

**BY-LAWS OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF DALLAS COUNTY**

Adopted October 10, 1973
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**ARTICLE I
OFFICERS**

Section 1. The Officers of the Dallas County, Iowa Republican Party Central Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the County Central Committee (herein referred to as “the Central Committee” or “the Committee”) and shall discharge the duties described below:

- a. The chairman shall preside at the meetings of the Central Committee and serve as its spokesman. The chairman shall provide the leadership and direction necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of the Central Committee, subject to the provisions of the by-laws and the concurrence of the Central Committee in matters of policy. The chairman, after consultation with the co-chairman, may establish special committees and appoint all committee members.
- b. The co-chairman shall assist the chairman in the fulfillment of his/her duties and assume those duties in the absence of the chairman.
- c. The secretary shall keep all records, including minutes of all meetings of the Central Committee and the executive committee. The secretary shall perform such other duties as may pertain to the office, and as specified in these by-laws.
- d. The treasurer shall maintain all financial records for the Central Committee and prepare and file records required by federal and state laws. No money shall be expended by the treasurer unless said expenditure has been approved by the chairman or the co-chairman in the absence of the chairman.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by the Central Committee at the first Central Committee meeting held in the year following a general election for Governor or President. The officers shall serve at the pleasure of the County Central Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the chairman, the co-chairman shall call a meeting of the Central Committee for the election of a

new chairman. In the event of a vacancy in the office of co-chairman, secretary, or treasurer, the chairman shall call a meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy. If the offices of chairman and co-chairman are both vacant, the secretary, or in his/her absence, the treasurer, shall call a special meeting of the Central Committee for the purpose of filling any vacancies. In the event that all offices are vacant or in the event of a vacancy in any one office for the period of more than 30 days, a meeting for the purpose of filling vacancies may be called by the chairman of the district executive committee.

Section 3. The Central Committee shall be notified at least ten days in advance of any meeting at which it is proposed to fill a vacancy in the position of chairman or co-chairman.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP ON COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. The County Central Committee shall be comprised of at least two persons from each voting precinct, elected at precinct caucuses or as otherwise provided by law, the Dallas County Republican Party Constitution, or these by-laws. However, any precinct which casts 300 or more votes in either the last general election for the Republican candidate for Governor or the last general election for the Republican candidate for President shall have one additional committeeperson; and if 800 or more votes were cast in the precinct for the Republican candidate in either election, the precinct shall have two additional committeepersons. The precinct committeepersons shall be residents of the precinct from which they were elected.

Section 2. Vacancies on the County Central Committee shall be filled by the County Central Committee. Persons wishing to fill vacancies on the Committee shall be nominated by two (2) members of the County Central Committee. Notice of a vote to fill a vacancy on the Committee shall be provided to current Central Committee members at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting at which such vote will be taken. Persons nominated to fill vacancies on the Committee must receive a simple majority of the votes of the Central Committee members attending the meeting at which the vote is taken, assuming a quorum of Central Committee members is present at such meeting. If approved, such persons shall serve until the next biennial precinct caucuses or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless the member is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for inattention to duty, incompetence, or failure to support the ticket nominated by the Party.

Section 3. The County Central Committee may appoint up to five (5) persons to serve as at-large members of the Committee. However, in no case shall the appointment of at-large Committee members result in any precinct having more than one committeeperson in addition to the number of committeepersons the

precinct would be entitled to in accordance with the above provisions. Persons wishing to be appointed as at-large members of the Committee shall be nominated by two (2) members of the County Central Committee. Notice of a vote to appoint one or more at-large members to the Committee shall be provided to current Central Committee members at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting at which such vote will be taken. Persons nominated to be appointed as at-large members of the Committee must receive a simple majority of the votes of the Central Committee members attending the meeting at which the vote is taken, assuming a quorum of Central Committee members is present at such meeting. If approved, such persons shall serve until the next biennial precinct caucuses, unless the member is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for inattention to duty, incompetence, or failure to support the ticket nominated by the Party.

ARTICLE III **COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The standing committees of the Central Committee may be empowered by the Central Committee, and in appropriate circumstances by the chairman, after consultation with the co-chairman, to make a determination, make recommendations, or implement action consistent with the purposes and the policies of the Central Committee.

The standing committees are:

- a. The Finance Committee, which shall plan and implement fundraising activities;
- b. The Organization Committee, which shall be responsible for developing the precinct organization, identifying voters, and developing and implementing plans to increase the Republican vote in Dallas County;
- c. The Publicity Committee, which shall publicize Republican activities.

Section 2. Special committees may be established for a specified time by the Central Committee or the chairman, after consultation with the co-chairman, to perform specified tasks.

Section 3. Committee chairmen and members may be removed by the Central Committee chairman, after consultation with the co-chairman, or by a majority vote of the Central Committee.

Section 4. The chairman and co-chairman shall be ex officio members of all standing and special committees.

ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Executive Committee shall include the chairman, co-chairman, secretary, treasurer, finance chairman, organization chairman, and publicity chairman.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Central Committee shall be held at least semi-annually and be called by the chairman or co-chairman or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee.

Section 2. Meetings shall be convened on written calls of the chairman, co-chairman, or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee.

Section 3. Notice of each meeting shall be provided by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or similar means to each Central Committee member prior to the meeting date.

Section 4. Unless otherwise indicated in the Constitution or these by-laws, a quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of thirty percent (30%) or more of the duly elected and serving members of the Central Committee.

Section 5. In the event a member of the Central Committee is unable to attend a duly-called Central Committee meeting, he shall notify the chairman, co-chairman, or secretary. Committeepersons unable to attend a regular or special meeting of the Central Committee may cast an absentee vote related to actions to be taken at such meeting, including votes to amend the Constitution or these by-laws. Such absentee votes shall be made in writing and delivered by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or similar means to the chairman, co-chairman, or secretary prior to the meeting at which such actions will be taken. Such absentee votes may only be cast “for” or “against” the proposed motions as described in the meeting notice; absentee votes may not propose amendments to such motions, nor will absentee votes be deemed to be applicable to any amendments to such motions proposed at such meeting.

Section 6. Robert’s Rules of Order Revised shall prevail at all meetings of the Committee except as shall be altered by the Code of Iowa, the Republican Party Constitution, or by the Constitution or by-laws of this Committee.

ARTICLE VI
PROPERTY RECORDS AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1. All records and property purchased or acquired by the Committee or any of its employees in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the Committee shall be the property of the Committee.

Section 2. Contracts – checks – loans – deposits

- a. Contracts – The Committee may authorize the chairman or treasurer to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of said Committee.
- b. Loans – No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Committee and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of said Committee.
- c. Checks, drafts, etc. – All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Committee shall be signed by the treasurer of the committee or his or her designee and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the Committee.
- d. Deposits – All funds under the control of the Committee shall be deposited to the credit of said Committee in such banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, or other depositories as the Committee may select.

All funds of the Central Committee shall be segregated from any personal funds of the officers, members, or associates of the Central Committee.

Section 3. No member of the Central Committee shall be liable personally for any obligations of the Central Committee, except that each individual is responsible personally for the prompt transmittal of funds collected by him or her to the treasurer, and for the accurate accounting as to funds and property in his or her custody on behalf of the Committee.

ARTICLE VII
MINIMUM PERFORMANCE

Section 1. Minimum performance by Central Committee members includes attending at least half of the meetings held by the Central Committee; organization of precinct caucuses; cooperation with Central Committee fund-raising activities in his or her precinct; cooperation with organizational activities in his or her precinct, such as county registration or canvass activities;

organization of election day activities in his or her precinct; and active support of the candidates of the Republican Party.

Section 2. Any member of the Central Committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Central Committee may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be deemed to have submitted his or her resignation as a committeeperson. The chairman shall notify the member of such deemed resignation. At the next meeting of the Central Committee following his or her deemed resignation, the member may petition the Central Committee for reinstatement, which the Central Committee may grant by majority vote of those present. In the absence of reinstatement, the Central Committee may proceed to fill the vacancy as provided by these by-laws.

Section 3. A member of the Central Committee may be removed by a majority vote of the Central Committee if the member fails to properly carry out his or her duties. Notice of the removal motion must be given to said member before the meeting at which the removal action will be considered. The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard when the removal question is before the Central Committee.

ARTICLE VIII **CONFLICT WITH STATUTES**

No provision hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the statutes of the State of Iowa, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa, or the rules of the Republican National Convention which are in conflict herewith.

ARTICLE IX **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Central Committee present at any meeting of the County Committee at which a quorum exists. Written notice and a full copy of the proposed amendment shall be forwarded to the members of the committee at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which said amendment is to be presented for consideration and vote.

NOTE: A copy of these By-Laws, as amended in 1983 and 1986 was filed with the county and state commissioners of election on May 30, 1989.

NOTE: A copy of these By-Laws, as amended in 2009, was filed with the county and state commissioners of election on April 20, 2010.