

BYLAWS OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION

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ARTICLE I
THE LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Lincoln County Republican Party shall be composed of all registered Republicans in Lincoln County, Wyoming.

2. GOVERNANCE

The Central Committee of the Lincoln County Republican Party shall be the governing body of the party. In between meetings of the County Central Committee, the County Executive Committee shall be the governing body.

3. ROLE

The role of the Lincoln County Republican Party is: to recruit citizens to join the Republican Party; to establish the Platform of the Lincoln County Republican Party; to achieve the election of Republican candidates who substantially uphold the platform of the Lincoln County and Wyoming Republican Parties, to further the Party's business and to protect the interests of the Wyoming Republican Party.

ARTICLE II
PROCEDURES AND DEFINITIONS

1. All meetings and conventions shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.
2. The use of the masculine shall be deemed to include the feminine gender.
3. At least two (2) tellers shall be appointed by the Chairman of a meeting or convention for all forms of voting requiring a count of individual votes.
4. Wherever the term "casting lots" appears in these bylaws, it means the flipping of a coin or the drawing of names to determine the outcome of a vote.
5. The unit rule method of voting is defined as:
 - a. Permitting a delegate to vote on an issue on behalf of another delegate; or,
 - b. Binding a delegate to vote in any particular manner; or,
 - c. Any device which would cast a vote to the delegation as a block rather than pursuant to the wishes of the individual delegates.

6. The term “proxy” as used in these bylaws shall require a written document, bearing the signature of the qualified voter, specifying the identity of the authorized substitute voter or the Secretary of the Party and the specific meeting at which the substitution is authorized. A proxy shall be delivered in the original or by facsimile to the presiding officer prior to the authorized substitute casting any vote. A proxy shall be deemed valid if delivered to the Chairman or the Secretary by email and the sender can be clearly identified as a qualified voting member of the body.

7. Cumulative voting is defined as the ability to vote for the same person or the same measure more than once on the same ballot.

8. In the event of a declared Federal or State Emergency, all meetings and conventions may be conducted via electronic means in which all participants can simultaneously hear each other and have the opportunity for recognition similar to a regular in-person meeting. Any requirements for ballot votes may be waived, votes may be conducted via mail vote or other electronic means as determined by the meeting. Other allowances for electronic meetings may be allowed elsewhere in these rules. Any conflicting language in the rules shall defer to this rule.

9. The Chairman, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall create an internal Dispute Resolution Committee and adopt the Wyoming Republican Party administrative process, as adopted January 22, 2022, by which any and all disputes shall be resolved.

10. A **Platform** is the declared policy of a political party and consists of **timeless** and enduring constitutional conservative principles.

11. A **Resolution** is defined as a **timely**, formal expression of opinion, intent, call to action, or an expression of firmness of purpose.

ARTICLE III COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. MEMBERSHIP

a. The County Central Committee shall consist of the properly elected or appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen who shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been properly elected or appointed. Each precinct shall elect one (1) Committeeman and one (1) Committeewoman for each two hundred fifty (250) votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Republican candidate for United States Representative in the last general election, but provided no precinct shall be entitled to less than one (1) Precinct Committeewoman and one (1) Precinct Committeeman. Duly elected

officers shall be considered Members of the County Central Committee for all purposes through the end of their term, or until their successor is elected, or appointed and ratified.

b. Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen shall be electors registered in the Republican Party and shall reside in the precinct.

c. If a precinct boundary line is changed for any reason, the Lincoln County Commissioners shall determine the number of Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen to which the affected precinct is entitled.

d. All County Central Committee members in office on the date that the notice of a meeting of the County Central Committee is published shall be allowed to vote at the meeting.

2. MEETINGS

The County Central Committee shall meet as follows:

a. Within thirty (30) days after the term of its members begins in January of each odd-numbered year, for the purpose of organization. The meeting shall be held at the time and place determined by the County Party Chairman.

b. During the month of March of each odd numbered year at the county seat in Kemmerer. The County Chairman shall deposit notice of the March meeting of each odd numbered year in the office of the County Clerk not less than ten (10) days before the meeting. The County Chairman shall publish notice of the March County Central Committee meeting in two newspapers, one in Star Valley and one in Kemmerer, of county general circulation not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting until such time as state law permits alternative notice mechanisms.

c. Quarterly prior to State Central Committee Meetings and at other times at times and places as may be determined by the County Chairman or the County Executive Committee.

d. The County Chairman shall publish a notice of all other meetings of the County Central Committee in two newspapers, one in Star Valley and one in Kemmerer, of county general circulation not less than two (2) days prior to a meeting unless state law permits alternative notice mechanisms.

e. Meetings of the County Central Committee may be called by the County Chairman or upon written request of twenty five percent (25%) of the County Central Committee members.

f. The County Executive Committee may decide that any meeting of the County Central Committee may be held by video or telephone conference in the event of a declared county or

state emergency. County Central Committee meetings may permit member attendance by video or telephone conference for reasons of distance, disability or weather.

g. In the event of a declared Federal or State Emergency, all meetings and conventions may be conducted via electronic means in which all participants can simultaneously hear each other and have the opportunity for recognition similar to a regular in-person meeting. Any requirements for ballot votes may be waived, votes may be conducted via mail vote or other electronic means as determined by the meeting. Other allowances for electronic meetings may be allowed elsewhere in these rules. Any conflicting language in the rules shall defer to this rule.

3. POWERS

The County Central Committee shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by law, and these County Bylaws. The County Central Committee is empowered to determine policy, to make rules, to settle disputes, and to perform all functions necessary to promote the Role of the Lincoln County Republican Party, and to further and protect the interests of the Lincoln County Republican Party.

4. QUORUM

Those members of the County Central Committee attending either in person or by proxy a properly called meeting of the County Central Committee shall constitute a quorum and be entitled to vote on the issues before the meeting. Those members participating by proxy will be designated as present at the meeting.

5. PARTY VACANCIES

a. A vacancy in the County Central Committee or among its officers, shall occur in the case of death, resignation, removal of residence from the precinct or the county, inability or repeated failure to act, or two unexcused absences in one calendar year, which shall constitute an automatic resignation as determined by the County Central Committee, or failure to elect at a regularly scheduled election.

b. A vacancy in the office of Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman shall be filled by appointment of a registered Republican resident in the precinct in which the vacancy exists. This appointment is made by the voting members of the County Central Committee at the next meeting at which the vacancy is announced. The County Chairman will open the process to fill the Committeeperson vacancy to nominations from the floor. Candidates must be available to speak and take questions.

The replacement shall serve until the next regular election for Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman and shall be entitled to vote on all issues coming before the County Central Committee. The County Chairman shall submit the name of the new Precinct Person to the state party and the County Clerk within 15 days of the appointment.

c. Unless otherwise provided by these County Bylaws, a Vice Chairman shall become the County Chairman in the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman. Unless the County Vice Chairmen agree otherwise, the County Vice Chairman with the longest service as Vice Chairman shall be the Chairman.

d. Unless otherwise provided by these County Bylaws, the voting members of the County Central Committee shall elect a successor to fill a vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman by a process of open nominations from the floor.

e. Unless otherwise provided by these County Bylaws, the County Chairman shall appoint successors to fill vacancies in the office of County Secretary or County Treasurer. Such appointment(s) shall be ratified by the voting members of the County Central Committee.

f. A vacancy in the office of State Committeeman or State Committeewoman shall be filled by election by the County Central Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.

6. OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

a. The County Chairman, the North County Vice Chairman and the South County Vice Chairman, and the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected by the County Central Committee at its March meeting in the odd numbered years to serve for a term of two (2) years. The County Party shall immediately notify the State Chairman in writing of the names and addresses of the persons elected to the offices of County Chairman, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman.

b. The County Secretary, County Treasurer and other Central Committee chairmanships and positions created by the County Central Committee shall be appointed or elected as provided by these Bylaws.

c. None of the foregoing officers, committee chairman or committee members need be members of the County Central Committee, but each must be registered in the Republican Party and a resident of Lincoln County.

d. As near as is practicable, officers shall be representative of the entire County, Alpine to Opal to LaBarge.

7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

a. County Chairman. In addition to the duties with which he is charged by statute, the County Chairman shall be the chief executive office of the County Party and shall preside over all meetings of the County Executive Committee, the County Convention, and the County Central Committee. He shall carry out, or delegate, policies established by the County Central Committee and the County Executive Committee and have all general powers of administration customarily vested in the office of Chairman.

b. County Vice Chairmen, North Lincoln County and South Lincoln County. The County Vice Chairmen shall assist the County Chairman in the duties of his office. They shall perform other duties as assigned to them by the County Chairman. They shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the County Chairman during the County Chairman's absence or disability.

c. County Secretary. The County Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the County Central Committee, the County Convention and the County Executive Committee and shall serve on the County Convention Credentials Committee. The Secretary shall provide all records of public, properly called central committee meetings to any member of the central committee upon written request.

d. County Treasurer. The County Treasurer shall be responsible for money received and disbursed by the County Party. He shall report to the County Executive Committee monthly or upon request and to the County Central Committee not less than quarterly.

8. COUNTY COMMITTEES

a. The County Central Committee may select a County Executive Committee and other committees and sub-committees as it from time to time may determine as proper, and it may delegate any of its powers to such a committee or sub-committee. Committee members need not be members of the County Central Committee

b. The County Executive Committee shall consist of the elected and appointed officers of the Central Committee. Only Executive Committee members who have been elected or ratified by the County Central Committee shall have voting privileges. The County Executive Committee may also include up to eight (8) At-Large Members appointed by the County Executive Committee. At-Large Members shall be non-voting members. County Executive Committee Members may attend meetings by telephone or video conferencing. County Executive Committee Members cannot, however, participate by e-mail or social media livestream. Proxies at meetings of the County Executive Committee will be recognized so long as the proxy holder is also a member, duly elected by the County Central Committee, of the County Executive Committee.

c. The County Executive Committee shall have, but not be limited to, the following powers:

i. To ratify emergency actions taken by the County Chairman;

ii. To further and protect the interests of the Lincoln County Republican Party.

9. VOTING

a. Only properly elected, selected or appointed Precinct Committeemen, Precinct Committeewomen, and duly elected officers shall be entitled to vote at County Central Committee meetings.

b. In the event the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman, he shall be entitled to vote his vote as a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman.

c. The method of voting at any county sponsored meeting where Central Committee members vote shall be determined by a vote of the members present.

d. If members of the County Central Committee meet to nominate a candidate or candidates to replace an elected official pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 22-18-111, any member of the County Central Committee that chooses to run for that office must choose a valid proxy to cast his or her vote at the meeting. He or she will then be treated equally with the other candidates during the interview and selection process.

10. CONDUCT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

a. Presiding Officer. The County Chairman, or his qualified designee, shall preside over all meetings of the Central Committee.

b. Voting by County Chairman. If two (2) consecutive votes on a question occur, the County Chairman shall, at his discretion, exercise his right to vote as Chairman as provided by Roberts Rules of Order to break the tie or to decide the vote by casting lots.

11. PROXY VOTES

a. Vote by proxy may be allowed at a meeting of the County Central Committee. A person holding a proxy for an absent Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman must be a resident of the same precinct as the member he represents and be a registered Republican. No person shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies. In the event a

resident of the precinct is not present to vote a proxy, the County Secretary shall vote the proxy as **“Abstain”**.

b. A proxy shall be deemed valid if delivered to the Chairman or the Secretary by email and the sender can be clearly identified as a qualified voting member of the body.

ARTICLE IV COUNTY CONVENTION

1. MEMBERSHIP

a. Delegates to the County Convention shall be the members of the County Central Committee and those chosen by the caucuses of the several precincts within Lincoln County. All County Convention Delegates and Alternates shall be at the time of the call for the Convention be residents of the precinct they represent and registered Republicans.

b. If the prescribed number of Delegates is not duly elected by Precinct Caucuses in certain precinct(s), the County Chairman with approval of the majority of the County Executive Committee is authorized to appoint the prescribed number of Delegates from the precinct(s) to the County Convention.

c. Each Precinct Caucus may also choose Alternate Delegates equal in number to its allotted delegates and shall designate the priority in which the Alternates shall replace absent Delegates.

d. If Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman vacancies exist at the time of the Caucus, the Caucus may elect Delegates equal in number to the vacancies.

2. PRECINCT CAUCUS

a. Precinct Caucuses shall be held not more than twenty five (25) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the County Convention or as provided by these County Bylaws.

b. The County Chairman shall issue the call for the Precinct Caucuses by publishing a notice of the number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to be selected from each precinct, the date, time and place for each caucus in a newspaper(s) of general circulation in Lincoln County not less than ten (10) days prior to the Precinct Caucuses, unless state law permits alternative notice mechanisms.

c. Several Precinct Caucuses may be held in a single location. In this case, discussions and votes on Platform, Bylaws, and Resolutions may occur in a committee as a whole, however, the election of delegates to the County Convention must be on a precinct-by-precinct basis.

d. All Republicans who have registered within the precinct at the dates of the call of the Caucus shall be entitled to participate and vote at the Precinct Caucus.

e. Proof of such residence and registration shall be either by the most recent County Clerk's voting list or by the signing of a sworn statement, supported and witnessed by another Republican caucus attendee known to the Caucus Chairman, presented to the Caucus Chairman.

f. Votes by proxy are allowed at a precinct caucus. A person holding a proxy for an absent registered voter must be a resident of the same precinct as the voter he represents and be a registered Republican. No person shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies. A system of absentee ballots may be designed and implemented so that registered Republican voters who cannot be present at the caucuses can participate in the presidential preference vote.

3. APPORTIONMENT OF PRECINCT DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION

a. These County Bylaws may designate the total number of Delegates to be elected to the County Convention. If they do not designate the total number of Delegates to be elected to the County Convention, the County Executive Committee is authorized to designate that number.

b. The Delegates to which each precinct shall be entitled at the County Convention shall be determined, as nearly as possible, in proportion to the total votes cast in each precinct for the Republican candidate for the office of U. S. House of Representatives at the preceding general election.

c. Each precinct shall be entitled to at least two (2) Delegates.

4. CONDUCT OF PRECINCT CAUCUSES

a. Either a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman in attendance at the Precinct Caucus shall be elected Caucus Chairman. In the event of an All-Precinct Caucus, the County Chairman or his designee shall preside. In the event several caucuses combine in a single location, chairmen for the group caucuses will be appointed by the County Executive Committee. Chairmen for group caucuses should be members of one of the precincts meeting as a group. When voting for County Convention delegates, each precinct should elect its own chairman to conduct the election.

b. In the event there is neither a Precinct Committeeman nor a Precinct Committeewoman in attendance, those assembled and qualified to vote shall elect from among them a person to serve a Caucus Chairman.

c. Standing Rules regulating the protocol for the caucus shall be presented and adopted by a majority vote of the caucus attendees.

c The Chairman shall take nominations of qualified Republicans residing within the precinct to be Delegates or Alternates to the County Convention and shall call for any State or National Resolutions, County or State Platform planks or County or State Bylaw changes to come before the caucus.

d. The election of Delegates and Alternates shall be by secret ballot, if desired by anyone in attendance at the Precinct Caucus.

e The Caucus Chairman shall, within the next 24 hours certify in writing by email to the County Chairman the names of those elected Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention from that precinct.

f The Caucus Chairman shall, within the next five (5) business days, certify in writing by email to the County Chairman, all Resolutions, Platform Planks, and County or State Bylaw amendments proposed by the Precinct Caucus.

5. MEETING

a. The State Central Committee shall determine the date(s) of the County Convention consistent with state statutes.

b. The County Executive Committee may decide that the County Convention may be held by video or telephone conference in the event of a declared county or state emergency. County Conventions may permit delegate and alternate attendance by video or telephone conference for reasons of distance, disability or weather.

6. NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of the County Convention shall be published in two newspapers, one in Star Valley and one in Kemmerer, of county general circulation, no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the County Convention, unless state law permits alternative notice mechanisms. The Executive Committee may also publish an alternate date in the event of weather if the alternate date falls within the timeframe allowed by the Wyoming Republican Party.

7. POWERS

The Delegates to the County Convention shall have, but not be limited to, the following powers:

- a. To adopt or amend the County Bylaws of the County Party;
- b. To elect delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention as provided by Article VI, Section 8 of the Bylaws of the Wyoming Republican Party;
- c. To adopt Resolutions and State Party Platform amendments which shall be submitted to the State Convention;
- d. To adopt amendments to the County Party Platform, if applicable;
- e. To propose amendments to the State Party Bylaws, which shall be submitted to the State Convention.
- f. To elect Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Wyoming Republican Party State Convention.

8. CONDUCT OF COUNTY CONVENTION

- a. Presiding Officer. The County Chairman properly elected at the prior March meeting of the County Central Committee, or his successor, shall serve as Chairman of the County Convention. In the event the County Chairman cannot preside, one of his County Vice Chairmen shall be the Presiding Officer. If two (2) consecutive tie votes on a question occur, the Convention Chairman, at his discretion, shall either vote to break the tie or decide the vote by casting lots, whether or not he is a Delegate to the County Convention.
- b. Quorum. Those Delegates attending a properly called County Convention shall constitute a quorum.
- c. Proxy Votes. Vote by proxy shall not be allowed at the County Convention.
- d. Unit Rule. The unit rule method of voting shall not be adopted by the County Convention.
- e. Standing Rules regulating the protocol for the County Convention shall be presented and adopted by a majority vote of the Delegates.

9. COMMITTEES

A Credentials Committee shall act at the County Convention. A Bylaws Committee, Platform Committee, Resolutions Committee, Nominating/Elections Committee and other committees as provided by these Bylaws may act at the County Convention. The powers and duties of committees, if formed, shall be as follows:

a. Credentials. The Credentials Committee shall consist of the County Secretary and other members appointed by the County Chairman. The committee shall be responsible for examining and certifying credentials of all Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention.

b. Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The committee shall meet at least one (1) week prior to the County Convention or as provided by these Bylaws to draft and propose revisions to the County and/or State Bylaws to be presented at the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any Delegate from submitting additional County or State Bylaw amendments from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any Delegate from submitting additional County Party or State Party Bylaws amendments from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.

c. Platform. The Platform Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The Committee shall meet at least one (1) week prior to the County Convention or as provided by these Bylaws, to draft platform proposals to be presented to the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any Delegate from submitting additional platform proposals from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.

d. Resolutions. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The Committee shall meet at least one (1) week prior to the County Convention or as provided by these Bylaws, to draft resolution proposals or revise existing resolutions to be presented to the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any Delegate from submitting additional resolutions from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.

e. Nominating/Elections. The Nominating/Elections Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The Committee shall meet at least one (1) week prior to the County Convention or as provided by these Bylaws, to prepare a slate of nominations for Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention to be presented to the County Convention. In any year in which the Republican National Convention will be called, the committee may, at its meeting prior to the County Convention, prepare a slate of nominations for Delegates and/or Alternates to the Republican National Convention (as designated by State Bylaws) to be presented to the County Convention. However, nothing shall preclude any

Delegate from submitting additional qualified nominations from the floor at the County Convention.

Proposed Platform, Resolutions and Bylaws amendments adopted at the County Convention shall be submitted to the Executive Director of the State Party no later than thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention. Failure to submit the adopted Platforms, Resolutions and Bylaws by this deadline may result in those not being considered by State Convention Committees.

10. ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. The order of business at the County Convention shall be as follows:

- i. Call to order by the County Chairman, or the presiding officer
- ii. Report of the Credentials Committee
- iii. Report of the Bylaws Committee
- iv. Report of the Platform Committee
- v. Report of the Resolutions Committee
- vi. Report of the Nominating/Elections Committee
- vii. Elections
- viii. Other Business
- ix. Adjournment

b. After the County Convention is convened, the order of business may be changed by a majority vote of the Delegates.

11. ROLL CALL VOTES

a. A roll call vote (“Yeas” and “Nays”) or a secret ballot upon any question presented at the County Convention may be ordered by the Chairman of the County Convention or can be compelled by a majority vote of the Delegates.

b. A request for a roll call vote or a secret ballot vote must be sought before the question is first voted upon. The preceding in no way interferes with the right of a Delegate to request a standing vote on questions presented to the County Convention.

ARTICLE V RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

1. RATIFICATION

These Bylaws, upon adoption by a majority vote of the Delegates elected to the County Convention, shall repeal and replace all Bylaws that preceded them and shall be binding upon adjournment of the convention at which they are adopted.

2. AMENDMENTS

a. These Bylaws may be repealed or amended only by a majority vote of the Delegates elected to the County Convention.

b. Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective upon adjournment of the County Convention at which the amendments were approved.

c. All amendments shall be certified by the County Chairman and County Secretary and shall be filed with the County Clerk within thirty (30) days after adjournment of the County Convention.

ARTICLE VI

SEVERABILITY

These Bylaws are severable and, if any portions be declared void, all other portions shall remain binding and effective.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that we are respectively the Lincoln County Republican Party Chairman and Lincoln County Republican Party Secretary.

It is further certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Bylaws of the Lincoln County Republican Party, adopted at a properly called Lincoln County Republican Party Convention held on the 9th day of March, 2024.

_____, Lance D. Oviatt, County Party Chairman

_____, Kelsey Bailey, County Party Secretary

Attached: Standing Rules Related to Dispute Resolution Administration Process

Standing Rules Related to Dispute Resolution Administration Process

In the event of a dispute between the following persons or entities, the parties to the dispute shall be required to submit all such disputes to the Party's dispute resolution administration process described below:

- a. Wyoming Republican Party and one or more State Central Committee members, unless that dispute has been or will be referred to the Investigation Committee; or
- b. Wyoming Republican Party and one or more County Central Committees; or
- c. Any two or more Republican Party entities or members or delegates of those entities, whether they be county or State entities, a central committee or convention.

1. **Negotiation.** In the event of any dispute arising among any one or more of the parties described above, the parties shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute by direct negotiations between individuals.

2. **Arbitration.** If the dispute is not settled promptly through negotiation, the parties shall submit the dispute to the Dispute Resolution Committee. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of no less than five (5), nor more than nine (9), members, with each member being from a separate and distinct county, of the Wyoming Republican Party's State Central Committee appointed by the State Chairman and ratified by a majority of the State Central Committee. Members shall not all be from the same county.

3. **Confidentiality.** All parties and witnesses during any and all proceedings of the Dispute Resolution Committee agree to keep confidential all information provided and shall be required to sign the SCC's Confidentiality Agreement before participating in any Dispute Resolution Committee proceedings. Failure to abide by the agreement shall be disciplined by the SCC and/or may be referred to the Investigation Committee. Further, all documents and other information submitted to the Dispute Resolution Committee, including any transcript of the proceedings, shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone other than the parties and The State Central Committee in Executive Session.

4. **Fees.** The parties to the dispute shall each pay the Wyoming Republican Party for their proportionate share of the travel expenses and fees of the Dispute Resolution Committee members incurred associated with all meetings and proceedings of the Dispute Resolution Committee but shall otherwise bear their own expenses.

5. **Representation.** Consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, any party may be represented in any matter before the Dispute Resolution Committee by any one of the State Central Committee members. No attorney or other representative of a party may participate in any portion of the Dispute Resolution Committee proceedings unless he/she is a current State Central Committee member.

6. **Counsel.** The Dispute Resolution Committee may confer with counsel as it sees fit to assist it in determining any procedural and/or legal issues related to the dispute.

7. **RONR.** In resolving the dispute and holding a hearing, the Dispute Resolution Committee

shall follow the edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in effect at the time the matter is first referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee.

8. **Scheduling.** The Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Committee, in his sole discretion, shall advise the parties as to a schedule for resolving the dispute, advise the parties whether it wishes to receive legal briefs, set dates for the providing of witness information and copies of potential exhibits to opposing parties and the committee, and set the date of a hearing on the matter. The hearing need not be a formal trial-type hearing format and may be handled in such fashion as the Dispute Resolution Committee shall determine, in its discretion.

9. **Full and Final Judgment.** The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee is full and final and not appealable. Judgment upon the decision rendered by the Dispute Resolution Committee is a full and final decision and, if the committee desires, may be entered as a final judgment in any Court having jurisdiction thereof.

10. **Sole Remedy.** The sole remedy of the above-referenced parties to a dispute is the procedures set forth in these Standing Rules. If either party files an action in court in violation of these Standing Rules, that party shall indemnify the other party for its costs and attorney's fees incurred in securing a dismissal of, or otherwise defending against, the action as a result of such violation. As to any legal or equitable action filed after the date this Standing Rule is approved, the party reaffirms and reasserts its rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution to resolve internal political party disputes within the party without interference from any court or state or federal government, and the parties to the dispute shall move the Court to dismiss said action and the dispute will be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee.

11. **Severability.** If any portion of this Standing Rule shall be determined to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be disregarded without affecting any other provision of this Standing Rule.