



Manistee County GOP Regular Meeting

June 11, 2026

6:00 pm

West Shore Community College Building

River & Maple Streets

Manistee, Michigan 49660

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Welcome new members & guests
Approve/Amend Agenda
Secretary Report
Treasurer Report

Old Business

- 1) Shelli Johnson's request for \$ in support of Manistee County Fair
- 2) LDD report
- 3) HQ status
- 4) Parades
- 5) 250th Anniversary Activity
- 6) Get out the vote strategy
- 7) Billboards
- 8) Other

New Business

- 1] Progress report on rerouting of railroad tracks to Manistee's industrial region – Jeff Dontz, Manistee County Board of Commissioners Chairman

Adjourn

April 9, 2026, Manistee County GOP Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Duane Jones, at 6:02 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Niedzielski gave the invocation. The agenda items, which included a report on the Lincoln Day Dinner, Precinct Delegates, a State Endorsement Convention wrap-up and Upcoming HQ changes were reviewed. This agenda was then approved along with the February meeting minutes. Steve Wheeler's treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$11,424, with expected increases from upcoming dues payments and dinner reservations. Under New Business, a current 14 min. video featuring Susan Kokinda was added to the program – as a preview of what was to be heard at the LDD.

LDD Report - The myriad details involved in the planning of the LDD are being addressed and checked off on schedule thanks to the diligent work of the LDD crew chaired by Kellie Mowry.

Precinct Delegates - based on Trump votes from the last August primary, Manistee County is allotted 68 PD openings for the next two years. We currently have 29 PDs. PD candidates must file a Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity and Receipt of Filing form at the County Clerk office by 4:00 PM, May 5, 2026.

State Endorsement Convention – Jeff Dontz, Denise Lerg, Jeff Lawrence, John Springborn and David Niedzielski represented Manistee County at the 3/28/26 Convention in Novi. Doug Lloyd and Anthony Forlini were endorsed as Attorney General and Secretary of State, respectively. While this convention allows these candidates more time for fundraising and campaigning, the governor, U.S. House and Senate candidates will still proceed to the August Primary election. While on site candidate speeches and nominating speeches were eliminated, the vote counting still took 3.5 hours.

HQ Relocation – Duane announced that HQ needs to find new office space within 30 days due to the upcoming streetscape project that will limit accessibility, and potential building rehabilitation starting June 1st.

Susan Kokinda Video – Dave projected a Promethean Action video featuring Susan Kokinda discussing Trump's economic “American System” policies and the shift away from the “British System,” highlighting positive job numbers and manufacturing growth as evidence of this transformation. The following profound statement by Susan compares the two systems. “A nation of consumers is an economic colony. A nation of producers is sovereign.”

Minutes submitted by David Niedzielski – aided by ZOOM AI

This meeting was successfully zoomed thanks to Dale Mowry logging in remotely from Georgia as a ZOOM co-administrator for meeting broadcast. Thanks Dale.