

**CONSTITUTION OF
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF DALLAS COUNTY**

Adopted October 10, 1973
Amended March 24, 1984
Amended February 26, 2009

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be “The Republican Party of Dallas County”.

**ARTICLE II
PURPOSE**

The purpose of the organization shall be to conduct, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Dallas County and to aid in every way the establishment of fundamentals of Republican principles and policies on a voluntary basis and to cooperate and assist in the conduct of national, state, and local elections in support of the Republican ticket.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Party shall be composed of all eligible voters of Dallas County who desire to support the objectives of the Republican Party. Membership shall be available to all said eligible voters of Dallas County without regard to race, creed, religion, or sex.

Nothing within this Constitution shall be construed to abridge or deny the right of any voter to participate in any caucus, primary election, or convention wherein he/she is entitled by law to participate.

It shall be the duty of the County Central Committee to enroll all members of the Party within Dallas County insofar as it is practicable to do so. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all citizens of voting age who are eligible for membership.

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

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, this Constitution, or the County Central Committee by-laws. However, any precinct which cast 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.

The general management of the affairs of the Party in Dallas County is vested in the Dallas County Central Committee, subject to direction from time to time by the County Convention of the Party.

The Dallas County Central Committee shall have such officers and administrative personnel as it may determine and shall organize its operations to attain the objectives of the Republican Party, and shall have power to adopt by-laws to carry out its duties and the purposes of the Constitution, provided such by-laws are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution or the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa or the laws of the State of Iowa.

Except in the case of vacancies and at-large members, the term of office of a member of the County Central Committee shall begin immediately following the biennial precinct caucuses and shall continue for two years 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.

Vacancies and at-large members on the County Central Committee shall be filled by the County Central Committee, and such appointed members shall serve on the Central Committee, according to rules prescribed in the County Central Committee's by-laws.

ARTICLE V **COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

The officers of this Central Committee shall be a chairman, co-chairman, secretary, and treasurer and such other members as the County Central Committee in its by-laws may provide. The Central Committee shall organize during the first meeting of the Central Committee held in the year following a general election for Governor or President.

ARTICLE VI **MEETINGS**

The Chairman or Co-chairman or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee may call a meeting of said Committee and there shall be no less than two (2) meetings per year.

Procedures for absentee voting by Central Committee members unable to attend regularly or specially called meetings in person shall be conducted in accordance with rules prescribed in the County Central Committee's by-laws.

ARTICLE VII
DEFINITION OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF
AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

The Dallas County Central Committee may recognize official auxiliaries authorized by the Republican Party of Iowa. The activities of such organizations shall be coordinated with authorized party activities and shall be subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party authorities.

Each auxiliary shall elect its own officers.

The chairman of each recognized Party auxiliary shall be an advisory member of the County Central Committee, but shall have no vote in official business transacted by the Committee.

ARTICLE VIII
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Executive Committee are the chairman, co-chairman, secretary, and treasurer and such other persons as provided by the by-laws.

The Executive Committee shall transact the routine business of the Central Committee and may act in the name of the Central Committee during the interim of the meetings of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE IX
CAUCUSES

The Republican Party of Dallas County shall conduct regular precinct caucuses and county conventions, as provided by the Code of Iowa and called by the Republican State Central Committee. The number of delegates elected from each precinct at the precinct caucus shall be designated in the call of the county convention. Said number shall be based on the number of Republican votes cast in the precinct during the last general election for Governor or the number of Republican votes cast in the precinct during the last general election for President, whichever is greater.

Notice of the date, time, and place of the precinct caucuses shall be given twice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the precinct. Notice shall be published not more than 30 days nor less than 5 days before the date of the precinct caucus.

Any person voting at a precinct caucus must be a Republican, an eligible voter, and a resident of the precinct. The eligibility of any person to participate in the caucus shall be determined by a majority of those in attendance.

ARTICLE X
VOTING AT PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any precinct caucus or county convention provided for in this Constitution.

At county conventions, the delegation from each precinct shall vote the full strength of the precinct delegation in proportion to the vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by any regularly or specially called meeting of the Dallas County Republican Central Committee. Intention to so amend shall be included in the notice for such meeting. Such notice shall be given at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be acted upon. Such meeting to amend shall be called at the request of the Chairman, Co-chairman, or thirty percent of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee. Such amendment shall be adopted by the majority vote of the duly elected and serving members of the Central Committee. Absentee voting by Committee members unable to attend a meeting at which proposed amendments to this Constitution may be acted upon shall be conducted in accordance with rules prescribed in the County Central Committee's by-laws.

ARTICLE XII

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 XIII

This Constitution was adopted by the Dallas County Central Committee on October 10, 1973, at Minburn, Iowa, and was filed with the county and state commissioners of elections on the 17th day of December, 1973.

A copy of this Constitution, as amended in 1984, was filed with the county and state commissioners of election on May 30, 1989.

A copy of this Constitution, as amended in 2009, was filed with the county and state commissioners of election on April 20, 2010.