

Constitution of the Republican Party of Polk County

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be "The Republican Party of Polk County."

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to conduct, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Polk County and to aid in every way the establishment of fundamentals of Republican principles and policies on a voluntary basis and to cooperate with and assist in the conduct of national, state and local elections in support of the Republican ticket.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the party shall be composed of all eligible voters of Polk County who desire to support the objectives of the Republican Party. Membership shall be available to all said eligible voters of Polk County without regard to race, creed, religion or sex.

Nothing in the within Constitution shall be construed to abridge or deny the right of any voter to participate in any election, primary election or convention wherein he/she is entitled by law to participate.

ARTICLE IV

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be organized within Polk County a Central Committee in accord with Article V of this Constitution.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of said Central Committee to enroll all members of the party within Polk County insofar as practicable to do so.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The County Central Committee shall be composed of two persons from each voting precinct, as specified in the Code of Iowa, elected at precinct caucuses, or otherwise provided by law.

The general management of the affairs of the Party in Polk County is vested in the Polk County Central Committee, subject to direction from time to time by the County Convention of the Party.

The Polk County Central Committee shall have such officers and administrative personnel as it may determine and shall organize its operations to attain the objective of the Republican Party, and shall have power to adopt bylaws to carry out its duties and the purposes of the Constitution, provided such bylaws are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution or of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa or the laws of the State of Iowa.

The term of office of a member of the County Central Committee shall begin the day following the precinct caucuses and shall continue for two years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless the member is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for inattention to duty, incompetence or failure to support the ticket nominated by the Party.

Vacancies on the County Central Committee shall be filled by the County Central Committee.

ARTICLE VI

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

The officers of this Central Committee shall be a Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and such other members as the County Central Committee in its bylaws may provide. The County Central Committee shall organize immediately following the biennial county convention.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Meetings of the Central Committee shall be held as provided in the bylaws of said Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

DEFINITION OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION

The Polk County Central Committee may recognize official auxiliaries authorized by the Republican Party of Iowa. The activities of such organizations shall be coordinated with authorized party activities and shall be subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party authorities.

Each auxiliary shall elect its own officers.

The chairman of each recognized party auxiliary shall be an advisory member of the County Central Committee, but shall have no vote in official business transacted by the Committee.

ARTICLE IX

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Executive Committee are the Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and such other persons as provided by the bylaws. The Executive Committee shall transact the routine business of the Central Committee and may act in the name of the Central Committee during the interim of the meetings of the Central Committee.

ARTICLE X

CAUCUSES

The Republican Party of Polk County shall conduct regular precinct caucuses and county conventions, as provided by the Code of Iowa, and called by the Republican State Central Committee. The number of delegates elected from each precinct shall be designated in the call of the county convention. Said number shall be based on the Republican vote for Governor or President in the previous election as provided by state law.

Notice of the date, time and place of the precinct caucuses shall be given twice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the precinct. Notice shall be published not more than 30 days nor less than 5 days before the date of the precinct caucus.

Any person voting at a precinct caucus must be a Republican, an eligible voter and a resident of the precinct. The eligibility of any person to participate in the caucus may be determined by a majority of those in attendance.

ARTICLE XI

VOTING AT PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any caucus and county convention provided for in this constitution, nor shall any precinct be allowed to vote by the unit rule.

At county conventions, the delegation from each precinct shall cast one vote for each delegate present and voting.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by any regularly or specially called county convention. Notice of intention to so amend shall be included in the call for such convention. Such notice to amend shall be included at the request of the chairman, co-chairman or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the county central committee. Such amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of such convention.

ARTICLE XIII

CONFLICT WITH STATUTES

No provision hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the statutes of the State of Iowa.

ARTICLE XIV

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Polk County Central Committee on the 14th day of June, 1974, at Des Moines, Iowa. It was amended at a meeting of the Polk County Central Committee on January 8, 1996, at Des Moines, Iowa. It was filed as amended with the County and State Commissioners of Election on the 12th day of June, 1996. It was amended at the Special County Convention on the 18th day of November, 2003. It was filed as amended with the County Commissioner of Election on the 2nd Day of January, 2004.