

**BYLAWS OF THE  
MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
MONTROSE, COLORADO**

**ARTICLE I. NAME, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, AND PURPOSE**

**Section 1. Name:** The name of this organization shall be known as the Montrose County Republican Central Committee hereinafter referred to as the "Committee."

All trade names, bank accounts and EIN numbers will have this name, and only this name.

**Section 2. Organizational Structure:** The Committee is organized as an unincorporated nonprofit association, political organization, and local political party committee within the meaning of and pursuant to applicable Federal and State laws, and the rules and bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee.

**Section 3. Primary Purpose:** The principal purpose of the Committee is to perform the functions of a County Party Central Committee as set forth in the election laws of the State of Colorado and the rules and bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee; to elect duly nominated or designated Republican candidates to office; and to have such purposes and objectives not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the United States, the State of Colorado, and the bylaws and rules of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee.

**Section 4. Code of Conduct:** The following *Code of Conduct* applies to all members of the Central Committee, including all voting members and *all* members of Standing and ad hoc Committees (thereafter referred to as participants):

- All participants will treat others with respect and common courtesy
- All participants' public behavior and public communication must be above reproach
- Public derision, denigration, or bullying of other participants will not be tolerated
- All participants must act in good faith with regards to our stated mission, which is to elect Republicans to public office on all levels of government; unfair treatment to candidates, campaign sabotage, and disregard for our stated bylaws will not be tolerated

Whereas we believe that all participants represent our party as a whole, therefore, any violation of the above stated code shall be grounds for dismissal by a vote of the Central Committee.

## ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Membership:** The membership of the Committee shall be composed of the following registered Republican electors and officials who reside within the limits of Montrose County: the elected or appointed Precinct Committee persons, the elected or appointed District Captains, the Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer of this Committee; the standing committee Chairs of this Committee, which include the Strategy & Planning, Events & Fundraising, Public Relations, and Candidate Support Committees; the County public officials, including each of the County Commissioners, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, Treasurer, Surveyor, Assessor, and Coroner; the United States Senators and United States Representatives; the State public officials, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, members of the University of Colorado Board of Regents, and members of the State Board of Education, the State Senators and State Representatives; the District Attorney; the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the United States 3rd Congressional District, State Senate 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> District, State House 58th District, and 7th Judicial District Central Committees; and the State Central Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Section 2. Multiple Votes:** Members shall not hold more than one office within the Central Committee without specific approval of the Executive Committee. If that occurs, then that person only gets one vote.

## ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1. Officers:** The elected officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman/Precinct Coordinator, and Secretary. The Treasurer shall be appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chairman. Each shall be a voting member of the Committee during his term of office. All executive committee members upon election shall be given a copy of the bylaws and a copy of the campaign finance laws. This is necessary to ensure that this organization complies with all applicable laws while conducting business.

### **Section 2. Duties of Officers, District Captains and Precinct Committee Persons:**

**A. Chairman.** The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer and shall have the usual powers and duties attending such a position, subject to review of the Committee. He shall also set the time and place of the Committee meetings and shall preside over such meetings. The Chairman may appoint an assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, other staff and appointed officers, and all special and ad hoc committees, from time to time as he shall deem necessary and proper. The Chairman will be a signatory on all bank accounts.

**B. 1st Vice-Chairman.** The 1st Vice-Chairman shall aid and assist the Chairman in the performance and accomplishment of his duties, and shall exercise the functions of the Chairman in his absence, or at his request.

**C. 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator.** The 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator shall lead and assist the District Captains and Precinct Committee persons, and exercise the functions of the Chairman in his absence as well as the absence of the 1st Vice-Chairman, or at the Chairman's request.

**D. Secretary.** The Secretary shall be the chief clerical officer of the Committee, shall keep a complete record of all proceedings of the Committee, shall have such other usual duties as attend such a position, and shall exercise the functions of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and both Vice-Chairmen, or at the Chairman's request.

**E. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall receive, deposit, and be responsible for recording the income and expenses of the Committee and shall keep the necessary records thereof. The Treasurer shall submit necessary reports of contributions and expenditures as may be required by law or the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee. The Treasurer shall provide a written or verbal report at each Central Committee meetings. The Treasurer will be a signatory on all bank accounts.

**F. District Captains.** District Captains shall be elected by the delegates from their respective precincts at the County Assembly held in even-numbered years, and shall perform such duties as the Chairman and the Executive Committee may from time to time direct. Each District Captain must be a duly registered elector, affiliated with the Republican Party and a resident of Montrose County as well as the District they represent. No District Captain shall be required to otherwise be a member of the Committee, and each shall be a voting member of the Committee during his term of office.

**G. Precinct Committee Person.** Each PCP must be a duly registered elector, affiliated with the Republican Party and a resident of the County of Montrose as well as the precinct they represent. PCP are elected by the qualified attendees to their respective precinct caucus meetings held in March of even-numbered years, with two Precinct Committee Persons representing each precinct. The PCP represents their precinct in all Republican activities where their input is required, and report to their respective District Captains and performs duties as the District Captain, the Chairman or the Executive Committee may direct. Members of the same household are discouraged from serving as PCPs.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Organizational Meeting:** The biennial Organizational Meeting of the Committee shall be held in odd-numbered years at a location within the County as determined by the incumbent Chairman, between the 1st and 15th day of February, or as otherwise provided for by the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee. This organizational meeting is a required meeting of the Committee and shall be called by the Chairman, or any other

elected officer of the Committee, should the Chairman fail, refuse or be unable to call such a meeting.

**Section 2. Regular or Special Meetings:** Other meetings of the Committee, either regular or special, shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Chairman. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to call a meeting of the Committee to be held within 15 days after receiving a request for such a meeting signed by one-third or more of the membership.

**Section 3. Meeting Calls:** Calls shall be in writing and mailed to the last address of each member on file with the Committee, mailing to be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. In lieu of mailing, the call may be personally delivered or sent via electronic mail. The call shall state the time and place of the meeting and the business intended to be conducted at such meeting; provided, however that the call shall not limit the business to those items mentioned in the call.

**Section 4. Recess of Meetings:** Any meeting of the Committee may be recessed from time to time by the vote of a majority of the members present. It shall not be necessary to give any notice of time or of business to be transacted at the reconvened recessed meeting other than by announcement at the meeting at which such recess is voted; provided, however, that if such recess shall be for a period of more than 30 days, notice of the time and place of the reconvened meeting shall be given in the same manner as that of the original meeting.

**Section 5. Quorum:** A quorum shall consist of such members of the Committee who are present at any meeting, assembly or convention, properly called.

**Section 6. Voting:** Officers shall be elected by secret ballot except in case of no contest, when vote by acclamation shall suffice upon motion therefore properly made. In cases other than the election of officers, voting shall be by voice unless a roll call or secret ballot is requested by any member present, in which case the roll shall be called or ballots cast as the Committee may decide. Voting by proxy is not permitted in any meetings of the Committee or any other committees.

## ARTICLE V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, REMOVALS, AND VACANCIES

**Section 1. Election of Officers:** The County Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator, and Secretary shall be elected by a majority of the membership of the Committee present and voting at the Organizational meeting upon notice previously given.

**Section 2. Officer Qualifications:** Each officer must have been a duly registered elector, affiliated with the Republican Party and a resident of the County of Montrose, for at least one year immediately preceding his election.

**Section 3. Term of Office:** The officers of the Committee shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the biennial Organizational Meeting, or at the conclusion of a meeting that may be called to fill a vacancy, and shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified to serve.

#### **Section 4. Officer Vacancy and Removal**

**A. Officer Vacancy Conditions:** A vacancy shall exist in the event of an officer's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or disability. The Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence exists of the ineligibility, permanent absence, of permanent disability of any officer.

**B. Removal of Officer:** Any elected or appointed officer may be removed for good cause, which shall include:

- 1) a failure to meet the qualifications for office as defined in Section 2 of this Article;
- 2) failure or refusal to make reasonable and conscientious efforts to perform his duties as defined in these Bylaws; or
- 3) actively or publicly soliciting votes on behalf of, or publicly supporting or endorsing the candidacy for public office of a person affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election. For purposes of this Section, "publicly supporting" may include making a financial contribution to a candidate affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election that appears on a publicly available campaign finance report.

Upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of those Committee members present at a meeting properly called for such purpose, the officer shall be removed from office and cease to perform any of the duties of such office.

- 4) Any person who has been censored or removed for cause shall be ineligible to run for a Montrose County Republican Central Committee office for a period of 5 years.

**C. Replacement of Officer:** In the event a vacancy is caused by an elected officer's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or disability, a meeting of the Committee shall be called, and the Committee shall proceed to designate a successor officer who shall serve until his successor or replacement is chosen and qualifies except in the case of the Treasurer where the Chairman shall proceed to appoint a replacement.

#### **Section 5. District Captain Vacancy and Removal:**

**A. District Captain Vacancy Conditions:** A vacancy shall exist in the event of a District Captain's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, disability, or in the event the boundaries of an existing District are changed, or a new District is created by the Executive Committee, and there is no District Captain residing in the realigned District. The Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence exists of the ineligibility, permanent absence, or permanent disability of any District Captain.

**B. Removal of District Captain:** Any District Captain may be removed for good cause, which shall include:

- 1) a failure to meet the qualifications for office as defined in Section 2F of Article 111;
- 2) failure or refusal to make reasonable and conscientious efforts to perform his duties as defined in these Bylaws; or
- 3) actively or publicly soliciting votes on behalf of, or publicly supporting or endorsing the candidacy for public office of a person affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election. For purposes of this Section, "publicly supporting" may include making a financial contribution to a candidate affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election that appears on a publicly available campaign finance report.

Upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of those Committee members present at a meeting properly called for such purpose, the District Captain shall be removed and cease to perform any of the duties of District Captain.

- 4) Any person who has been censured or removed for cause shall be ineligible to run for a Montrose County Republican Central Committee office for a period of 5 years.

**C. Replacement of District Captain:** In the event a vacancy is caused by a District Captain's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, disability, or boundary changes, a meeting of the County Vacancy Committee shall be called, and the County Vacancy Committee shall proceed to designate a successor District Captain who shall be ratified by the Executive Committee and shall serve until his successor or replacement is chosen and qualifies.

## **Section 6. Precinct Committeeperson Vacancy and Removal:**

**A. Precinct Committee Person Vacancy Conditions:** A vacancy shall exist in the event of a Precinct Committee Person's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or disability. The Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence exists of the ineligibility, permanent absence, or permanent disability of any Precinct Committee Person.

**B. Removal of Precinct Committee Person:** Any Precinct Committee Person may be considered for removal upon the recommendation of the District Captain from the particular Precinct Committee Person's District Captain or the 2nd Vice Chair. Precinct Committee Persons may be removed for good cause by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Committee members present at a meeting properly called for such purpose.

Good cause for removal of a Precinct Committee Person shall include:

- 1) failure to meet the qualifications for Precinct Committee person as defined by Colorado Statutes or the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee;

- 2) failure or refusal to make reasonable or conscientious efforts to carry out the duties of a Precinct Committee person;
  - 3) unexcused absence from three (3) consecutive Committee meetings, after having received due notice thereof;
  - 4) actively or publicly soliciting votes on behalf of, or publicly supporting or endorsing the candidacy for public office of a person affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election. For purposes of this Section, "publicly supporting" may include making a financial contribution to a candidate affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election that appears on a publicly available campaign finance report.
  - 5) Any person who has been censured or removed for cause shall be ineligible to run for a Montrose County Republican Central Committee office for a period of 5 years.
- Prior to consideration for removal, primarily through the efforts of the 2nd Vice Chairman/Precinct Coordinator and the appropriate District Captain, the Committee should make every effort to get Precinct Committeepersons who no longer qualify or are no longer interested to resign their position.

**C. Replacement of Precinct Committee Person:** In the event a vacancy is caused by a Precinct Committee Person's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or disability, a meeting of the County Vacancy Committee shall be called, and the County Vacancy Committee shall proceed to designate a successor Precinct Committee person who shall be ratified by the Executive Committee and shall serve until his successor or replacement is chosen and qualifies.

## **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1. Executive Committee:**

The Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, Precinct Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall direct, manage, supervise, and control the business, property, and funds of the Committee, and shall exercise any and all powers of the Committee conferred on it by the Committee, the Chairman, these Bylaws, or applicable provisions of law.

### **Section 2. Standing Committees:**

**A. Standing Committee Chairs:** At the biennial organizational meeting, the Nominating Committee shall nominate, the Executive Committee shall appoint, and the Committee membership shall ratify appointment of a Chair, for the following Standing Committees:

- Strategy & Planning Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Events & Fundraising Committee
- Candidate Support Committee

Each of the Standing Committees shall perform such duties, prepare such reports, and make such recommendations, as the Chairman or the Executive Committee may from time to time direct. Standing Committees shall consist of a minimum of three members. In the event that a Standing Committee membership is less than three members, the 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair shall become automatic members, yet only for a temporary period not to exceed 120 days. If the Standing Committee Chair still does not create a Committee of at least three members (excluding the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair) during the aforementioned 120 day time period, additional members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

**B. Standing Committee Chair Vacancy Conditions:** A vacancy shall exist in the event of a Standing Committee Chair's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, disability. The Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence exists of the ineligibility, permanent absence, or permanent disability of any Standing Committee Chair.

**C. Removal of Standing Committee Chair:** Any Standing Committee Chair may be removed for good cause, which shall include:

- 1) failure to meet the qualifications for office as defined in Section 2 of Article V;
- 2) failure or refusal to make reasonable and conscientious efforts to perform his duties as defined in these Bylaws; or
- 3) actively or publicly soliciting votes on behalf of, or publicly supporting or endorsing the candidacy for public office of a person affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election. For purposes of this Section, publicly supporting may include making a financial contribution to a candidate affiliated with a political party other than the Republican Party, or an unaffiliated candidate, in a contested partisan election that appears on a publicly available campaign finance report. Upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Committee members present at a meeting properly called for such purpose, the Chair shall be removed from office and cease to perform any of the duties of such office.
- 4) Any person who has been censured or removed for cause shall be ineligible to run for a Montrose County Republican Central Committee office for a period of 5 years.

**D. Replacement of Standing Committee Chair:** In the event a vacancy is caused by a Standing Committee Chair's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or disability, a meeting of the Committee shall be called, and the Committee shall proceed to designate a successor Standing Committee Chair who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, ratified by the Committee, and serve until his successor or replacement is chosen and qualifies.

**E. Committee Neutrality and Conflict of Interest:** Committee Chairs and Members are expected to and required to demonstrate and practice pre-primary neutrality as defined in Article IX, Section 1 of these by-laws. Committee Chairs and Members are expected to and required to acknowledge when a potential or actual conflict of interest exists and recuse themselves from discussing or voting on issues where a potential or actual conflict of interest or



the appearance of a conflict of interest exists. Conflicts of Interest may exist, but not limited to, matters where business interests or family or personal interests may be affected positively or negatively by any action of the Committee. Failure to practice neutrality or observe possible or actual conflict of interest may result in any or all actions of a Committee to be overruled by the Executive Committee.

**Section 3. Leadership Committee:** The Leadership Committee shall consist of not more than eleven persons, including the Executive Committee members and the Chair of each Standing Committee. The Chairman shall serve as Chair of the Leadership Committee.

It shall be the purpose and function of the Leadership Committee to furnish assistance, advice, recommendations and guidance to the Committee and its officers; however, the Leadership Committee shall have no authority to take any action that is binding upon the Executive Committee or the Committee.

**Section 4. Nominating Committee:** The Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee not less than fifteen days prior to the organizational meeting which committee shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members of the Committee. The nominating committee shall submit the names of qualified persons willing to serve as officers of the Committee, and shall nominate such persons to be considered for election at the organizational meeting. The nominating committee shall also submit the names of qualified persons willing to serve as Standing Committee Chairs, and shall nominate such persons to be considered for appointment and subsequent ratification at the organizational meeting. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section, any member of the Committee may nominate any eligible person to be considered for election or appointment, as appropriate, to any office from the floor at the organizational meeting.

**Section 5. District Organization Committees:** The Chairman shall propose, and the Executive Committee shall adopt, a plan to define the boundaries of not less than four nor more than six Organizational Districts, consisting of not less than four nor more than ten whole and contiguous precincts, as the Executive Committee deems necessary and proper. In determining how to divide the county into Districts, consideration shall be given to the number of registered voters in each District, the geographic size and location, and any other factors that may benefit the purposes or effectiveness of the Committee. The District Captain from each District shall serve as the chairman of his respective District Organization Committee. District Organization Committees shall assist in achieving the objectives and promoting the principles of the Republican Party within their District, and within the County as a whole, and shall perform such additional duties as the Chairman or the Executive Committee may from time to time direct.

**Section 6. County Vacancy Committee:**

**A. County Vacancy Committee Members:** A County Vacancy Committee of not less than five or more than seven members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Committee at the biennial Organizational Meeting. The 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator shall be an automatic member and Chair of the County Vacancy

Committee. In the event the Committee fails to appoint a County Vacancy Committee at its regular Organizational Meeting, the County Vacancy Committee shall consist of the Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer or until such time when the Executive Committee appoints and the Committee approves the County Vacancy Committee.

**B. Purpose of County Vacancy Committee:** The purpose of the County Vacancy Committee is to recommend appointment of eligible individuals to fill any vacancy in the office of Precinct Committee person or District Captain. The Executive Committee shall ratify Precinct Committee person and District Captain appointments of the County Vacancy Committee.

**Section 7. County Commissioner Vacancy Committee:** Any vacancy in the designation, nomination, or office of a Republican County Commissioner shall be filled by a County Commissioner Vacancy Committee consisting of the Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Precinct Committee persons and District Captains residing within the County Commissioner district of the vacating County Commissioner at the time the vacancy occurs, and in accordance with the applicable provisions of Colorado law. The Chairman shall serve as the Chair of the County Commissioner Vacancy Committee, and shall issue the call and shall conduct the meeting of the County Commissioner Vacancy Committee to designate a successor County Commissioner in accordance with Colorado law.

**Section 8. Vacancy in Designation or Nomination - County Assembly Vacancy Committee:**

A vacancy caused by one of the following shall be filled by a County Assembly Vacancy Committee consisting of the Executive Committee members and District Captains at the time the vacancy occurs:

- 1) the failure to designate a candidate at the County Assembly; or
- 2) the declination, death, disqualification, resignation, or withdrawal of the person previously designated by the County Assembly; or
- 3) the declination, death, disqualification, resignation, or withdrawal of the person nominated at the Republican primary election; or
- 4) the declination, death, disqualification, resignation, or withdrawal of a candidate for elective office after a primary election at which a nomination could have been made for the office had the vacancy then existed.

No person is eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy in the party designation or nomination unless the person would have met all the qualifications of eligibility to be designated to the primary election ballot at the time of the County Assembly. The County Assembly Vacancy Committee shall certify the results of its selection to the Colorado Secretary of State and/or to the County Clerk and Recorder in accordance with law.

**Section 9. Other Committees:** The Chairman shall appoint such other committees, from time to time as he shall deem necessary and proper.

## ARTICLE. VII PRECINCT CAUCUSES

**Section 1. Date and Location:** Precinct caucuses shall be held in even-numbered years on the date and time provided for by the applicable provisions of Colorado law and the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee at a private place in each precinct or at a public place within the County in or proximate to each precinct as determined by the Executive Committee and posted as required by law.

### **Section 2. Voting Members:**

**A.** Voting members at each precinct caucus shall have been:

- 1) A resident of the precinct for thirty days; and
- 2) Registered to vote no later than twenty-nine days before the precinct caucus and affiliated with the Republican Party for at least two months as shown on the registration books of the County Clerk and Recorder or on the records of the Colorado Secretary of State; except that any registered Republican elector who has attained the age of eighteen years within the two months immediately preceding such precinct caucus or who has become a naturalized citizen within the two months immediately preceding the precinct caucus; or
- 3) Such other registered Republican electors as may be present and otherwise entitled to participate in the precinct caucus as may be required by law.

**B.** Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any Republican precinct caucus.

**Section 3. Procedure:** The eligible voting members at each precinct caucus present and voting shall:

- 1) Elect by plurality vote a precinct caucus chairman and secretary to serve as officers of the precinct caucus.
- 2) Elect by plurality vote the delegates and alternate delegates to the county assembly as determined by the Committee. In the event of a tie for the last available delegate or alternate delegate, the last available place shall be determined by lot. Cumulative voting or unit rule shall not be allowed or adhered to in the election of delegates or alternate delegates.
- 3) Elect by plurality vote two Precinct Committee persons according to the following:
  - A.** The two people receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as the Precinct Committee persons.
  - B.** If two or more candidates for Precinct Committee person receive an equal and the second highest number of votes, or if three or more candidates receive an equal and the highest number of votes, the election shall be determined by lot by such candidates.
  - C.** Each Precinct Committee person shall hold such position for a term of two years after the date of his election except as provided in Section 6B of Article V.
  - D.** The names of the Precinct Committee persons and delegates and alternate delegates elected shall be certified to the County Assembly of the political party by the officers of the precinct caucus.
  - e.** Persons, not present, but otherwise eligible to be elected as a Precinct Committee person, or as a delegate or alternate delegate, to the County Assembly may be nominated and considered for election.

## ARTICLE VIII. ASSEMBLIES AND CONVENTIONS

**Section 1. County Assembly:** As determined by the Executive Committee, the County Assembly shall be held no sooner than ten days and no later than 30 days following the Precinct Caucuses and at a time and location within Montrose County during each even-numbered year as provided by law and the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee.

**Section 2. Qualifications of Delegates/Alternates and Voting at County Assembly:** The Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee Chairs, and District Captains shall serve as at-large voting delegates to the County Assembly, and shall serve in addition to the precinct delegates. Delegates and alternates to the County Assembly shall be elected from their respective precincts by a plurality vote in accordance with a plan of apportionment of delegates and alternates adopted by the Executive Committee, as provided for in Standing Rules adopted by the Central Committee, or as otherwise provided for by applicable provisions of Colorado law and the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee. The number of delegates and alternates to the County Assembly shall be proportioned to each precinct based on the votes cast at the last general election for the Republican candidate for president or governor. Vacancies in precinct delegates to the County Assembly shall be filled from the alternates present from that precinct at the Assembly, and voting by proxy shall not be permitted during the County Assembly. Cumulative voting, or voting by the unit rule, is prohibited.

**Section 3. Delegates to State and District Assemblies and/or Conventions:** Delegates and alternates to higher assemblies and/or conventions shall be selected by the County Assembly by a plurality vote in accordance with a plan of apportionment of delegates and alternates adopted by the Executive Committee, or by applicable provisions of Colorado law and the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee. Individuals not present, but otherwise eligible to be elected as a delegate or alternate to a higher assembly or convention may be nominated. In addition to any at-large delegates approved in the plan of delegate apportionment, the number of remaining delegates to higher assemblies allocated to Montrose County shall be proportioned to each Organizational District based on the votes cast at the last general election for the Republican candidate for president or governor.

Based on the number of votes received for persons not selected as delegates to higher assemblies from each Organizational District, a list of at-large alternates, in the designated order in which they will be called to serve, if available, as vacancies arise in the delegation to higher assemblies, shall be prepared and approved by the Executive Committee. Cumulative voting, or voting by the unit rule, is prohibited, and any ties in the selection of delegates or designated order of alternates shall be decided by lot.

**Section 4. County Convention:** The provisions of this Article shall also apply to any County Convention in the event of the calling of a Convention.

## ARTICLE IX. POLICY

**Section 1. Pre-Primary Neutrality:** The following members of the Montrose County Republican Central Committee: Chairman; 1st Vice-Chairman; 2nd Vice-Chairman/Precinct Coordinator; Secretary; Treasurer; Standing Committee Chairs of the Strategy & Planning, Events & Fundraising, Public Relations, and Candidate Support Committee shall NOT endorse, support, or oppose any Federal, State, County, or Local level Candidate designation or nomination for partisan public office before a Primary Election.

For purposes of this Section, "supported" may include making a financial contribution to any Republican Primary candidate that may appear on a publicly available campaign finance report. For the purpose of this section, "oppose" may include, but not limited to, refusing to distribute campaign literature or refusing to allow a candidate to address the Committee.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section, Precinct Committee Persons, District Captains, members of any Standing Committee, and other appointed officers or representatives of the Committee, are not prohibited by the Bylaws from contributing to, endorsing, supporting, or opposing the designation or nomination of any candidate for partisan political office at the Federal, State, County, or local level.

**Section 2. Authority to Bind:** No one, including an officer, committee or representative of the Committee, has the authority to bind in any manner the Committee, unless prior written authorization from the Chairman of the Committee or his designee is given, or an authorizing resolution of the Committee or the Executive Committee is adopted.

## ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY AND INTERPRETATION

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Committee whenever they are applicable and are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee, and applicable provisions of Colorado law. The Committee shall have authority to adopt such Standing Rules for its further governance as it deems necessary and proper. All references to the male include the female, and the masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

Definitions:

May: to be permitted, to be a possibility

Shall: Has a duty to; mandatory, required

## ARTICLE XI. SUPPORT OF NON-REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES

Any Montrose County Republican Central Committee Member, Republican Party Candidate, or Elected Official at the County, State, or Federal level who supports any non-Republican

Candidate shall be prohibited from any office or position within the Montrose County Republican Central Committee for a period of 5 years.

The exception is if an Unaffiliated Candidate runs for County Office and there is no Republican Candidate, that Unaffiliated Candidate could be supported.

### **ARTICLE XII. STATE STATUTES CONTROL**

Where Colorado Statutes or the Bylaws of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee conflict with any provision of these Bylaws, or any Standing Rule, the former shall control.

### **ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended in whole or in part upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members present at a meeting properly called for such purpose. The call of the meeting shall include and specify any proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XIV. ADOPTION OF THE BYLAWS

Approved this day: January 12, 2023

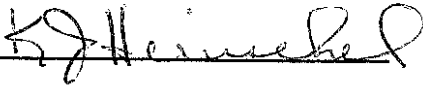
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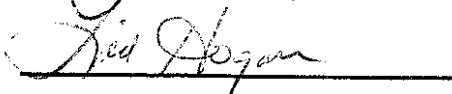
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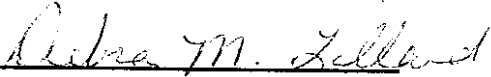
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