

KEARNEY COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION

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Article I

Name, Objectives, and Membership

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Kearney County Republican Party

Section 2: The objective of KCRP shall be the maintenance of government of, by, and for the people, according to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Nebraska, the expansion of membership, and the recruitment of individuals for elective and appointive office.

Section 3: The membership of KCRP shall be composed of all registered Republican voters of Kearney County, Nebraska, who desire to support the objectives and platform of KCRP.

Article II

Conventions

Section 1: A Convention shall be held at the time and place designated by the KCRP Chairman pursuant to law and shall conduct any business which may properly come before it, including the election of a County Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary. In even numbered years, the KCRP will conduct a County Convention between March 1st and April 10th at an hour and place to be designated by the KCRP Chairman. The KCRP shall cause a notice to be published in the local newspaper at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Convention setting forth the date, time, and place of the Convention. Members desiring to become delegates and planning to attend the County Convention shall register with the Election Commissioner between January 1st and March 1st. This requires a completed, notarized application that is filed with the Kearney County Election Commissioner.

Section 2: A special convention shall be called if a majority of registered KCRP delegates submit a request for a convention. Once requests by a majority of KCRP delegates calling for a special convention have been received, the KCRP Chairman shall convene such a special convention within 30 days and give notice as provided herein. If there is no acting chairman for the county the delegates may proceed to convene said convention to elect officers. The special convention shall conduct any business which may properly come before it, including removal and election of county officers. If the KCRP Chairman is not functioning as the

chairman, the KCRP delegates shall elect a chairman to chair the meeting until the election of officers takes place.

Section 3: At all conventions, each delegate thereto, shall be entitled to register his or her individual vote, and it shall be unlawful to attempt to bind any delegate by any party or convention rules requiring the delegates, from any political subdivision to such County Convention, to vote as a unit. The authority held by delegates to the County Convention, by reason of registration, shall be deemed personal in its nature and no such delegate may, by power of attorney, proxy or in any other way, authorize any other person in his or her name or on his or her behalf to appear at such County Convention and cast ballots therein or participate in the organization and transaction of any business at such convention.

Section 4: The Convention of the duly registered Delegates, when in session, shall be the governing body of the KCRP. This responsibility will last two years until another Convention is called. When such Convention is not in session, the KCRP Central Committee will be the governing body. Meetings for KCRP may take place monthly, semiannually, annually, or as deemed by the membership.

Section 5: At all conventions and meetings provided for herein, the rules of order shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Any proposed bylaws and resolutions shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article III

Party Administration

Section 1: General Management. The general management of the affairs and governance of the KCRP in various Counties shall be fixed in the KCRP Central Committee, subject to the direction of the KCRP Chairman.

Section 2: The KCRP Central Committee shall have the power to approve the allocation, budgeting, and disbursement of KCRP funds. The KCRP Central Committee will consist of up to 14 members representing the seven (7) political subdivisions of the county. Due to limited population in specific political subdivisions this may not be possible. Selection of the KCRP Central Committee shall take place at the County Convention by nominations from the floor. The registered delegates will vote on the members. A chairman of the central committee will be elected by the members of said committee. If necessary, selection of members for the KCRP Central Committee may take place by the Executive officers.

Section 3: Officers. The officers of KCRP organization shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, herein referred to as the Executive Committee. They shall have the

powers and duties usually customary to their respective offices, subject to the direction of the KCRP Central Committee and the County Convention. They shall be elected by the KCRP Convention delegates. If there is a vacancy, then they shall be elected by the KCRP Central Committee to serve until the next County Convention. The KCRP Chairmen shall convene a county convention pursuant to Article II for the purpose of holding elections for state convention delegates, state convention alternates, and County Officers. The policies, affairs, and business of the KCRP shall be administered by the Executive Committee. The terms of office of KCRP officers, and members of the KCRP Central Committee shall be approximately two years, or until their respective successors have been selected. The KCRP Chairman shall have power, with the approval of the KCRP Central Committee, to appoint such additional committees and committee chairs, from time to time, as circumstances may warrant.

Section 4: Meetings of KCRP Central Committee. Meetings of the KCRP Central Committee, in addition to meetings herein before prescribed, may be called by the KCRP Central Committee members. The KCRP Chairman shall convene a meeting of the KCRP Central Committee and of the KCRP with a minimum of twice a year.

Section 5: County Officer Succession Plan and Unfilled Vacancy. Whenever there is a KCRP elected officer vacancy, it shall be filled immediately as follows: A vacant chair position shall be filled temporarily by the vice chair with a KCRP Central Committee election held within 45 days to fill the chair position. A vacancy in the KCRP secretary or treasurer position shall be filled temporarily by a vote of the remaining officers. If an unfilled chair vacancy exists for 30 days and there are no remaining officers, the KCRP Central Committee shall convene a meeting and elect an acting chair. The acting chair shall cause a notice to be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting announcing the officer elections and setting forth the date, time, and place of the meeting. The registered delegates will be the voting body.

Section 6: Duty to Provide KCRP Party Candidate Access to Electorate. A KCRP member seeking candidacy to a county office shall, upon written request made by the candidate, be provided contact information held by the KCRP enabling the candidate to contact all members, whether they be KCRP Central committee members or KCRP delegates, who will be voting in the Kearney County elections to which the candidate is seeking office. Such contact information shall be transmitted by KCRP Secretary to the candidate within 72 hours of such a request.

Article IV

Nominations for Candidates and Vacancy on Ballot

Section 1: All nominations for Republican candidates in any Kearney County office to be filled at a special election, or any other office to be filled by the electors of Kearney County, which are required by the provision of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, shall be made by a majority vote of a quorum of the KCRP Central Committee in a manner provided by law. The KCRP Chairman shall call a meeting of the KCRP Central Committee to be held at a place designated by the KCRP Chairman within such time and in such a manner provided by law. The KCRP Chairman shall cause the certificates of such nominations to be properly filed.

Section 2: Unless otherwise provided by law, should a vacancy occur for any Republican candidate in any Kearney County office for any cause before any election, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum of the KCRP Central Committee. The KCRP Chairman shall call a meeting of the KCRP Central Committee to be held at a place designated by the KCRP Chairman within such time as to allow filling the necessary certificates with the proper officers in the manner provided by law, and the KCRP Chairman shall cause such certificates to be properly filed.

Article V

Endorsement of Candidates

Section 1: KCRP, including its officers and staff, may endorse a Republican candidate seeking federal, statewide, legislative, multi-county, or local political office for political subdivisions geographically connected to the county in a contested election if a request for endorsement is made by the candidate seeking endorsement and the endorsement, if approved by a two-thirds vote of the KCRP's Central Committee. In absence of a request for endorsement and a two-thirds vote of the KCRP's Central Committee, the KCRP including its officers and staff shall be prohibited from endorsing and financially supporting said candidate in a contested election. Contested Election shall mean an election in which two or more Republicans are seeking the same political office in either a primary, special, or general election.

Section 2: The KCRP including its officers and staff shall not endorse a non-Republican candidate in an election in which a Republican is a candidate. Any officer or member found to have violated this provision may be removed from their office or committee and a vacancy shall exist if a majority of the KCRP Central Committee members vote to remove said officer or member.

Section 3: Endorsement shall mean: (1) a public display or statement of support either by print, electronic media, or a written statement; or (2) a reported campaign contribution. Materials created and distributed for the purpose of increasing voter turnout including but not limited to door-to-door distribution of Republican candidate literature, shall not be a

prohibited endorsement. Financially supporting shall not include resources made available from the Republican National Committee through the State Party and the County Party to all Republican candidates including but not limited to mobile canvassing applications, walk lists, call lists, or data.

Section 4: Nothing in these sections shall restrict the KCRP including its officers and staff from endorsing a Republican candidate in an election at any level when he or she is the only declared Republican candidate seeking office.

Article VI

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by any KCRP Convention with a majority vote of those present and voting. This Constitution may also be amended by the KCRP Central Committee but only if a quorum is present and at least two-thirds (2/3) of those present and vote in favor of the proposed amendment. Such vote by the KCRP Central Committee shall be taken at a KCRP Central Committee meeting called specifically to consider such amendments, and a written copy of the proposed amendments together with any section proposed to be deleted, shall accompany the notice of such meeting. The next subsequent KCRP convention may suspend such amendment if a motion is made and adopted by a positive vote of the delegates present.