

CONSTITUTION  
OF  
WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Republican Party of Wadena County of Minnesota.

Article II

Membership

The membership of this Party shall be composed of all voters of Wadena County who desire to support the objectives of the Republican Party.

Article III

Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of the Party shall be the maintenance and advancement of good government through promotion within Wadena County for the principles and objectives of the Republican Party as determined by the National Republican Convention, the Eighth Congressional District Republican Convention, Wadena County Republican Convention, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, and the statutes of the State of Minnesota.

Section 2: The management of the affairs of the Party within the County shall be vested in the County Executive Committee, and subject to the direction of the County Central Committee, the State Executive Committee, the Eighth Congressional District Executive Committee, the Wadena County Convention, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, and the statutes of the State of Minnesota.

Section 3: The duties of the County Executive Committee shall include, but are not limited to, Establishment of effective financial campaigns, organization of each precinct within the county, assistance to the candidates of the Republican Party, and coordination of all Republican activities in Wadena County.

Article IV

Structure

Section 1: Membership of the County Full Committee shall be composed of the Chair and Secretary of each precinct and/or township of the County, the County Executive Committee, and additional representatives selected by the County Executive Committee.

Section 2: The County Executive Committee shall be composed of the following officers: County Chair, Deputy Chair, six (6) **Vice-Chairs, Directors** Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, these officers may appoint a Finance Chair, Publicity chair, and any other committee chairs as needed.

Section 3: The duties of the County Executive Committee Officers shall be:

- Chair and Deputy Chair: The Chair and Deputy Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officers of the Party within the County having the responsibility for providing leadership and executive guidance for the County;
- ~~Vice Chairs~~ Directors. The ~~Vice Chairs~~ Directors shall perform all of the duties that may be assigned to them by the County Executive Committee;
- Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all County meetings and shall notify Committee members of meetings;
- Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive all Party funds and responsibly account for those funds and maintain complete and accurate records and accounts of all receipts and disbursements of Party funds. The Treasurer shall disburse Party funds only upon prior authorization of the County Executive Committee by check countersigned by the Chair, ~~or~~ Deputy Chair, Financial Chair or other authorized Executive Board Member. The books, records, and accounts maintained by the Treasurer shall be open for inspection by any member of the Executive Committee at any reasonable time. At regular meetings, the Treasurer shall submit to the Executive Committee an itemization of receipts, disbursements, and the fund balance at the end of the reporting period. Annual examination of the books, records, and accounts of the Treasurer shall be made by a committee appointed by the Executive Committee, and a report of such examination shall be presented to the County Convention.

Article V  
Party Elections

Section 1: Officers of each precinct shall consist of a Chair, Secretary and any other such officers as may be prescribed by the County Executive Committee, elected during the election year for a 2-year term by the caucus of the Republicans within said precinct in accordance with the applicable statute of the State of Minnesota. However, in the event that a precinct shall fail to elect officers at a regular precinct caucus, officials for such precinct may be selected by the County Executive Committee.

Section 2: The officers of the County Executive Committee shall consist of a Chair, Deputy Chair, and six (6) Vice Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer, elected for a 2-year term by the delegates to the County Convention held during each non-election year.

Section 3: A Nominating Committee may be appointed by the County Executive Committee in advance of the County Convention held in the non-election year for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of the County Executive Committee. Nominations are to be submitted for consideration at the County Convention. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Candidates considered for Committee offices by the Nominating Committee shall be those who would be most ably qualified for the performance of their prospective duties in the event of their election to office.

## Article VI

### Meetings

Section 1: The County Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair and/or Deputy Chair or at the request of any three members thereof, provided however, that meetings shall be held at least once **every two months once per quarter**. Seven of the members thereof or a majority of the then elected and appointed members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of the transaction of business by the County Committee.

Section 2: The County Full Committee shall meet at least once each year at the call of the Chair, the Executive Committee, or any ten members thereof. Written notice shall be mailed and/or emailed to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of each meeting. One-third of the members of the County Full Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of the transaction of business by the body.

Section 3: Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, shall govern the above-mentioned groups, except as otherwise provided herein.

## Article VII

### Conventions

Section 1: County Conventions of the Party shall be held each year during the period, and for the purposes, designated by the Official Call issued by the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee or the Eighth Congressional District Committee. The time and place of the County Convention shall be determined by the County Executive Committee. Written notice shall be mailed **and or emailed** to all members at least ten (10) days in advance.

Section 2: Special County Conventions shall be held at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Eighth Congressional District Committee, or at the time deemed necessary by the majority of the members of the County Full Committee.

Section 3: Delegates and alternates to the County Convention shall be selected in the manner prescribed by the State Executive Committee, or the State Central Committee, and set forth in the manner of the Official Call for such Conventions. The number of delegates and alternates to the County Convention may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the County Executive Committee, provided however, that the basis for apportionment be uniform throughout the County. Delegates and alternates shall be elected for a two-year term and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and certified.

Section 4: A County Convention, by a vote of sixty percent of the delegates seated at the Convention, may endorse candidates for public office, provided however, that such endorsement shall be advisory only and that delegates to District and State Conventions from said County shall not be bound by such endorsements.

Section 5: The first order of business of the County Convention shall be seating of alternates. The permanent voting roll of the Convention shall be composed of the delegates of each precinct who are present, and in absence of any delegates to the Convention an alternate shall be seated in their stead. Selection of a replacement for the absent delegate shall be from the duly-elected alternates by a caucus of the delegates of the precinct.

#### Article VIII Vacancies and Removals

Section 1: Vacancies in precinct offices may be filled by appointment of the County Executive Committee or, if so directed by said body, by a meeting of the Republicans residing within the precinct in which the vacancy occurs.

Section 2: Should a vacancy occur in one or more offices of the County Executive Committee, the County Executive Committee may appoint a replacement to fill such vacancy.

Section 3: An officer of the County Executive Committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the County Executive Committee, provided that the officer whose removal is under consideration shall have been furnished with a detailed written statement of the charges against him/her, at least ten days prior to the meeting, and provided further that the officer shall be entitled to answer the charges against him/her before the entire Committee, if he/she so desires, before the question is voted upon.

Section 4: An appointed member of the County Executive Committee may be removed by the appointing authority.

#### Article IX General Provisions

Section 1: The County party organization is affiliated with the Republican Party of Minnesota, and its activities shall be consistent with the objectives, platforms, and principles of the official State organization. The provisions of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota shall govern if any part of this Constitution is not consistent therewith.

Section 2: No members of the County organization shall be authorized to express the views or otherwise speak on behalf of any group within the party on any matters of policy unless the group has first considered and taken action on such matter. This shall not be construed to prevent any official of the County organization from freely expressing his/her opinions provided he/she makes clear that his/her statements are solely his/her own personal views.

Section 3: The provisions of this Constitution shall be presumed to be incorporated as a part of the rules of each County Convention, with such changes as the County Convention may determine, unless a contrary intention is expressly stated in such rules.

Section 4: Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to deny or abridge the rights of any voter to participate in any party caucus, primary, or Convention in which he is entitled by law to participate.

Section 5: Delegates and alternates to the State Central Committee shall be elected at the County Convention in non-election years, and shall serve a term of two years. In the event that these officers and his/her alternates are unable to attend a meeting of the State Central Committee, the District Chair or Deputy Chair may appoint any duly elected Eighth Congressional District Central alternate to be seated for that meeting.

Section 6: Delegates and alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions shall be elected at the County Convention in election years and shall serve a term of two years.