

Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee Bylaws

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PREAMBLE

The Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee shall be the governing body of the Republican Party of Twin Falls County, Idaho. It shall establish all policy and functions of the Republican Party of Twin Falls County. The Twin Falls County Republican Party's purpose is to encourage Republican ideals, elect Republican Candidates, and foster adherence to the Republican Party Platform of the State of Idaho. The Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee has adopted the following Bylaws to guide its conduct in carrying out the business of the Party.

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1 – COMPOSITION – The County Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeepersons elected at the State Primary Election and the officers of the Central Committee.

Section 2 – OFFICERS – The officers of the Central Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the State Youth Committeeperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Five Directors.

Section 3 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS -

A. Chairperson – In addition to the duties specifically provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho, and the rules of the Idaho Republican Party, the Chairperson shall preside at all Central Committee meetings, and will serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee and will serve as ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the Central Committee. The Chairperson 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.

B. Vice-Chairperson – In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Central Committee, and assume those functions of the Chairperson in the conduct of normal business. The Chairperson shall be considered to be absent whenever outside the boundaries of Twin Falls County for more than 72 hours or when notice of intended absence is given to the Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall perform such other duties that may be delegated by the Chairperson.

C. Secretary – The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of all regular, special, and executive meetings and assemblies; shall maintain a permanent correspondence file relating to the business of the Central Committee; maintain a file of the State election laws, rules of the Republican Party, current precinct boundary descriptions; and such other records as designated by the County Chairperson. Normally it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the members of the Central Committee of meetings, assemblies, and other information as appropriate.

D. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have custody and responsibility for all funds of the Central Committee, including all donation and campaign funds collected on behalf of the Republican Party. The Treasurer shall be prepared to render a current report of all receipts and expenditures at each REGULAR MEETING. The Treasurer is authorized to expend funds for normal housekeeping expenses, not to exceed \$50.00, without prior approval of the Central or Executive Committees.

E. State Committeeman, Committeewoman and Committee Youth Person – The duties of these officers shall be those as specified by the laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, as well as such other duties delegated to them by the Chairperson.

F. Directors – The Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity for both the Central and Executive Committees, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them by the County Chairperson.

Section 4 – REMOVAL OF OFFICERS – Officers serve at the pleasure of the Central Committee. Unless sooner removed, they shall serve until their successors are elected pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho, and the Rules of

the Idaho Republican Party. Any officer deemed unwilling to perform the duties required by these bylaws and by the rules of the Idaho Republican Party may be removed from office by a vote of 2/3rds of the Precinct Committeepersons present at a REGULAR MEETING or SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON or SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PETITION of the Central Committee called for the purpose of considering the removal of officers, except that a 75% quorum of Committeepersons shall be required for removal of the County Chairperson or an Executive Committee Officer. No officer shall continue to serve when they are no longer a resident of Twin Falls County.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

There shall be five types of Meetings of the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee. They are:

ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY
COUNTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON
SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PETITION
REGULAR MEETING

Section 1 - ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY – An ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY shall be held once every two years, after the Twin Falls County Clerk certifies the biennial Primary Election results, and within 10 days of that primary election; for the purpose of seating re-elected and newly-elected Precinct Committeepersons, and to elect officers.

A. QUORUM – Fifty-one percent of the Precinct Committeepersons holding office shall be required for a quorum at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – The election of the officers shall be the first order of business at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY, with the election of the Chairperson being taken up first. The Precinct Committeepersons at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY shall then elect all the remaining officers of the Central Committee.

1. OFFICERS – The officers of the Central Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the State Youth Committeeperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Five Directors.

2. QUALIFICATIONS – Any resident of Twin Falls County who is a qualified elector of this county, and who is a registered Republican is eligible for nomination and election.

3. NOMINATIONS – At the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY all nominations for the election of officers shall come from the floor, and only Precinct Committeepersons shall be eligible to move such nominations.

4. NOMINATING SPEECHES – Nominating speeches at the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY shall be limited to two speeches for each nominee and each of such speeches not to exceed two minutes in time. Other seconding nominations shall be by a simple statement of “I second the nomination of...” or the equivalent thereof.

5. VOTING – The right to vote in the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY shall be limited to Precinct Committeepersons duly elected in the previous Twin Falls County Republican Primary. The Chairperson shall not vote except in the case of a tie, except in the election of the Chairperson, in which case the incumbent Vice-Chairperson shall act as the tie-breaker, unless the Vice-Chairperson has already voted in their capacity as a Precinct Committeeperson, in which case the incumbent Secretary, then the incumbent Treasurer, shall act as tie-breakers, provided they have not already voted in their capacities as Precinct Committeepersons. In the event that all officers have voted in that capacity, a coin-flip shall break the tie.

6. PROXY VOTING – Proxy voting shall not be allowed in the ORGANIZING ASSEMBLY.

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

8. VOTE REQUIREMENT – A simple majority of Precinct Committeepersons present is required for the election of officers.

Section 2 – COUNTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY– Each County shall hold an Assembly for selection of delegates to the Republican State Convention.

A. QUORUM – Fifty-one percent of the Precinct Committeepersons holding office shall constitute a quorum at a County Delegate Assembly.

B. PROXY VOTING – Proxy voting shall not be allowed in the COUNTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY. (See Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article IV, Section 12-March 2012)

C. CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION – Elections for selection of delegates and alternates to the State Republican Convention will be conducted by the newly-elected County Chair, or in the Chair's absence, the newly-elected County Vice-Chair.

D. ENTERING OF NAMES INTO NOMINATION

1. Names of those seeking to be elected as delegates or alternates to the State Republican Convention may be entered into nomination by any Precinct Committee Member of the County. Nominations must be seconded by a Precinct Committee Member of the County.

2. Delegates can be nominated individually, one at a time, or by means of a slate of more than one nominee at a time.

3. Slates may be composed of any number of nominees from two to the maximum number of available delegates or alternates.

4. More than one slate may be nominated at a time.

5. Individuals may be nominated to run against slates.

6. If an individual receives more votes than a slate, the entire slate is deemed to have been defeated. Voting will then take place for each position one at a time, unless a new slate is nominated for the remaining positions.

E. NOMINATING SPEECHES – Nominating speeches will not be allowed.

F. ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES – Acceptance speeches will not be allowed.

G. THE MANNER OF VOTING

1. Except as herein provided, only Precinct Committee Members of the County shall be allowed to vote.

2. Voting will be conducted by voice vote.

3. A motion may be made from the floor by any Precinct Committee Member of the County to conduct a vote by show of hands. Such a motion will be dealt with as would any other motion before the Committee.

4. A motion may be made from the floor by any Precinct Committee Member of the County to conduct a vote by secret ballot. Such a motion will be dealt with as would any other motion before the Committee.

H. THE MANNER OF COUNTING

1. In the event that a secret ballot is required, the County Chair will select three (3) individuals to count the ballots.
2. None of the three selected may be nominated in the election for which they are counting ballots.
3. Any Precinct Committee Member of the County may observe the ballot counting.

G. TIE VOTES

1. In the event of a tie, the County Chair, if not already voting as a Precinct Committee Member of the County, may break the tie.
2. In the event of a tie where the County Chair has already voted as a Precinct Committee Member of the County, the County Vice-Chair, if not already voting as a Precinct Committee Member of the County, may break the tie.
3. In the event of a tie where both the County Chair and the County Vice-Chair have voted as Precinct Committee Members of the County, a second vote shall be taken.
4. If the second vote also results in a tie, the result shall be decided by a single coin flip.

Section 3 – SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON – A SPECIAL MEETING may be called at the discretion of the County Chairperson when deemed necessary by the Chairperson to consider urgent business concerning the Central Committee. Notice of a SPECIAL MEETING of the Central Committee, with details of the purpose for that SPECIAL MEETING, shall be given in writing not less than 4 days in advance of the Meeting.

- A. QUORUM** – Fifty-one percent of the Precinct Committeepersons holding office shall be required for a quorum at a SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON.
- B. VOTING** – The right to vote in the SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON shall be limited to Precinct Committeepersons, the Vice-Chairperson, the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the State Youth Committeeperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Directors. These persons shall also be allowed to originate motions and move nominations. Notwithstanding that the Chairperson may also be a Precinct Committeeperson, the Chairperson shall not vote except in the case of a tie.
- C. PROXY VOTING** – Proxy voting shall be allowed at SPECIAL MEETINGS CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON except for the election of Central Committee Officers, election of delegates to the State Convention, and nomination of nominees to fill County Commissioner vacancies or any other county elected official vacancies. 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. (See Rules of the Idaho Republican Party, Article IV, Section 12—Revised March 2012)
- D. VOTE REQUIREMENT** – Simple majority of those eligible to vote.
- E. BALLOT TYPE** – Any ballot type may be used.

Section 4 –SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PETITION – Upon receipt of a written petition signed by 1/3 of the members of the Central Committee requesting a SPECIAL MEETING, the County Chairperson shall, within 10 days, and upon not less than four days' notice, call a meeting of the Central Committee as requested by the petition. The PETITION FOR SPECIAL MEETING shall specifically detail the purpose for which the SPECIAL MEETING is being called. Any SPECIAL MEETING called by Petition shall follow the Rules in Article II, Section 3.

Section 5 – REGULAR MEETING – 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 4 days in advance of the date of the meeting.

A. ORDER OF BUSINESS – The order of business at a duly called REGULAR MEETING of the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee (TFCRCC) should include the following:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum
5. Reading of Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Old Business
9. Programs and/or Special Guests
10. New Business
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment

B. ROLL CALL – The Secretary shall call the roll of the members of the Central Committee at each meeting. The Secretary shall keep the records of the roll call and the official minutes of previous meetings in a binder and shall make them available to the Central Committee Members at each meeting. The Secretary shall also post these records on the TFCRCC website.

C. QUORUM – Fifteen Precinct Committeepersons shall constitute a quorum at REGULAR MEETING of the Central Committee.

D. VOTING – The right to vote in the REGULAR MEETINGS shall be limited to Precinct Committeepersons, the Vice-Chairperson, the State Committeeman, the State Committeewoman, the State Youth Committeeperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Elected Directors. Those persons shall also be allowed to originate motions and move nominations. Notwithstanding that the Chairperson may also be a Precinct Committeeperson, the Chairperson shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

E. PROXY VOTING – Proxy voting 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 in writing, signed properly, and carried by a voting member of the convening body and limited to that particular REGULAR MEETING.

F. VOTE REQUIREMENT – A simple majority of those eligible to vote.

G. BALLOT TYPE – Any ballot type may be used.

ARTICLE III – SUSPENSION OF RULES

Section 1 – RULES SUSPENSION – The rules and by-laws as contained in this document may be suspended for valid reasons only. A suspension of rules motion must be affirmed by unanimous vote of only the Precinct Committeepersons then attending, and shall not conflict with the rules of the Idaho Republican Party and the laws of the State of Idaho.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1 – AMENDMENTS – Additions and amendments to these bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the Precinct Committeepersons in attendance at any properly convened meeting or assembly of the Central Committee, provided that a quorum of 75% of Precinct Committeepersons holding office is present.

Section 2 – NOTICE OF AMENDMENT – The Secretary shall provide written copies of suggested additions or amendments to the Bylaws to all members of the Central Committee at least ten days in advance of the vote on such additions or amendments.

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Section 3 – CONFLICTS – Should changes occur in the laws of the State of Idaho, the rules and by-laws of the 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 those changes and to make appropriate amendments to conform with the laws of the State of Idaho, the rules and by-laws of the Republican Party or the rules and by-laws of any other governing authority. The provisions of these by-laws herein shall apply to that amending process.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – STANDING COMMITTEES – For approval by the Central Committee, the County Chairperson shall nominate a chairperson and such other members as deemed necessary to the following standing committees: Campaign, Finance, and Program. Committee chairpersons or Members need not be Central Committee Members.

Section 2 – SPECIAL COMMITTEES – The Chairperson may appoint on a temporary basis special committees as may be necessary for the administration of the business of the Central Committee.

Section 3 – DUTIES – The duties of all committees shall be designated by the County Chairperson and subject to the review of said Chairperson.

ARTICLE VI – EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

Section 1 – APPROVAL – Expenditure of funds other than regulated by Article I, Section 3, D of this document shall be authorized by the Central Committee--by a simple majority if greater than 51% of the members are present; or by a 2/3 majority otherwise, as long as a quorum is present. Expenditure of funds by the Executive Committee is described in Article VIII, Section 3 of this document.

ARTICLE VII – PATRONAGE

Section 1 – CENTRAL COMMITTEE ACTION – All nominations and endorsements for patronage positions shall be submitted to the Central Committee for consideration.

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 – COMPOSITION – 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 the Five Directors. Legislative District Chairpersons representing legislative districts located in whole or in part in Twin Falls County and President of Republican Women in Twin Falls County shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. The County Chairperson may call meetings of the Executive Committee at the Chairperson's discretion.

Section 2 – QUORUM – A Quorum shall consist of six members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 – EMERGENCY ACTION – The Executive Committee shall have the 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 other than regulated by Article I, Section 3, D of this document shall be authorized by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. All actions of the Executive Committee under such circumstances shall be subject to review and either ratification or disavowal at the next succeeding meeting of the Central Committee.

Section 4 – VOTING – Voting of the Executive Committee on matters other than those covered by pertinent by-laws shall be by simple majority vote.

ARTICLE IX – VACANCIES

Section 1 – VACANCY DEFINED – A vacancy occurs when a Central Committee Member makes their resignation known to the Chairperson, through letter, e-mail, or otherwise, or upon the death or relocation of the Central Committee member outside of Twin Falls County, or a Precinct Committeeperson outside of their precinct.

Section 2 – NOTIFICATION – When the Chairperson learns of a vacancy, the Chairperson shall notify the Secretary within 48 hours. The Secretary shall notify the Precinct Committeepersons within 10 days of the next Central Committee Meeting. Such notifications will be made via email or text message, or via post card or postal mail to those members without electronic mail or messaging.

Section 3 – INTERIM APPOINTMENTS – When vacancies occur in the County Central Committee, the County Chairperson may fill such vacancies by appointing qualified persons to act on a temporary basis until the next meeting of the Central Committee, where they will be permanently filled as described in Article IX Section 4.

A. Precinct Committeepersons appointed in an interim capacity by the Chairperson shall have all of the authority and responsibility of regularly elected Precinct Committeepersons, except that they shall not be allowed to vote in any meeting or assembly until the Central Committee duly elects them.

B. The Chairperson shall call for nominations to permanently fill such vacancies at the next meeting of the Central Committee.

C. If a vacancy is not filled, the county Chairperson shall continue to call for nominations at each REGULAR MEETING until the position is filled.

Section 4 – ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES – An election to fill the vacancy will be held at the next meeting of the Central Committee.

A. Such election will be governed by the procedure set out in Article II, Section 1, B.

B. Nominees to fill vacancies must be qualified electors of Twin Falls County, registered Republicans, and live within the Precinct in question. They will attend the meeting, bring a resume, and be prepared to address the Central Committee and answer questions.

C. The Secretary shall notify the Twin Falls County Clerk of the election of the new precinct Committeeperson within ten days.

Section 5 – COUNTY CHAIRPERSON – Should a vacancy arise in the office of County Chairperson, Article IV, Section 9 of the rules of the Idaho Republican Party shall apply in filling such vacancy. Article IV, Section 9 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 X – 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, the Central Committee may, at a REGULAR MEETING or SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON, or SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PETITION, endorse particular candidates for public office.

Section 2 – APPLICANTS – The Central Committee may exercise the function, upon a majority vote of those in attendance at a REGULAR MEETING or SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON, or SPECIAL MEETING CALLED BY PETITION, of endorsing applicants for public service.

ARTICLE XI – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1 – PARLIAMENTARIAN – The County Chairperson 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

Section 2—ROBERT’S RULES - The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised* shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are applicable, and when they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of this organization.