

## **TETON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

### **Article I: Name**

The official name of the organization shall be the "Teton County Republican Central Committee". It may also be referred to as "The Central Committee" or TCRCC.

### **Article II: Purpose and Policy**

The purpose and policy of The Central Committee is to:

- A. Promote the Republican philosophy and the objectives of the Republican Party.
- B. Support conservative principals and work to secure the election of Republican candidates.
- C. Secure the rights of all Teton County residents.

### **Article III: Membership**

#### **A. Officers and Membership**

The Central Committee is composed of the Precinct Committeemen and women elected at the State Primary Election, and the following officers whom the Central Committee elects: the County Chairman, County Vice Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, Youth Committeeperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers of The Central Committee shall be elected by the Precinct Committee men and women at a meeting duly called by the Chairmen within 10 days of the Primary election. (Idaho Republican Rules, Article IV, Sec 1, p 23)

#### **B. Precinct Committee and Officers: Selection, Vacancies (Idaho Statutes, 34-714) and Removal from Office**

1. The Central Committee shall elect Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen to fill all vacancies that occur or exist in the Precinct Committeemen, Precinct Committeewomen, or any Central Committee officers. Notice of vacancies shall be announced by publication on the TCRCC website and Facebook page at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. All nominations shall be from the floor, and in event of a contested race, election should be by secret ballot (Idaho Republican Party Rules, (Article IV, Sec 8-11, p 24-25). In the event of a second vote tie, a winner will be determined by a coin toss consistent with Idaho Statutes.
2. Only existing Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen may vote for officers and other Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen. No proxies are allowed.
3. Vacancies that occur in a slate of candidates for Precinct Committee man or woman within 10 days prior to the primary election shall not be filled (Idaho Statute, 34-714/715)
4. If the office of the Central Committee Chair becomes vacant by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman will assume all duties of the Chairman, and within 30 days after giving at least seven days notice, call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of electing a new Central Committee Chairman. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article VI, p 24).
5. If the office of State Committeeman or State Committeewoman or State Youth Committee Person or Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant because of resignation, death or otherwise, the Central

Committee Chair shall, within 30 days and after giving at least 7 days notice, call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy. (Idaho Republican Rules, Article IV, p 25)

6. Any officer of the TCRCC may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Precinct Committeemen and women for any cause deemed just by them at any regular or special meeting after 7 days notice of the pending action.

#### **C. Precinct Committeemen and Women**

The election and duties of the Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen shall be as follows:

1. Elected at State Republican Primary Election in accordance with Idaho Statutes, 34-624. They shall serve from the 8th day following the Primary election until the 8th day following the succeeding the Primary election.

2. Direct get out the vote activities in their Precinct and assist with the rest of Teton County.

3. Attend all regular meetings of the TCRCC and attempt to attend all other meetings as scheduled by the TCRCC.

#### **D. Officers of the Central Committee**

1. Central Committee Chairman shall:

a. Call and chair the Central Committee meetings. (Idaho Republican Rules, Article IV, Sec 3-7, p 23-24).

b. The County Chairman shall also chair meetings as prescribed by County by-laws for the purpose of conducting routine business related to: (a) Campaigns (b) Publicity (c) Finance (d) Filling precinct committee vacancies, and (e) Other topics as required.

c. The County Chairman is concerned with the recruitment and election of county government officials and for maintaining liaison with them after election.

d. Serve as a delegate of, and represent, the Central Committee at all regional and state meetings of the Idaho Republican Party and State Central Committee.

e. Assure the existence of a set of rules and by-laws for The Central Committee. These rules must be compatible with the Idaho Republican Party State Rules. (Idaho Republican Rules, Article IV, Sec 2, p 23).

f. Perform other duties as described in the Idaho Republican Party State Rules.

2. Vice-Chairman of Central Committee shall:

a. Be elected as prescribed by law and serve in only one TCRCC elected position.

b. In the absence or disability of the Chairman, The Central Committee business shall be conducted by the Vice-Chairman.

3. State Committee Man/Woman shall:

a. Serve as a delegate of, and represent the TCRCC at all regional and state meetings of the Idaho Republican Party and State Central Committee

4. Youth Committee Person shall:

a. Serve as a delegate of, and represent the TCRCC at all regional and state meetings of the Idaho Republican Party and State Central Committee.

b. Be between the ages of eighteen and forty at the time of election. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article IV, Sec 2, p 23)

5. Secretary shall:

a. Make and keep a copy of the proceedings and attendance of all TCRCC meetings, maintain records and correspondence of the Central Committee.

b. Submit an accurate list of all Precinct Committeemen and women and all TCRCC officers to the Teton County elections office as required.

6. Treasurer shall:

a. Be charged with custody of all TCRCC funds

b. Keep account records including but not limited to recording all TCRCC expenditures and receipts and report to the TCRCC monthly.

c. Submit reports and financial statements at the direction of the TCRCC and as required by the Idaho Republican Party.

d. Be subject to audits at such times as the TCRCC designates.

#### **Article IV – Selection of Delegate to Idaho State Convention**

A. Thirty (30) days prior to the Primary Election or state caucus of each Presidential year, and prior to May 1, in each non-Presidential year, each Republican Chair shall prepare and forward to the Republican State Chairman, in care of the GOP State Headquarter, a notice stating the date, time, and place of meeting to be held within 10 days after the primary election, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the GOP State Convention. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article II, Sec 1, p 51).

B. The delegates to the state convention of each political party shall be selected in the manner prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated and adopted by the state central committee. (Idaho Statute 34-507)

#### **Article V – Meetings**

A. Organizational Meeting. All officers of the Central Committee shall be elected by the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen at a meeting called by the incumbent County Chairman to be held within ten (10) days after the Primary Election at the county seat. The meeting shall be conducted by the last elected Chairman and be open to all registered Republicans in the County. A quorum will consist of a majority of the Precinct Committeemen and women elected in the Idaho Republican Primary election. The Chairman will conduct the election in the following order: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, and Youth Committee Person. The Chairman shall accept nominations from the floor. Only Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewoman elected in the last Idaho Republican Primary may vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot except in uncontested races. If any parts of these procedures are in conflict with the Idaho Republican Party Rules, the election procedure shall follow the Idaho Republican Party Rules and/or Bylaws.

B. Regular Meetings. At a minimum, Central Committee meeting shall be held quarterly as scheduled by the Chairman. Notice of each meeting shall be sent by mail or electronic mail to each member of the Committee and any Republican officials holding an elected partisan position in the County.

C. Special Meetings. All other meetings may be called by the Chairman or by no fewer than 50% of the Precinct Committeemen or Precinct Committeewomen. Such meeting must be held on the date requested providing no less than 5 days notice has been given to all members of the Central Committee in the same manner as for Regular Meetings.

#### **Article VI - Voting**

A. Full Voting Rights. The following members of the TCRC may vote on all matters and without exception, as stated in the Idaho Code: Precinct Committeemen and women. However, no person may hold more than one voting position on the Central Committee.

B. Extended Voting Rights. The following members of the Central Committee do not qualify for voting rights under "Article VI A" of these bylaws but the right to vote shall be extended to them, unless otherwise stated, on all issues except the election of Central Committee officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and State Committeewoman and Committeeman, Youth Committeeperson), Precinct committee men and women, and appointment of public officials, as stated in Idaho Code.

C. Quorum. Fifty-one percent of the duly elected Precinct Committeemen or women from Teton County shall constitute a quorum. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article IV, Sec 12, p 25) Or other by-law designation

#### **Article VII - Campaign Financial Support**

A. The Central Committee may determine the political affiliation of candidates filing or declaring intent to file as Republican candidates for county political office and may endorse Republican candidates for their respective positions. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article IX, Sec 1, p 31).

B. The financial support of any endorsed candidate must receive a simple majority vote approval of all Central Committee members at the next Regular meeting.

#### **Article VIII - Filling Board of County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, Treasurer, Secretary, Coroner, Assessor or Clerk Vacancies.**

A. In the event a vacancy arises on a Board of County Commissioners, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Central Committee to call a meeting of the Central Committee within 10 days after giving 72 hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Governor 3 nominees to fill said vacancy. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article V, Sec 1, p 26).

B. If the office of county prosecuting attorney, treasurer, sheriff, coroner, assessor, or auditor/clerk of the district court becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Chairman of the County Central Committee wherein the vacancy exists shall call a meeting of the County Central Committee within ten (10) days after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article VI, Sec 1, p 27).

B. The meeting shall be held according to the Idaho Republican Party Rules.

C. Only Precinct Committeemen and women shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. (Idaho Republican Party Rules, Article V, Sec 2, p 26 and Article VI, Sec2, p 27)

#### **Article IX – Procedures Not Covered by These Bylaws**

The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern The Central Committee in all cases to which they apply and in which they are not inconsistent with Idaho law or Idaho Republican Party Rules. Idaho Republican Party State Rules govern in procedures not covered in these Bylaws.

#### **Article X – Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-third vote of all Central Committee members present. Any such amendment must be in writing and a copy of such proposed amendments must be included with the regular notice of meeting sent to all Precinct Committeemen and women and officers for said meeting, at which such proposed amendment is to be presented to the Central Committee for its action. All amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval unless otherwise specified.

#### References:

Idaho Election law, Section 34 - <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title34/>

Idaho Republican Party Rules (Amended 1 January 2023) - <https://idgop.org/party-resources/>

County By-law Archive - <https://idgop.org/bylaws-archive/>