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Response to Complaint of October 19, 2023 filed by the Caribou County Chairman Aaron Cook.
Received by the Idaho Republican Party on October 23, 2023 at 11:45am MT.

Dear Chairman Cook,

December 19, 2023

After review of your complaint, I have made the following findings.

The complaint is not timely. Idaho Code 34-624 specifies the term of office of all Precinct Committeemen, specifically:

"The term of office of a precinct committeeman shall be from the eighth day following the primary election until the eighth day following the next succeeding primary election."

Our party rules specify a two year term of office for all members and offices except National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, which are 4 year terms. The incident in the complaint transpired during the last administration. The current administration of Caribou County therefore lacks standing to bring a complaint for something which did not occur during that administration and the current Bonneville administration cannot be held responsible for acts committed by a prior administration.

The complaint fails to cite specific violations. Our State Party Rules ARTICLE XII: JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT Section 3 specifies:

The Judicial Power of the State Republican Party shall be exercised in the following ways:

(a) Any party or parties aggrieved by any violation of the State, Region, County, or Legislative District rule(s) or bylaw(s), or by a violation of any Idaho State election law, may file a complaint with the State Chairman.

The complaint fails to list any violation of State, Region, County, or Legislative District rule(s) or bylaw(s), or a violation of any Idaho State election law. The complaint is therefore outside the scope of Judicial Oversight powers under Article XII.

The complaint asks for relief outside the powers of the State Chairman. Our State Party Rules ARTICLE I, Section 5 defines the powers of the Chairman:

The Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee shall have general administrative supervision over the organization and affairs of the Idaho Republican Party, shall preside at all meetings, and shall perform all other duties as are incident to his office, subject in all cases, however, to the direction of the Republican State Central Committee. The requested relief (1) and (2) can only be implemented by a change to the State Party Rules, which is beyond the scope of State Chairman powers. Furthermore, the process for amending State Party Rules is well defined and available to all counties and legislative districts.

The requested relief (3) asking for a record to be created is moot. State Party Rules ARTICLE VII Section 4 states:

To assist in uniform enforcement of the rules, all decisions and any interpretation of a rule by the Chairman or any Committee shall be posted on the State Party's website.

In accordance with these findings, I can take no action in response to this complaint. Of course, the existing path to amend the State Party Rules is available should you desire to pursue the relief you cite.

Regards,

Dorothy Moon
IDGOP Chairwoman