

Tuscola County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/25/2024

178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Billy Putman.

Members present: Laura Boyke-Hawes, Dennis Catlin, Michael Clinesmith, Bonnie Fackler, Jeffery Fackler, Janelle Goodell, Roy Harris, Terry Houthoofd, Wendy Houthoofd, Nancy Laskowski, Bernard Lossing, Laurie Lossing, Karen Mantyla, Tim Mantyla, Tom McGough, Richard Nellett, Audrey Nellett, Bunny Porter, Dennis Porter, Barbara Putman, Brandon Putman, Jennifer Putman, Kacie Putman, Elizabeth Reilman, Richard Reilman, Robert Reinbold, Dennis Richey, Jean Richey, Paul Richey, Shirley Schaefer, Susan Smith, Isaac White, Henry Wymore, Benjamin White (Proxy for Darcy Guello)

Others present: Joanna Samuelson, George Rierson – Caro Schools Superintendent

A prayer was led by Kacie Putman.
Joanna Samuelson led the Pledge.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be May 16, 2024 at 6:30pm at Brentwood.

Credentials Report – Quorum Adjustment:

David Richey presented a report regarding the removals and additions to the membership list. There were initially 44 people on the list this year; 18 were removed and 30 added, for a total of 56. The membership committee reviewed the list in accordance with the approved bylaws.

Motion by Nancy Laskowski, seconded by Jennifer Putman to approve the voting member list of names as presented. Motion carried.

The approved list of voting members:

- (PDE) Precinct Delegate Elected Members (That is, those initially voted to serve by the precinct delegates, and those appointed to fill vacancies.)
 - Danny Bauer
 - Theresa Bauer
 - Laura Boyke-Hawes
 - Dennis Catlin
 - Bonnie Fackler
 - Debra Flikkie
 - Janelle Goodell
 - Darcy Guello
 - Terry Houthoofd
 - Wendy Houthoofd

- Bernard Lossing
- Laurie Lossing
- Brandon Putman
- Marlene Reinbold
- Robert Reinbold
- Shirley Schaefer
- William Schaefer
- Alice Verbeek
- Isaac White
- Nominee Members (County elected officials and state legislators)
 - None:
- Ex-Officio Members: (County Party Officials)
 - Michael Clinesmith
 - Jeff Fackler
 - Nancy Laskowski
 - Barbara Putman
 - Billy Putman III
 - Paul David Richey
- General Members: (All other members qualified to vote according to the bylaws)
 - Emily Butterfield
 - Jack Campbell
 - Don Duggar
 - Roy Harris
 - Erika Kekovich
 - Karen Mantyla
 - Tim Mantyla
 - Tom McGough
 - Audrey Nellett
 - Richard Nellett
 - Bunnie Porter
 - Dennis Porter
 - Blake Putman
 - Jennifer Putman
 - Kacie Putman
 - Megan Putman
 - William Putman II
 - Elizabeth Reilman
 - Richard Reilman
 - Sunny Richards
 - Dennis Richey
 - Jeanne Richey
 - Janet Russell
 - Bruce Salmons
 - Bobbie Sapiano-Hopkin

- Susan Smith
- Tina Smith
- Timothy Warack
- Renee Wood
- Henry Wymore

Approval of April 25, 2024 agenda:

Nancy Laskowski asked to speak about the local control petition.

Motion by Isaac White, seconded by Laura Boyke-Hawes to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Minutes:

Michael Clinesmith briefly went over the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion by Jeff Fackler, seconded by Laurie Lossing to approve the March 28, 2024 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Shirely Schaefer gave a quick update on her notices; she has received 106 so far, and the notices will be served on May 1.

Treasurer Report:

Nancy Laskowski mentioned that the checks are ordered, there needs to be an audit done on the finances, going forward, treasurer reports will be sent with the notices before the meeting.

There was some discussion on who would do the audit.

Motion by Michael Clinesmith, seconded by Laura Boyke-Hawes that Tim Mantyla performs the audit for the Tuscola County Republican Party for 2023. Motion carried.

Nancy mentioned the PO Box payment is coming due.

Motion by Shirley Schaefer, seconded by Jeff Fackler to allow Nancy Laskowski to pay for the PO Box. Motion carried.

The state account has \$5,991.93 with \$580 in income and \$0 in expenses for April, and administrative account has \$294 with \$0 in income and \$0 in expenses for April, for total assets on hand of \$6285.93.

David Richey requested payment for printer cartridges he had to purchase in connection with his Membership Committee duties.

Motion by Shirley Schaefer, seconded by Janelle Goodell to pay David ~~Rickey~~ Richey for his supplies he used. Motion carried.

Motion by Michael Clinesmith, seconded by Shirley Schaefer to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report:

Billy Putman received a packet regarding the Caro fair. It is \$110 for a booth. The booth has been used to provide literature, and information in the past.

Jeff Fackler mentioned working on a spending policy to clear up confusion on reimbursements.

Motion by Isaac White, seconded by Beth Reilman to approve the booth at the fair. Motion carried.

Old Active Business:

Campaign Headquarters:

Billy Putman mentioned that he is working on areas for a campaign headquarters in May.

Budget:

No action

Financial Audit:

Already addressed.

New Business:

Speakers:

There was discussion about having speakers at the end of the meeting after other business, so the business gets done. There was also a suggestion for a time limit on speakers.

Precinct Delegates:

The deadline to file to run for precinct delegate on be on the ballot is May 7, 2024.

Candidate Events:

There was mention about other events such as parades that could be attended, and groups could host other candidate debate events.

There is the possibility that candidates could write as write-ins.

Vice-Chair Vacancy:

Laurie Lossing resigned as Vice-Chair. Requests for the position/nominations should be sent to secretary and chair and a vote will happen at the next meeting.

Web Site Demonstration:

Benjamin White gave a presentation over the newly designed website, displaying different pages. There are multiple places for visitors to donate, a link to submit event updates, and the page should be able to be updated within 1 to 2 days. David Richey would get updated from people who signed up, and activity would be able to be monitored and tracked.

Presentation: George Rierson, Caro Schools Superintendent

The Caro Schools Superintendent, George Rierson gave a presentation on the operating budget and bond proposals for the Caro School District.

There is only one day of voting for this election.

The operating millage proposal of 17.99 mills for non-homestead properties is for 6 years and accounts for 9% of the operating budget annually.

The bond proposal is for 39.6 million dollars over 28 years, and a 1.4 mill increase over the 1.93 mill bond paid off in May of 2024. A big part of this proposal is to retire a 100-year-old building and develop around the McComb school.

There were a number of questions and answers regarding the proposal and the role of schools.

Motion by Karen Mantyla, seconded by Wendy Houthoofd to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes prepared by Michael Clinesmith.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6:30 pm at Brentwood, 178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723.