

Tuscola County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/24/2025

178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Chair Billy Putman.

Members Present: Laura Boyka, Michael Clinesmith, Janelle Goodell, Darcy Guello, Erica Kekovich, Nancy Laskowski, Karen Mantayla, Tim Mantayla, Tom McGough, Rose Perez, Bunny Porter, Dennis Porter, Abbigail Putman, Barbara Putman, Billy Putman, Izzabelle Putman, Jennifer Putman, Elizabeth Reilman, Ric Reilman, Bobbie Sapiano, Isaac White, Joseph White

Guests: Andrew Perez, Addison Putman, Gabriella Putman, Penny Rienas, Suzy Rockwell, Sherry Wood

A prayer was led by Barbara Putman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dennis Porter.

Chairman Report:

Billy Putman gave an analysis of the governor candidates, and stated they need to focus on energy independence and education. Isabelle Putman received a response from Charlie Kirk. Trump is coming to Macomb County next week.

Nancy Laskowski gave a local level update. She mentioned how the Wisner Township Treasurer has not been coming to meetings and there were issues with collecting taxes. The sworn in Mayville Village council members have not been allowed to access the building. Michigan has already reached its cap on new energy sources regarding the electric grid. The Michigan Public Service Commission has not received energy applications lately. The rules they wrote affect local jurisdiction zoning.

Billy Putman also mentioned that 380 people have been affected by red flag laws. Isabelle emailed representatives, and only received a response from Phil Green. Billy went over the response from Green.

Secretary Report:

Motion by Billy Putman, seconded by Ric Reilman to approve the March 27, 2025 minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Nancy Laskowski is getting training to use the new state campaign system. There was one donation last month.

She discussed making payments regarding the PO Box, the fair and web site.

The cost for the web site is \$25/mth or \$275/year. Darcy is getting it set up for Michael Clinesmith to upload the minutes.

Motion by Billy Putman, seconded by Dennis Proctor to pay the \$275 in advance for the web site.
Motion carried.

Nancy Laskowski suggested revising the proxy form.

The campaign account has \$4,017.95 beginning in March and \$20.00 in dues revenue. The administrative account has \$32.20.

Motion by Darcy Guello, seconded by Tim Mantyla to close the administrative account. Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Mantyla, seconded by Laura Boyke to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Quorum Adjustment:

The quorum will be adjusted next month. We are looking for a way to simplify keeping track of the membership.

There was discussion about uploading the membership list to the website.

Beth Reilman mentioned that local sheriff departments have been asked to assist with ICE, only Jackson County sheriff agreed; Bay, Saginaw and Tuscola are only researching it.

Michael discussed a draft budget to review. He mentioned a budget should be adopted according to the bylaws.

Motion by Karen Mantyla, seconded by Bobbie Sapiano to authorize payment of up to \$200 for the fair booth. Motion carried.

Reese and Vassar have school district proposals.

The Caro Library Board has an opening.

Due to a conflict at Brentwood, the next meeting will be moved to May 27, 2025.

Motion by Tim Mantyla, seconded by Abbigail Putman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Minutes prepared by Michael Clinesmith.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:30 pm at Brentwood, 178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723.