

Hays County Republican Party Executive Committee
Minutes
March 28, 2022 7:00 PM
Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center

By the call of the Chairman, the Hays County Republican Party Executive Committee met at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 28, 2022, at the Hays County Republican Party Welcome Center located at 6000 West FM 150, Kyle, Texas.

Welcome: Chairman Bob Parks called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Ryan Ellis.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag: The pledges were led by Julie Taylor.

Recognition of special guests, elected officials, and candidates:

Judge Bill Henry
Judge John Burns
Dan McQueen - Candidate for Congressional District 35
Michael Rodriguez - Candidate for Congressional District 35
Josiah Neeley – R Street Initiative

Secretary's Report and Approval of the Minutes: Secretary Vicki Alvord presented the minutes of the February 28, 2022, meeting for consideration and approval. Precinct Chair Sam Brannon asked that the minutes be changed in the Adoption of the Agenda section to reflect that he had asked for a "roll call vote" instead of a "voice vote." Ben Broughton made a motion to accept the minutes and Nancye Britner seconded. Motion passed. There were twenty-five precinct chairmen present, constituting a quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda: Nancye Britner made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Brian McAuliffe. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Pat Paul delivered the treasurer's report (copy attached). The bank balance as of March 28th was \$145,801.20. A motion was made by Tom Holman to accept the report, which was seconded by Debi Christensen. Motion passed.

Ms. Paul announced that ticket and table sales for the Lincoln Reagan Dinner were going well.

Selection Committee Report with possible action: Selection Committee Chairman Ken Roberts made a motion to appoint the following Precinct Chairmen:

Ray Bowman, Precinct 205
Ed Carstens, Precinct 435
Fred Bright, Precinct 441
Cheryl Serven, Precinct 446

The motion was seconded by Mary Clarkson. Motion passed.

Possible Oath of Office for any new precinct chairs recommended by the Selection Committee and approved by the CEC: The newly approved precinct chairmen were sworn in by Judge John Burns.

Chairman's Report:

Discussion and possible action to allow the Chairman to renew the lease on the Welcome Center (July 13, 2022, for two years): A motion was made by Nancye Britner, seconded by Debi Christensen, to allow Chairman Parks to renew the lease on the property located at 6000 West FM 150, Kyle, Texas, for a period of two years. Motion passed.

Discussion and possible action to allow the Chairman to renew the liability insurance policy (June 21, 2022, for one year): A motion was made by Jim Rowley, seconded by Tom Holman, to allow Chairman Parks to renew the liability insurance policy for two years. Motion passed

Discussion and possible action to approve the continued use of Atchley and Associates to facilitate required accounting and tax functions (Various non-contracted at market rate): A motion was made by Brian McAuliffe, seconded by Ty Carlson, to allow Chairman Parks and Treasurer Mary Pat Paul to continue to use Atchley and Associates for various accounting functions. Motion passed.

Discussion of Lincoln Reagan Dinner: Chairman Parks announced that ticket and table sales have been good to date and urged everyone to reach out to get new people involved. There will be a live auction for a few items, as well as a silent auction, which is sponsored by Hays County Republican Women.

Discussion of possible change of April meeting from 4/25/22 to 4/18/22 due to Lincoln Reagan Dinner scheduled on 4/25/22: Chairman Parks led a discussion about changes in meeting dates for upcoming meetings. The regular April meeting conflicts with the Lincoln Reagan Dinner. The regular May meeting conflicts with Memorial Day weekend. Brian McAuliffe made a motion to have a meeting on May 9th instead of regular April and May meetings. Tom Holman seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Parks announced that the newly elected Republican candidate for District 5 representative to the State Board of Education, Mark Loewe, has passed away. District 5 includes Hays, Caldwell, Blanco, Guadalupe and Travis Counties. A candidate will be appointed for election in November, 2022. If you know anyone who would be a good candidate, please get in touch with Chairman Parks.

The Organizational Meeting for the new chairman and precinct chairmen:

Per RPT rules: The County Executive Committee (CEC) shall hold its organizational meeting within forty-five (45) days **after the term of office begins** for the County

Chairman and the Precinct Chairmen. The term of office begins twenty (20) days **after** **the Primary Runoff Election** according to Subsection 171.022 (c) of the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC). In this case it would be June 13, 2022, but there are limitations.

Limitations on County Executive Committee Meetings: No county executive committee meeting shall be held two (2) days prior, during, or two (2) days after the week of the biennial State Convention or the quadrennial National Convention.

Discussion of State Convention: The state convention will be June 16-18 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. There will be one or two classes at the Welcome Center to review what will happen at the state convention. Expect a letter from Mary Pat Paul in the near future for SD25 District and Kelli Whigman for SD21 District regarding State Convention registration, etc.

Webmaster Steve Meyer reported on the election results and focus on candidate support logistics. Republicans outvoted Democrats 54-46% in primary; those with a Spanish surname voted Republican over Democrats slightly; 26% of registered voters in Hays have been registered but never voted; 15.8% unknown history. The new YouTube channel now has 66 subscribers. There must be 100 subscribers for the channel to go public. Please subscribe on the website HCRPGOP.org.

SREC Report: None

Chairman Parks introduced Josiah Neeley, Senior Fellow of R Street Initiative. Mr. Neeley will briefly inform us of some conservative initiatives that we might consider for our candidate support in Hays County. He works primarily with oil, gas, and the energy market. The Public Utility Commission is trying to get the grid prepared for emergencies; Phase 1 is complete, primarily focusing on weatherization. Phase 2 focuses on market redesign. His website is RSTREET.ORG.

Adjourn: Nancye Britner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Pat Paul. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.