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Good morning Otter Tail County caucus attendees,

Please see below for a joint message from the State Party, CD 7, and the Otter Tail County BPOU regarding the resolution to the 2024 caucuses:

On Monday night, the special committee that was created by the state executive board met at Thumper Pond to forward a recommendation to the state executive committee.

This special committee was composed of four state executive board members, state party staff, a Party attorney, representatives from CD 7's board, representatives from the Otter Tail County BPOU, and representatives who were appointed by Tami Barry. After 4.5 hours, the committee decided to forward the below recommendation to the state executive board:

- that no BPOU convention be held in Otter Tail County in 2024.
- that no endorsing conventions be held in either 9A or 9B in 2024.
- that the CD 7 and state delegates elected in 2022 continue to serve at the 2024 CD 7 and state conventions.
- that if the Otter Tail County BPOU wants to be recertified in 2025, they must present to the state executive board by December of 2024 a consensus plan to work together with all Republicans in Otter Tail County. The plan is already in the preliminary stages. At this time, it includes considerations for listening sessions and/or open meetings as well as a proposal for meditation sessions facilitated by Tim Miller.

The special committee also noted with this recommendation that all Republicans must agree to work towards a solution in good faith.

On Tuesday night, the state executive committee met and voted to forward this recommendation to the Otter Tail County BPOU. The state executive committee also passed a second recommendation onto the BPOU: should Otter Tail County hold conventions in the future, until their successors are elected, all 2024 caucus attendees will be required to sign the 2024 Otter Tail County BPOU-approved registration form in its entirety prior to or at the convention.

Later on Tuesday night, Otter Tail County's board met and voted to accept both of these recommendations with a supermajority. We are grateful that the BPOU is willing to work to build bridges and come to a consensus over the next several months. At this time, no BPOU convention is planned for 2024. Should the Otter Tail County BPOU choose to hold a convention, 2024 caucus attendees would be welcome to attend after completing a provided official registration form.

Following the Otter Tail County BPOU meeting, there was a convention call issued by an outside group not affiliated with the Party. This convention call is not valid, and if a convention is held

under this call and delegates are elected, they will not be valid either. Per our state constitution (see below), the group that is calling this convention does not have the authority to do so, and delegates and alternates are encouraged to not attend.

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2: “Time and Place of Convention. BPOU conventions shall be held annually within a range of dates established by the State Central Committee and ***at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Congressional District committee or the BPOU committee.*** The conventions shall precede Congressional District and State conventions. Special BPOU conventions may be held ***at the call of the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, the Congressional District committee, or the BPOU committee*** at such time and for such purpose as the committee calling the same may determine. BPOU conventions shall be held at a place determined by the respective committee issuing the call.”

Thank you for your patience over the past weeks as this solution was reached. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reply to this email.

Onto November,

David Hann, State Party Chair
Craig Bishop, CD 7 Chair
Vance Bachmann, Otter Tail County Chair

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