

BYLAWS OF THE CLEARWATER COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
(As amended on May 13, 2019)

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Clearwater County Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "County Central Committee".

**ARTICLE II. MISSION**

The mission of the Clearwater County Republican Central Committee is to promote the Republican Philosophy, strengthen the Republican Party from the grassroots level, and elect Republican candidates.

The functions of the County Central Committee are to:

- a. Serve as the governing body of the Clearwater County Republican Party.
- b. Facilitate cooperation among Clearwater County Republican Party members.
- c. Advise the Idaho Republican Party regarding the development of policies and functions.
- d. Implement the policies and functions of the Idaho Republican Party.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The County Central Committee shall be composed of Clearwater County Precinct Committeeman, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeewoman, State Committeeman, Youth Committee Person, and other such officers of the County Central Committee as are elected by the Precinct Committeeman or appointed by the County Chairman.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS. All members of the County Central Committee shall be qualified electors of the precinct in which they reside.

SECTION 3. SELECTION OF PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN. Precinct Committeeman shall be elected at the State Primary Election or appointed by the County Central Committee according to Idaho Code § 34-502.

SECTION 4. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS. When any Precinct Committeeman shall have missed four (4) consecutive meetings, it is requested that the Chairman contact the individual and inquire as to his/her absence. When any other member elected by the County Central Committee shall have missed four (4) consecutive meetings, the County Chairman shall contact the individual and inquire as to his/her absence.

SECTION 5. RESIGNATIONS AND VACANCIES.

a. PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN. Any Precinct Committeeman desiring to resign from the County Central Committee shall submit their resignation, in writing, to the County Chairman for action. The Chairman will declare a vacancy if the Precinct Committeeman is no longer qualified under Idaho Code § 34-104.

b. OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS. Any other elected member desiring to resign from the County Central Committee shall submit their resignation, in writing, to the County Chairman.

c. At the County Central Committee meeting immediately following a resignation or identification of a vacancy, the County Chairman shall announce the vacancy and the election for a replacement. The election for a replacement shall take place as scheduled.

d. Persons elected to fill vacancies shall be elected by Precinct Committeemen. There will be no nominating committee and nominations shall be made from the floor.

SECTION 6. VOTING MEMBERS. Voting in Clearwater County Central Committee meetings shall be reserved to the duly elected Clearwater County precinct committee persons. Only those elected precinct committee persons may originate motions, make nominations, or vote at regular or special meetings.

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The officers of the County Central Committee shall be the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman and State Youth Committee Person. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by this organization.

SECTION 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. REORGANIZATION. All officers of the County Central Committee shall be elected by the Precinct Committeeman at a

reorganization meeting called for that purpose by the incumbent County Chairman to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election. In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated for any office, voting shall be by secret ballot. There will be no nominating committee and nominations shall be entertained from the floor. It is requested that all persons seeking to run for a County Central Committee office file a letter of intent with the Recording Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the reorganization meeting. There shall be no automatic succession to the office of County Chairman. Further it shall not be necessary to progress through the Vice Chairman position to run for County Chairman.

SECTION 3. TERM. Term of office for all officers shall be two (2) years or until their successors are elected and certified.

#### SECTION 4. DUTIES.

a. CHAIRMAN. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the County Central Committee; have the authority to appoint Central Committee Members to special and standing committees; serve as an ex-officio member of all committees ensure that members uphold Central Committee Bylaws; ensure that officers properly perform the duties of their office; have the authority to act as the official representative of the County Central Committee between meetings; consider and endorse recommendations of individuals seeking Legislative appointments and perform other such duties as are determined by State Statute, Party Rule or granted by the County Central Committee. The chairman will provide a general agenda to Precinct Committeemen and as many other members as possible four (4) days prior to any regularly scheduled meeting. This may be accomplished by any reasonable method however, it is the responsibility of all members to procure said agenda.

b. VICE CHAIRMAN. The Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman; preside in the Chairman's absence at any meeting of the County Central Committee or represent the Chairman at any meeting the Chairman is authorized to attend, and in his absence is to perform all his listed duties.

c. RECORDING SECRETARY. The Recording Secretary shall act as Secretary of the County Central Committee; record and keep a file of minutes of all County Central Committee meetings and Executive Board meetings; maintain a current roster of all members of the County Central Committee; inform the Clearwater County Clerk of changes in Precinct Committeemen positions and perform other duties as requested by the Chairman. The Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the "Official" copy of the Bylaws and Rules of the Clearwater County Central Committee.

d. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the County Central Committee; shall furnish a financial report at each County Central Committee meeting; furnish a written financial statement to the members of the County Central Committee annually; file such reports as required by State law and perform other duties as requested by the Chairman.

e. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE. Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Precinct Committeemen for any cause deemed just by them after ten (10) days written notice.

## **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS . Regular meetings shall be the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be called by the County Chairman or by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. Three (3) regularly elected members of the County Central Committee may request a special meeting by petitioning the Recording Secretary for notice as hereinafter provided. Special meetings may be held upon such notice as is appropriate due to circumstances. The purpose of the meeting, including date, time and location, and all officers and Precinct Committeemen are to be notified. Notice of special meetings will be at least four (4) days prior to such meeting.

SECTION 3. QUORUMS. Representation and voting by proxy shall be allowed at County Central Committee meetings except for the election of officers, delegates to the State, and nomination of candidates to fill county office vacancies. Proxies shall be honored if in writing or by telephone authorization to another Precinct Committeeman, and shall be limited to that meeting and if voting, to only specific agenda matters. Fifty (50%) of the Precinct Committeemen shall constitute a quorum for the election of Officers, delegates to the State and nomination of candidates to fill county vacancies. For all other matters a quorum may also be derived by one of the following methods:

a. Fifty (50%) of the Precinct Committeemen where at least 20% or present and at least 30% are in the form of proxies as described above.

b. The Chairman may "declare a quorum" to conduct the meeting. However, any or all decisions made at such meetings shall not be binding until confirmed by at least fifty (50%) of the Precinct Committeemen by one of the methods stated above.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special committees of the County Central Committee may be created as needed by the Central Committee Chairman.

## **ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The Robert's Rules of Order will not necessarily govern the meetings of the Central Committee, however those rules will be generally followed and in the event of a dispute, will be the final authority. The following Rules of Order will apply at the discretion of the Chair and/or a majority of the Precinct Committeemen:

- a. Members or guests will wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
- b. Comments and debate shall be limited to discussion of the actual item under discussion.
- c. The Chair has the right to designate time-limited comments.

## **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. The Bylaws of the Clearwater County Central Committee may be amended at any regular meeting of the County Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Precinct Committeemen provided that:

- a. The amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting, and
- b. Precinct Committeemen are notified at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) will be voted upon .

SECTION 2. EFFECTUAL DATE. All amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval unless otherwise specified.