

BYLAWS OF THE

CARVER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY (Updated 1-16-24)

Article I

ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 No rule or resolution from a previous BPOU Administration shall be binding unless contained within the Constitutions or Bylaws governing the BPOU organization.

Section 2 The Executive Committee must set parameters for allocation limits before the BPOU Chair or any official within the organization can allocate BPOU funds

Section 3 BPOU appointments serve at an "at will" capacity. The appointment may be terminated by the principles who made the appointment at any time, unlike the process outlined in the BPOU Constitution for removal from elected office.

Section 4 A precinct caucus Convener, appointed by the Executive Committee of the BPOU, having been qualified by virtue of caucus training and elected as permanent caucus chair, will remain as chair of the precinct caucus for the entire evening. Each Convener/permanent Caucus Chair shall be responsible for and sign for the certification of all newly elected precinct delegates and alternates, as well as newly elected precinct officers

Section 5 The Quorum for Executive Meetings shall be 50% of the actual membership of the Executive Committee.

Section 6 Any matter up for electronic (email) consideration and vote by the Executive Committee must be considered and voted on within 48 hours of being moved and seconded after authorization for such vote by the EC Chair.

(1,2,& 3 of Article 1 were approved by BPOU Exec Committee March 2015, Full Committee March 2015, Sections 4, 5, and 6 added January 16, 2024 by the BPOU Full Committee)

Article 2

REGISTRATION

At any official Carver County BPOU meeting where registration takes place, any registration official may require a state form of identification to confirm residency within the correct Precinct. If identification cannot be provided, that Delegate/Alternate will not be seated.

(Article 2 Registration approved by BPOU Exec Committee March 2015, Full Committee March 2015)

Article 3

CAUCUS

At Precinct Caucus the Carver County BPOU will require a website form submission or signed paper document notification of a non-attending person's desire to serve as a Delegate/Alternate to the Carver County Republican Convention. Such notification would be accepted and recorded until Noon the day of the caucus. In the case of paper document notification, It will be required for the person presenting the notification of desire to serve as a Delegate/Alternate be recorded in the delegate/alternate registration form.

(As approved at the Exec Committee Meeting of April, 2015 and APPROVED at the Full Committee Meeting September 15 2015, REVISED January 16, 2024 by the BPOU Full Committee)

Article 4

ENDORSEMENT

Public support of a candidate competing with an officially endorsed candidate is a violation of the requirement stated in Article IV Section 2 of the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution. As all delegates are members of the Carver County Republican Convention, all are required to support the Endorsed Candidate. As a member of the Carver County Republican Party, public support for other than the Officially Endorsed Candidate by any member of the Carver County Republican committee can cause the offender to be penalized. Penalty could range from verbal reprimand to removal of the position or ranking in the BPOU held by the offender. Recommendation of penalty action from the Executive Board must be ratified by the Full Committee with a simple majority.

(Approved at the Exec Committee Meeting of June, 2015, Approved at the Full Committee meeting of September 2015)

Article 5

DELEGATE/ALTERNATE LIST

Before any candidate is considered for approval, they must have registered their candidate committee with the Campaign Finance Board. Potential candidates seeking the current Delegate/Alternate list must meet with the Nominations Committee as compromised, by the approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee can provide input as to the scope and nature of the questions.

The meeting is designed to ask a series of questions to determine the candidate's qualification as a conservative Republican candidate. The Nominations Committee shall deliver their written recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Once approval is made by the Executive Committee, the candidate(s) is permitted to sign the Carver County Candidate Contract. This Contract sets forth a series of requirements that the candidate must agree to comply with:

- a. The candidate will abide by the Carver County Endorsing Convention.*
- b. If elected, the candidate will adhere to Federal, State & County Constitutions.*
- c. If elected, the candidate will adhere to the National & State Platforms.*
- d. If elected, the candidate will regularly meet with the Executive Committee.*

The deadline for signing the Contract is 21 business days prior to the BPOU Convention.

In the event of an incumbent running without a challenger, the incumbent must only sign the Candidate Contract.

If the incumbent has a challenger(s), all must successfully complete the vetting process.

All incumbents/candidates who have successfully passed the Nominations Committee process, been approved by the Executive Committee, and signed the Candidate Contract will be given access to the most current Delegate/Alternate list. They will also be able to participate in sanctioned Carver County GOP events.

(APPROVED at the Full Committee Meeting January 14 2020)

Article 6

FINANCIAL REQUESTS

When a member of the Executive Board requires funds to complete Executive Committee business and these funds are required before they can be voted on at the next formal Executive Committee meeting, the following rules apply:

- A. Allow the Executive Committee Chair to spend up to \$200 without contacting the members of the Executive Committee.*

B. Members of an established Executive Subcommittee with an established Budget must contact the Chair of that Executive Subcommittee by phone, email or text to get approval to spend from the established budget for that Executive Subcommittee.

C. Members of the Executive Committee must be contacted by email and a majority vote must be taken to approve any expenditure when:

a) An expenditure will exceed the budget of an established Executive Subcommittee.

b) The established Executive Subcommittee does not have an established budget and an expense is required for that Subcommittee.

c) The Executive Committee Chair needs to expend over the allocated \$200 limit.

d) All of the above rules in subsection C require that the Executive Committee Treasurer agree that the required funds are available in the treasury.

(APPROVED at the Full Committee Meeting January 14 2020)

Article 7

CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

The elected Chair and Deputy Chair of the Carver County Executive Committee shall refrain from openly or privately supporting any candidate, who is seeking the Carver County Republican Party endorsement, before the endorsing process is complete. This includes donations either "in-kind" or monetary. In the event of a single candidate or a non-endorsement, nothing in this Article is binding.

(The BPOU Full Committee approved removal of By-law Article 7 on January 16, 2024. The previous Bylaw Article 8 became Bylaw Article 7

Article 8

VETTING OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

The Search Committee shall interview all candidates for public office who are seeking endorsement or Recommended Status from the Carver County Republicans. Their investigation may include, but not be limited to the following:

- 1. Review candidate materials, website and social media for appropriateness and suitability.*
- 2. Review candidate employment status.*
- 3. Review candidate voter history.*
- 4. Confirm candidate's citizenship and residency in their district.*
- 5. Review candidate's service to the community.*
- 6. Review the candidate's character reference(s) (non-family member).*
- 7. Review the candidate's service to the Republican Party.*

(NEW Article 8 approved January 16, 2024 by the BPOU Full Committee)