



July 27, 2023

Gem County Republican Officers and Precinct Committee Officers
RE: Gem County Grievances regarding June 28, 2023 election.

My Fellow Republicans:

The Republican State Party office has received a number of grievances regarding Gem County elections held June 28, 2023. I am informed that the monthly meeting of the Gem County Republican Central Committee was a standing meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm, and therefore no notice was given. Therefore, there was no notice given indicating any officer elections would be conducted at that meeting. As the meeting began, Muggy Hafen, Gem County Vice-Chair, conducted the meeting and advised those in attendance that Ashley Hoobery had notified Mr. Hafen in writing on June 26, 2023 that she was resigning as GCRCC Chair effective immediately. Mr. Hafen also advised that Caleb Hoobery had notified him in writing on June 26, 2023 that Mr. Hoobery was resigning as GCRCC State Committeeman and his Precinct Committeeman position effective immediately. Although no notice of any election had been provided before the meeting, Vice-Chair Hafen conducted elections to replace the Chairman and State Committeeman. Because Mr. Hafen was elected as Chair, he conducted an election for the Vice-Chair position also.

State Party Rules, Article 6, Section 9 states:

If the office of the County Chairman becomes vacant, by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, the Vice Chairman shall assume all duties of the Chairman and, within thirty (30) days after giving at least seven (7) days notice call a Central Committee meeting for the purpose of selecting a new County Chairman. If the Vice Chairman does not call such meeting within thirty (30) days, the State Chairman will call a County Central Committee meeting with seven (7) days notice for the purpose of selecting a new County Chairman.

We requested and received a copy of the written resignations from the former County Chairman and the State Committeeman, dated June 26, 2023. The seven-day notice to call a County Central Committee meeting for the purpose of selecting a new County Chairman was not given by the Vice Chairman. Under the rules of the State Party, the Gem County Vice Chairman had 30 days from June 26, 2023 to properly conduct the meeting, upon proper 7 days notice. As of the date of this letter, no meeting with proper notice has been conducted by the Vice Chairman, nor can it now be conducted within the thirty days allowed. The State Chairman therefore has the duty and authority to call a County Central Committee meeting upon proper notice to elect a new County Chairman.

The purpose of this letter is to advise all involved that the State Chair will be providing proper notice and scheduling a meeting in August to elect a new County Chairman. The opportunity for the Vice Chairman to conduct the meeting has expired. Because the meeting held June 28, 2023 was not upon proper seven-day notice, all elections conducted June 28, 2023, are invalid. The individuals elected as Chair and State Committeeman, **will not** be credentialed or authorized to vote at the Special State Central Committee meeting scheduled for July 29. The previously elected State Committeewoman and Youth Committeeperson from Gem County **will** be credentialed and are authorized to vote. The previously elected Vice Chairman, Muggy Hafen, may act as Chair and **will** be credentialed to vote. Under the above stated Party Rules, it was not possible for the State Chair to provide seven days' notice and call a County Central Committee meeting, after the thirty days had expired, and before the July 29 State meeting.

The State Chair will identify an appropriate location and send out the required seven-day notice before the election is conducted by the State Party Chairwoman. Please accept my personal thanks for all of the work done in Gem County by all of the PCOs and County Officers. I look forward to meeting with you in order to complete the reorganization of Gem County Officers pursuant to the State Party Rules. It is unfortunate that the Rules do not allow this to be done with greater speed, but I am committed to obeying the Rules and allowing County Vice Chairs to exercise their authority, if they will do so in accordance with all rules.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy Moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dorothy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Moon".

Dorothy Moon
IDGOP Chairwoman