



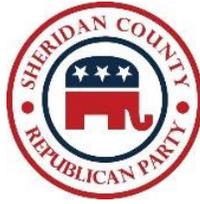
BYLAWS OF THE SHERIDAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

ARTICLE I - The Republican Party

- 1) **Membership:** The Sheridan County Republican Party shall be composed of all registered Republicans in Sheridan County, Wyoming.
- 2) **Governance:** The delegates at the County Convention of the Sheridan County Republican Party shall be the governing body of the Republican Party. At all other times, the County Central Committee shall be the governing body.
- 3) **Role:** The role of the Sheridan County Republican Party is to recruit citizens to join the Republican Party; to support the Platform of the Wyoming Republican Party; to achieve election of Republican candidates who substantially uphold the platform of the Wyoming Republican Party, and to conduct business of the Republican Party in Sheridan County.

ARTICLE II - Procedure and Definition

- 1) All meetings and conventions shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- 2) The use of the masculine shall be deemed to include the feminine gender and vice-versa.
- 3) At least two (2) tellers shall be appointed by the chairman of the meeting or convention for all forms for voting requiring a count of individual votes. All tellers shall be instructed by the chairman as a group concerning specific procedural duties prior to convening of any meeting where voting occurs.
- 4) Wherever the term "casting lots" appears in these bylaws, it means the flipping of coins or the drawing of names to determine the outcome of a vote.
- 5) The term proxy as used in these Bylaws shall require a written document, bearing the signature of the qualified voter, specifying the identity of the authorized substitute voter and the specific meeting at which the substitution is authorized. A proxy shall be delivered in original or by a printable electronic method to the presiding officer prior to the authorized substitute casting any vote.
- 6) A platform is the declared policy of a political party and consists of timeless and enduring constitutional conservative principles.
- 7) A resolution is defined as a formal expression of opinion, intent, call to action or an expression of firmness of purpose.
- 8) The term "substantially uphold" as used in these bylaws shall mean that a Republican office holder should have a voting record of at least 80% in support of Wyoming Republican Party Platform-related legislation and that a Republican candidate to have signed a pledge to support the Wyoming Republican Party Platform. Failure to achieve, or commit to, supporting the Wyoming Republican Party Platform may negate a candidate from receiving Party support, financial or otherwise, during any general election.
- 9) In the event of a declared Federal or State Emergency, all meetings and conventions may be conducted via electronic means in which all participants can simultaneously hear each other and have the opportunity for recognition similar to a regular in-person meeting. Any



requirements for ballot votes may be waived, votes may be conducted via mail vote or other electronic means as determined by the meeting. Other allowances for electronic meetings may be allowed elsewhere in these rules. Any conflicting language in the rules shall defer to this rule.

ARTICLE III - County Central Committee

1) Membership:

- a) The Republican Central Committee of Sheridan County shall consist of the properly elected or appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen in the County and their successors, who shall hold office for a term of (2) years or until the successors have been properly elected or appointed. Each precinct shall elect Committeewomen and Committeemen in accordance with applicable law but provided no precinct shall be entitled to less than one (1) Precinct Committeeman and one (1) Precinct Committeewoman.
- b) Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen shall be electors registered in the party and residents in the precinct.
- c) If a precinct boundary line is changed for any reason, the County Commissioners shall determine the number of Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen to which the affected precinct is entitled.
- d) All County Central Committee members in office on the date that notice of a County Central Committee meeting is published shall be allowed to vote at the meeting.

2) Meetings: The County Central Committee shall meet as follows:

- a) The County Central Committee shall meet and organize under the direction of the County Chairman at the time and place determined by the County Chairman within thirty (30) days after the term of its members begin.
- b) During the month of March of each odd numbered year at the county seat. The County Chairman shall also deposit notice of the March meeting of each odd numbered year in the office of the County Clerk not less than ten (10) days before this meeting.
- c) The County Central Committee shall meet at other times and places as may be determined by the County Chairman or the County Executive Committee.
- d) The County Chairman shall publish a notice of all meetings of the County Central Committee in a newspaper of general county circulation no less than two (2) days prior to a meeting, until such time as state statute no longer requires notification through a newspaper of general circulation within the county.
- e) Meetings of the County Central Committee may be called by the County Chairman or upon written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the County Central Committee members. Venue expenses, notification, and materials associated with or incurred to convene the Central Committee shall be paid by the Party and any additional expenses shall be paid for by individual members.



- 3) **Powers:** The County Central Committee shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by law and state and county bylaws. The County Central Committee is empowered to determine policy, to make rules, to settle disputes, and to perform all functions necessary to further the interest of the Sheridan County Republican Party.
- 4) **Quorum:** Those members of the County Central Committee attending either in person or by proxy at a properly called meeting of the County Central Committee shall constitute a quorum and shall be entitled to vote on the issues before the meeting.

5) County Party Vacancies:

- a) A vacancy in the County Central Committee or among its officers shall occur in case of death, resignation, removal, change of residence from the precinct or county, inability to act, as determined by the County Central Committee, or failure to elect at a regularly scheduled election.
- b) A vacancy in the office of Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman shall be filled by appointment of a registered Republican resident in the precinct in which the vacancy exists. This appointment is made by the County Chairman. The replacements shall serve until the next regular election for Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman and shall be entitled to vote on all issues coming before the County Central Committee. The County Chairman shall submit the name of the new Precinct Person to the State Party and the County Clerk within fifteen (15) days of their appointment.
- c) A vacancy in the office of County Chairman shall be filled by the Vice-Chairman. If the Vice-Chairman declines the office, the vacancy shall be filled by election by the County Central Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
- d) A vacancy in the office of County Vice-Chairman shall be filled by the County Central Committee.
- e) A vacancy in the office of County Secretary or County Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairman.
- f) A vacancy in the office of State Committeeman or State Committeewoman shall be elected by the County Central Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.

6) Terms of Office:

- a) The County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, State Committeeman, and State Committeewoman shall be elected by the County Central Committee at its March meeting in the odd numbered years to serve for a term of two (2) years. The County shall immediately notify the State Chairman in writing of the names and addresses of persons elected to the offices of County Chairman, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman.
- b) The County Secretary, County Treasurer, and other committee chairmanships and positions created by the County Chairman or provided for in the County Bylaws shall be appointed by the County Chairman. The appointments of County Secretary and County Treasurer shall take place within thirty (30) days after election of the County Chairman.
- c) None of the foregoing officers, committee chairman, or committee members need be members of the County Central Committee, but each must be registered in the party and



a resident in the County.

- d) Officers will notify in writing 30 days prior to the County Central Committee meeting of their intent to run for another term of office in order to duly notify members of the vacancy.

7) Duties of Officers:

- a) **County Chairman:** In addition to the duties with which he is charged by statute, the County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Sheridan County Republican Party and shall preside over all meetings of the County Executive Committee, County Convention, and County Central Committee. He shall carry out policies established by the County Central Committee and shall have all general powers of administration customarily vested in the office of chairman.
- b) **County Vice-Chairman:** The County Vice-Chairman shall assist the County Chairman in the duties of his office. He shall perform other duties as assigned to him by the County Chairman. He shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the County Chairman during the County Chairman's absence or disability.
- c) **County Treasurer:** The County Republican Treasurer shall be responsible for money received to and disbursed by the County Republican Party. The Treasurer shall be required to report on the financial status of the County Party at each regular meeting of the County Central Committee.
- d) **County Secretary:** The County Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the County Central Committee, County Convention, and County Executive Committee, and shall serve on the County Credentials Committee. The county secretary may elect to appoint a replacement to the Credentials Committee. He shall perform other duties assigned to him by the County Chairman and those prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order.
- e) **The Executive Committee** of the Sheridan County Central Committee shall consist of the County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, County Secretary, and County Treasurer. Other Members and their positions may be appointed to the County Executive Committee by the County Chairman subject to the approval by the majority of the six (6) aforementioned Executive Committee members. The committee shall meet upon call of the County Chairman with at least three (3) days' notice. It shall carry out policies established by the County Central Committee, and between meetings of the County Central Committee, shall exercise the powers of the County Central Committee. Executive Committee meetings shall be open to all members of the County Central Committee in a non-voting capacity. No proxy representation is permitted at Executive Committee meetings.

8) County Committees:

- a) The County Chairman may select other committees and sub-committees as he from time to time may determine as proper and he may delegate any of his power to such a committee or sub-committees.



- b) The County Executive Committee shall have, but not be limited to, the following powers:
 - i. To fill vacancies in the office of Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen.
 - ii. To ratify emergency actions taken by the County Chairman.
 - iii. To further the interests of the Sheridan County and Wyoming Republican Party.

9) Voting:

- a) Only properly elected, selected, or appointed Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen shall be entitled to vote at all County Central Committee meetings. Eligibility to vote shall begin immediately upon election or appointment.
- b) In the event the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman, he shall be entitled to vote his vote as a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman.

10) Conduct of County Central Committee Meetings:

- a) Presiding Officer: The County Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the County Central Committee.
- b) If two (2) consecutive tie votes on a question occur, the County Chairman shall, at his discretion, exercise his right to vote as Chairman as provided by Robert's Rules of Order to break the tie or to decide the vote by casting lots.

11) Proxy Votes:

- a) Vote by proxy may be allowed at a meeting of the County Central Committee. A person holding a proxy for an absent Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman must be a resident of the same precinct as the member he represents and be a registered Republican. No person shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies.

ARTICLE IV - County Convention

1) Membership:

- a) Delegates to the County Convention shall be the members of the County Central Committee and those chosen by caucuses of the precincts within Sheridan County.
- b) If the prescribed number of delegates is not duly elected by Precinct Caucuses in certain precinct(s), the County Chairman, with approval of the majority of the County Executive Committee is authorized to appoint the prescribed number of delegates from the precinct(s) to the County Convention.
- c) Each Precinct Caucus may also choose alternate Delegates equal in number to its allotted Delegates and shall designate the priority in which the Alternates shall replace absent Delegates.
- d) If Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman vacancies exist at the time of the Precinct Caucus, the Precinct Caucus may elect Delegates equal in number to the vacancies.



2) Precinct Caucus:

- a) Precinct Caucuses shall be held not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the County Convention.
- b) The County Chairman shall issue the call for the Precinct Caucuses by publishing a notice of the number of delegates to be selected from each precinct, the date, time, and place for each caucus in a newspaper of general circulation in the county not less than ten (10) days prior to the Precinct Caucuses until such time as state statute changes the method of notification.
- c) The several Precinct Caucuses may meet individually at a single location.
- d) All Republicans who have registered within the precinct at the dates of the call of the Precinct Caucus shall be entitled to participate and vote at the Precinct Caucuses.
- e) Proof of such residence and registration shall be by the most recent County Clerk's voter list.

3) Apportionment of Precinct Delegates to County Convention:

- a) The County Chairman shall designate the total number of delegates to be elected to the County Convention.
- b) The delegates to whom each precinct shall be entitled at the County Convention shall be determined, as nearly as possible, in proportion to the total votes cast in each precinct for the Republican candidate for the office of U.S. House of Representatives at the preceding general election.
- c) Each precinct shall be entitled to no less than two (2) delegates.

4) Conduct of Precinct Caucuses:

- a) Either a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman in attendance at the Precinct Caucus shall be elected Caucus Chairman and be provided advanced instruction as Caucus Chair.
- b) In the event there is neither a Precinct Committeeman nor a Precinct Committeewoman in attendance, those assembled and qualified to vote shall elect from among them a person to serve as Caucus Chairman.
- c) The Caucus Chairman shall conduct the Precinct Caucus and take nominations of qualified Republicans residing within the precinct to be delegates to the County Convention.
- d) The election of delegates shall be by secret ballot, if desired by anyone in attendance at the Precinct Caucus.
- e) The Caucus Chairman shall, within the next three (3) days, certify in writing to the County Chairman the names of those elected delegates and alternates to the County Convention from that precinct.

5) Meeting:

- a) The County Convention of the Sheridan County Republican Party shall be held at a time in accordance with State Statutes.



6) Notice of Meetings:

- a) Notice of the County Convention shall be published in an official county newspaper of general county circulation, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the County Convention, until such time as state statute changes the method of notification.

7) Powers: The Delegates to a County Convention shall have, but not be limited to, the following powers:

- a) To adopt or amend the Bylaws of the County Party. To propose changes to the State Party Bylaws which shall be submitted to the State Convention.
- b) To elect the Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention and to determine the priority in which alternates shall serve. Each Delegate and Alternate shall be a registered Republican.
- c) To elect a Delegate and an Alternate to the Republican National Convention.
- d) To adopt Resolutions and Platform planks which shall be submitted to the State Convention.

8) Conduct of County Convention:

- a) **Presiding Officer:** The County Chairman properly elected at the prior March meeting of the County Central Committee, or his successor, shall serve as Chairman of the County Convention. If two (2) consecutive tie votes on a question occur, the County Chairman, at his discretion, shall either vote to break the tie or decide the vote by casting lots, whether or not he is a delegate to the County Convention.
- b) **Quorum:** Those delegates attending a properly called County Convention shall constitute a quorum.
- c) **Proxy Votes:** Vote by proxy shall not be allowed at County Convention.
- d) **Unit Rule:** The unit rule method of voting shall not be adopted by the County Convention.

9) Committees: Credentials Committee shall act at the County Convention. A Bylaws Committee, Platform Committee, Resolutions Committee, Nominating Committee, and other committees as appointed by the County Chairman, may act at the County Convention. The powers and duties of committees, if formed, shall be as follows:

- a) **Credentials:** The Credentials Committee shall consist of the County Secretary and other members appointed by the County Chairman.
- b) **Bylaws:** The Bylaws Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The committee shall draft and propose revisions to the county and/or state bylaws to be presented to the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any delegate from submitting additional bylaw revisions from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.
- c) **Platform:** The Platform Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The Committee shall meet at least one (1) week prior to the County Convention to draft platform proposals pertaining to state issues to be presented to the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any delegate from submitting additional platform proposals from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.



- d) **Resolutions:** The Resolutions Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The committee shall meet at least one (1) week prior to the County Convention to draft resolutions pertaining to national issues to be presented to the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any delegate from submitting additional resolutions proposals from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.
- e) **Nominating:** The Nominating Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The committee shall meet at least one (1) week prior to the County Convention to prepare a slate of nominations for Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention, and, in any year in which a Republican National Convention will be called, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention to be presented at the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any delegate from submitting additional qualified nominations from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.

10) Order of Business:

- a) The order of business at the County Republican Convention shall be as follows:
 - i. Call to order by the County Chairman.
 - ii. Report of the Credentials Committee.
 - iii. Report of the Bylaws Committee.
 - iv. Report of the Platforms Committee.
 - v. Report of the Resolutions Committee.
 - vi. Report of the Nominating Committee.
 - vii. Elections.
 - viii. Other business.
 - ix. Adjournment.
- b.) The County Chairman, at his discretion, may change the order of business prior to convening the convention. After the convention is convened, the order of business may be changed by a majority vote of the delegates.

11) Roll Call Votes:

- a) A roll call vote (“yeas” and “nays”) or a secret ballot vote upon any questions presented at the County Convention may be ordered by the County Chairman or can be compelled by a majority vote of the quorum.
- b) A request for a roll call vote or a secret ballot vote must be sought before the question is first voted upon. The preceding in no way interferes with the right of a delegate to request a standing vote on questions presented to the County Convention.



ARTICLE V - Ratification and Amendments.

1) Ratification: These bylaws, upon adoption by a majority vote of the delegates in attendance at the Sheridan County Republican Convention, shall repeal and replace all Bylaws that preceded them and shall be binding upon adjournment of the convention at which they were first adopted.

2) Amendments:

- a) These Bylaws may be repealed or amended by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the delegates in attendance at the Sheridan County Republican Convention.
- b) Proposed amendments to the Bylaws, whether by the Bylaws Committee or from the floor, must be presented in writing.
- c) Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective upon adjournment of the Convention at which the amendments were approved.

ARTICLE VI - Severability

These Bylaws are severable and, if any portions be declared void, all other portions shall remain binding and effective.

Dated this 4th of April 2020

County Chairperson

Bylaws Chairperson