meeting

Upon receipt of a written petition signed by one-third (1/3) of the members of the Central Committee requesting a special meeting. The county chairman shall within fourteen (14) days, and upon not less than seven (7) days notice, call a meeting of the Central Committee as requested by petition.

C. Special Meetings

A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the county chairman when deemed necessary by the chairman to consider urgent business concerning the Central Committee.

D. Special Assemblies

Official meetings which are held pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho shall be held as provided by the rules and By-laws of the Idaho Republican Party.

ARTICLE II – VOTING

A.

Voting/Motions/Nominations

1. General Business Meetings

All attendees may vote if they are eligible Jerome County voters and recognized by the chairman as Jerome County Republicans. The chairman shall vote only in the case of a tie. In the event a precinct committee person objects to this procedure of voting, voting shall be limited to precinct committee persons.

2. Statutory Duties

(Idaho Code et al) In the event voting is necessary for statutory duties, voting shall be limited to precinct committee persons and such other persons as may be designated by the laws of the State of Idaho. The chairman shall vote only in the case of a tie.

3. E-mail Voting

At the discretion of the chairman, e-mail voting may be called on business that needs to be voted on if there is no quorum present at the regular meeting or if urgent business comes up between the regular monthly meeting that must be voted on. The secretary will tally the e-mail votes and include the results at the next regular meeting in the minutes. *2 business Days*

ARTICLE III – QUORUM

A. MEETINGS

1. General Business Voting

At the discretion of the chairman a quorum may be called for voting.

2. Statutory Duties of Voting

Fifty percent (50%) of the precinct committee persons from within Jerome County shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of statutory duties.

ARTICLE IV – FILING OF VACANCIES

A. Appointment and Confirmation

When vacancies occur in the County Central Committee, the county chairman shall appoint a committee of four (4) precinct committee persons to find a qualified person to fill the vacancy. Upon the recommendation of this committee, the chairman may fill such vacancies on a temporary basis until the next regular meeting of the Central Committee, at which time appointments shall be submitted to the committee for confirmation. Confirmation shall be determined by majority vote of the precinct committee persons in attendance at the meeting. Precinct committee persons appointed and confirmed according to this Article shall have all of the authority and responsibility of regularly elected precinct committee persons.

B. County Chairman

Should a vacancy arise in the office of county chairman, the vice-chairman shall, within thirty (30) days of such vacancy and after giving seven (7) days notice, call the Jerome County Central Committee to elect a new county chairman.

ARTICLE V – SUSPENSION OF RULES

A. Suspension

The rules and by-laws may be suspended for emergencies only and when approved by a majority vote of a proper quorum as defined in Article III A and B.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments

Additions, deletions and amendments to these by-laws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the precinct committeepersons in attendance at a regular or special meeting.

B. Notice of Amendment

Suggested additions, deletions and amendments shall be proposed to all members of the Central Committee at least ten (10) days in advance of the vote on such changes.

C. Conflicts

Should changes occur in the laws of the State of Idaho, the rules and by-laws of the Idaho Republican Party, or the rules and by-laws of any other governing authority, which changes create conflicts with these by-laws, the county chairman shall call a meeting of the Central Committee to Review, and if necessary, make appropriate amendments.

ARTICLE VII – ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A. Composition

The Jerome County Republican Central Committee is composed of the precinct committeepersons elected at the state primary election and the officers of the Central Committee.

B. Officers

The officers of the Central Committee shall consist of the chairman, state committeeman, state committeewoman, state you committeeperson, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer.

C. Election of Officers

All elected officers of the Central Committee shall be elected by the precinct committeepersons at an organizational meeting called by the incumbent county chairman to be held within ten days after the primary election. Fifty (50) percent of the precinct committeepersons shall be required for a quorum at the organizational meeting.

D. Nominations

Nominations of officers shall only be from precinct committee persons.

E. Nominees

Any qualified voter of Jerome County is eligible for nomination and election.

F. Balloting

When more than one candidate is nominated for an officer, election to that office shall be by secret ballot.

G. Duties of Officers

a. Chairman

(1) All duties specified by State Law of Idaho; (2) Preside over all Central Committee meetings; (3) Serve as ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the Central Committee.

b. State Committeeman, Committeewoman and (State) Youth (Committee) Person

(1) All duties specified by state law of Idaho; (2) All duties specified by rules and by-laws of the Idaho Republican Party; (3) Such other duties as delegated by the chairman.

c. Vice-chairman

i. In the absence of the chairman

(1) Presides over all Central Committee meetings; (2) Assumes those functions of the chairman in the conduct of normal business; (3) The chairman shall be considered absent if the chairman is outside the boundaries of Jerome County for more than seventy-two (72) hours or when Notice is given to the vice-chairman.

ii. Delegated of Duties

The vice-chairman shall perform such other duties as may be delegated by the chairman.

d. Secretary

(1) Shall maintain a permanent record of all meetings; (2) Shall maintain a permanent correspondence file relating to business of the Central Committee; (3) Shall maintain a file of state election laws; (4) Shall maintain a file of current precinct boundary descriptions; (5) Shall

notify members of other information as appropriate; (6) Shall perform such other duties as delegated by the chairman.

e. Treasurer

(1) Shall have custody and responsibility of all funds and donations of the Central Committee; (2) Shall be prepared to render a current report of all receipts and expenditures at each regular meeting; (3) Shall not expend money unless authorized by the Central Committee.

H. Removal of Officers

(1) Officers serve at the pleasure of the Central Committee; (2) Officers may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum as defined by Article III A.b.; (3) No officer shall continue to serve when no longer a Jerome County resident.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

A.

When necessary, the chairman may appoint committees to conduct central committee business.

B.

Upon approval of the Central Committee, the chairman shall nominate a chairman to oversee these appointed committees.

C.

The duties of all committees shall be designated by the county chairman and subject to the review of the Central Committee and the chairman.

ARTICLE IX – EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS

A.

Expenditure of funds must be approved by a majority vote of the central committee members present.

ARTICLE X – PATRONAGE

A.

All nominations and endorsements for patronage positions shall be submitted to the Central Committee for consideration.

ARTICLE XI – CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENTS

A. Candidates

The Central Committee may function to determine the political qualifications of a candidate filing or declaring an intent to file as a candidate of the Republican Party, and upon a majority vote of precinct committeepersons in attendance, the Central Committee may at a regular or special meeting endorse particular candidates for public office.

B. Applicants

The Central Committee may exercise the function, upon a majority vote those in attendance at a regular or special meeting, of endorsing applicants for public service.

ARTICLE XII – COUNTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

A. Instructions

Each county shall hold an assembly in accord with Rule II, Section (a) of the “Rules for Selection of Delegates to the Republican National Convention and the Republican State Convention” for the selection of delegates to the state convention.

B. Quorum

Fifty (50) percent of the precinct committeepersons holding office shall constitute a quorum at a delegate selection assembly.

C. Rules

The following rules of order are written to insure the orderly conduct of the county assembly but shall not conflict with the rules and by-laws of the Republican Party or state laws of Idaho.

- (a) Voting shall be by simple majority rule with the chairman voting only in the case of a tie;
- (b) Voting on issues before the assembly shall be limited to precinct committeepersons;
- (c) Motions, seconds, and nominations shall be made only by precinct committeepersons;
- (d)

Nominating speeches made a county assembly shall be limited to two speeches for each nominee and each of such speeches not to exceed two minutes; (e) any Republican present may request the floor to raise issues pertinent to the business of the assembly; (f) The chairman shall have the authority to temporarily suspend proceedings, recess and reconvene the assembly, and clear the meeting of all persons other than those legally entitled to be present; (g) Discussion of platform and resolution subjects shall normally be limited to ten (10) minutes on each item under consideration, but may be reasonably extended at the discretion of the chairman.

D. Delegates

The Central Committee shall not instruct delegates how to vote. However, the central Committee may advise delegates.

E. Unit Rule

Delegates shall cast their votes as they see fit and may not be compelled to vote under unit rule.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Parliamentarian

The county chairman shall appoint a parliamentarian to advise on interpretation of the rules and procedures in this document and to resolve questions, when necessary, on matters of parliamentary procedure.

B. Robert's Rules

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern the Central Committee in all cases except when they are not consistent with the rules and by-laws of the Central Committee and state law.