

# **FRANKLIN COUNTY GOP CENTRAL COMMITTEE BY-LAWS**

## **Article I – Name**

The name of this private organization shall be the Franklin County Republican Central Committee (hereby referred to as FCRCC)

## **Article II – Purpose and Objective**

To encourage Republican ideals as stated in the Preamble of the Idaho Republican Party Platform; To promote Republican ideals in local elections; To promote good citizenship and good government; To encourage and promote voter education and voter turnout in all elections; To advance the interests of the Republican Party; To support all Republican candidates prior to the primary elections.

## **Article III – Membership**

### **Section 1 – Central Committee**

The Franklin County Republican Central Committee shall consist of the following: Precinct committeeman/woman representing the precincts within the county, a youth chairman, state committeeman and state committeewoman.

### **Section 2 – Members**

All members of the FCRCC shall be qualified electors of the precinct in which they reside [Idaho Code, section. 34-502], and shall have selected affiliation with the Republican Party [IdahoCode, section. 34-404].

### **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 Members 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 shall 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 FCRCC shall submit their resignation, in writing, to the County Chair who shall submit it to the body of the Committee for action.

b. All vacancies occurring in the office of precinct Committee member shall be filled by appointment of the FCRCC from persons who shall be qualified electors of the respective precinct [Idaho Code 34-502].

### **Section 6 – Discipline of Elected Members**

The FCRCC may censure or reprove any Republican Party officer, candidate, elected officials 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 First and Second 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 Chairs, Youth Chairman, and State Committeeman/State Committeewoman, 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 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 FCRCC 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(s) 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. As well as other duties as assigned by the chairman.
- 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 FCRCC. Attendance at state or district level meetings is expected. If unable to attend, that individual will

provide his/her proxy to another member of the contingent, so that the FCRCC will have full voting authority at the State Central Committee meetings.

#### 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 Franklin 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(s) 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 – Powers of Committee Members**

#### Section 1- Power of Central Committee

The FCRCC shall have all powers and duties prescribed by State Law and adopted by the State Central Committee.

#### Section 2- Voting Members

- a. Elected precinct Committee Members and officers (as defined in Article IV) and other members of the FCRCC (as defined in Article IV) shall have voting rights unless otherwise specified on all action items of meeting agendas.
- b. Vote requirements will be a simple majority of those eligible to vote.

#### Section 3- Filling of Vacancies of County Commissioner Boards

The FCRCC 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 FCRCC shall follow the procedures outlined in the Idaho State Republican Party rules, 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 each election year, the FCRCC 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.
- b. Each Idaho county committee is awarded a minimum of three (3) delegates by the IDGOP rules. with subsequent delegates being awarded based on IDGOP rules as explained

- below. Automatic delegates will include the FCRCC chairman, state committeeman/state committee woman and youth chairperson. In addition, each county shall select one (1) delegate for each one thousand (1000) votes cast for the Republican Congressional candidate in the previous general election. The IDGOP will inform the county chairman of the official delegate count. Any person (registered Republican) qualified to vote in the county may be elected a delegate to the GOP state convention. Each county delegation to the state convention shall select a delegate to serve as chairman of the delegation. In the event that any of the four (4) automatic delegates are unable to fulfill this obligation, substitutes may be elected from the body of the committee and/or public registered Republican Franklin County voters as stated in IDGOP rules. In addition, alternates may be selected from the same body mentioned above following IDGOP rules regarding selection of delegates to state conventions (Article 11, Sec. 3)
- c. Meetings held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state GOP convention shall require a quorum of 50% or greater of the FCRCC members. Proxy voting will not be allowed. Simple majority voice vote on each nominated delegate will be required for approval. In the event that there are more than the awarded delegate number nominated, a written ballot will be distributed to all eligible voters (members of the FCRCC only as described in Article V, Section 2 of FCRCC bylaws) of the precinct committee with the top vote recipients being selected as delegates. In the event of a tie, subsequent votes may be held to determine delegate selection.
- d. Open meeting laws in Idaho code shall be followed in the delegate selection meeting per IDGOP rules, Article 1, Section 3 and Article II, Section 2 and Idaho Code Sections 67-2340 to 67-2347.
- e. Within two (2) days of the adjournment of the FCRCC meeting for delegate selection, the Chairman shall send a statement giving the names and addresses of each delegate elected to the IDGOP chairman.
- f. Travel expenses for delegates to the state convention will be reimbursed as determined by the current financial status of the FCRCC, in consultation with the Treasurer and a 2/3rd FCRCC vote of eligible voting members following committee discussion.

## **Article VI – Subcommittees**

### **Section 1- Executive Committee**

- a. The executive committee (8) shall consist of the chairman, 1st and 2nd vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and state committeeman/state committeewoman, and state youth committeeperson. The county chairman may call meetings of the executive committee at the chairman's discretion.
- b. A quorum shall consist of four(4) 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.
- d. All actions of the executive committee shall be subject to review and either ratification or disavowal at the next succeeding general meeting of the central committee.

### **Section 2- Standing committees**

a. The county chairman may establish special committees as needed for special events. The chairman for these special committees shall be a member of the FCRCC. Members of any standing special committee need not be members of the FCRCC

b. The duties of the standing special committee shall be those prescribed by the county chairman.

## **Article VII – Meetings and Quorums**

### **Section 1- Procedures**

All meetings shall be governed according to Robert's Rules of Order-Newly Revised

### **Section 2- Schedule of Meetings**

There shall be five types of meetings of the FCRCC . They are:

- 1.Regular meetings (monthly)
2. Reorganization meetings.(every 2 years post primary elections)
3. County Delegate meetings (every 2 years post primary elections and preceding IDGOP convention)
4. Special meeting called by the chairman
5. Special meeting called by petition of the committee members.

### **Section 3- Reorganization meeting**

This meeting is to be held every two years, and within ten (10) days after the primary election; for the purpose of seating re-elected and newly elected precinct committee members and electing the officers of the FCRCC. This meeting requires a quorum of 50% or greater of precinct committee persons. Any committee member is eligible for nomination and election as an officer (Chairman, Vice Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary) of the committee with the exception of the state committeeman/woman and youth chairperson. When more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election to that office shall be by secret paper ballot. Tabulators of the vote results are to be performed by the state committeeman/woman and youth chairperson. Proxy voting shall not be allowed in the organizational meeting. The incumbent chairman shall preside over the election of new officers. Upon adjournment of the reorganization meeting, the new executive committee shall become effective.

### **Section 4- County Delegate meeting.**

Held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the IDGOP state convention. Requires a quorum of 50% or greater of county committee members. All members of the FCRCC are eligible voters as stated in Article V, section 2. Proxy voting is not allowed.

### **Section 5-Special meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the chairman or vice chairs, in the absence of the chairman. Five(5) regularly elected members of the county central committee may also request a special

meeting. These meetings require a quorum of 50% or greater of the county central committee members. Proxy voting will not be permitted in special meetings.

#### Section 6-Regular meetings

Held to conduct the routine business of the FCRCC. A quorum for any action items shall consist of 50% or greater of the committee members. No proxy voting to be permitted at regular meetings. Regular meetings are to be held monthly at a time, place and date as determined by consensus of committee members personal schedules, etc.

### **Article VIII – Central Committee Endorsements**

#### Section 1- Candidates

No official endorsement of any candidate on the Republican ballot shall be singularly endorsed by the FCRCC, either with publicity or financial donation from the FCRCC, prior to the primary election date. Individual members of the FCRCC are free to support and express their support of any individual candidate on the Republican ballot by displaying yard signs, financial donations, etc. at any time during the election cycle with the disclaimer of individual or family support, not FCRCC support. FCRCC will make concentrated efforts to promote the primary elections by hosting “Meet the Candidate Nights” featuring only Republican candidates as listed on the official ballots issued by either the county clerk or State of Idaho. The purpose of this section is to ensure a future working relationship with the eventual winning candidates on a county, legislative district and state level.

#### Section 2- Social Media platforms.

The FCRCC will maintain a Facebook page entitled “Franklin County Republican Central Committee”. Admin of this page shall be the county chairperson or/and his/her designated substitute. The purpose of this page is for information only; not for candidate endorsement or advertising of any products made or sold by individuals. The posts of the FCRCC Facebook page or other social media platforms will reflect the general consensus of the FCRCC members based on discussions in scheduled regular meetings. Free speech will be honored by members on this page as long as the guidelines for posts on the FCRCC page description are honored. Public comments are not to be considered as endorsement by the FCRCC in regards to the topic or endorsement of individual candidates. Profanity, personal attacks, impugning of individual members of the FCRCC or political candidates will be promptly deleted by the page admin. FCRCC social media platforms shall NOT be used to endorse, promote or advertise political action committees or private lobbyists/groups.

### **Article IX – FCRCC expenses**

#### Section 1- Treasurer's duties

a. The FCRCC treasurer shall maintain in good standing the accounts of the FCRCC at a locally serviced bank chosen by the committee. A financial report shall be reported to the central committee at the monthly regular meeting by the treasurer or his/her designated substitute.

- b. Eligible expenditures of travel, lodging and registration for state, district or regional meetings of the IDGOP or other appropriate entities shall be reimbursed at the member's request via submission of receipts to the FCRCC treasurer within thirty(30) days of the incurred expense date. Mileage may be reimbursed at the current federally established rate at the time of incurring the expense, or a direct fuel cost via receipt, at recipient's choice. Reimbursement may be subject to available funds at the time of the request as referred in Article V, Section 5, subsection (f).
- c. All checks issued by the treasurer will require two signatures from any of the five executive committee members of Chairman, 1st and 2nd Vice chairs, Secretary and Treasurer. A debit card is available for advanced purchases with a sign out required from the treasurer. Any member of the FCRCC may request a financial report from the treasurer at any time.
- d. Expenses expected to be made in excess of \$500 shall require approval of the FCRCC via voice vote, email or text thread.
- e. Investment of FCRCC funds in accounts other than liquid checking type shall be permitted only with a super majority (66% or greater) vote of all members of the FCRCC.

## **Article X – 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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of voting members.