

# **Constitution of the Isanti County Republican Party**

## **Article I**

The name of this organization shall be the Isanti County Republican Party.

## **Article II**

The purpose and objective of the BPOU shall be to maintain and advance good government according to the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the State of Minnesota Statutes §202A, and the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota (RPA).

## **Article III**

### **Management**

Section A The management of the affairs of the Isanti County Republican Party shall be vested in the County Committee, in accordance with the constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

Section B The County Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. The following County Officers, elected as outlined in Article IV, Sec. A, otherwise referred to as the “Executive Committee”:

County Chairperson	County Treasurer
County Vice-Chairperson	County Fundraising Chairperson
County Secretary	County Candidate Support Chairperson

2. The Chairperson or his/her designee (must be an elected officer or delegate/alternate) of each voting precinct within Isanti County, as elected by the precinct caucus. Their terms shall expire at the next precinct caucus.
3. Republican State Legislators who serve any portion of Isanti County shall be non-voting, ex-officio members.

Section C The County Committee shall meet four (4) times annually. Meetings may be called with at least seven (7) days’ notice by the County Chairperson or County Vice-Chairperson, or upon request of three (3) or more members of the County Committee. A quorum shall consist of at least one-half (1/2) of the members of the County Committee. County Conventions shall be held at least annually, and as designated by Article V, below.

Section D The Executive Committee shall consist of the six (6) top elected officers. (Article III, Section B-1 above).

1. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Isanti County Republican Party between meetings of the County Committee.

2. The County Committee may delegate to the Executive Committee such powers as they may see fit, provided that whatever powers are granted are limited to those enumerated in a resolution passed by the County Committee.

#### Article IV

Section A The County Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the regular County Convention held in odd-numbered years for a two (2) year term. A nominating committee may be appointed by the County Executive Committee at least one (1) month prior to the convention and may submit nominees to the convention floor and further nominees may be submitted from the floor.

Section B Vacancies in any office shall be filled by the County Committee.

#### Article V

##### Conventions and Delegates

Section A The county convention shall be held as provided by the constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

Section B The roll of the county convention shall be made up of the delegates who have been duly elected from each of the voting precincts of Isanti County under the ratio set by the County Committee. If any elected delegate is absent, a duly elected alternate from his precinct may take his place.

Section C Delegates to the congressional district and state conventions shall be elected yearly (in even numbered years) in accordance with the constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

Section D In the event that there are insufficient delegates at the district or state convention, alternates shall be seated in descending order ranked by the number of votes they received when elected at the county convention.

Section E 1. All state, Congressional District, and BPOU Delegates and Alternates shall be elected in general election years and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected, or upon adoption in their respective BPOU constitution, they may elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and state conventions annually in the same manner as provided in the general election year, and these Delegates and Alternates elected under this options, shall hold office for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are duly elected.

2. All affiliate Delegates and Alternates shall serve a two (2) year term or until their successors are elected. An affiliate Delegate or Alternate may not be a regular party Delegate or Alternate to the same convention. Affiliate Delegates and Alternates to

Congressional District conventions must reside in the Congressional District and must be elected by the affiliate members who reside in the Congressional District and will be legally qualified voters in the next general election.

3. In compliance with the rules of the Republican National Convention, no Delegate or Alternate may be an automatic Delegate or Alternate. Each Delegate or Alternate must be elected by their respective convention. Delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention may be bound to cast their vote for a particular candidate. The state executive committee will have the authority to create binding rules for the state and congressional districts. The rules will be in accordance with rules promulgated by the Republican National Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **State Central Committee**

Delegates to the state central committee shall be elected in accordance with the constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota. State central delegates and alternates shall be elected in accordance with the constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota. State central delegates and alternates shall be elected in the odd-numbered years for a two (2) year term. Two (2) alternates shall be elected for each delegate and must be ranked by the number of votes received at the time of their elections.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Pre-Convention Committees**

Section A In addition to the nominating committee, the County Executive Committee shall recommend for confirmation by the County Committee the following committees and a chairperson for each:

Credentials Committee	Rules Committee
Resolutions Committee	Constitution Committee

Section B The chairperson of each committee shall call at least one (1) meeting before the convention to be ready for a report to the delegates assembled.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Endorsements**

State legislative candidates may be endorsed consistent with the provisions of the state Republican constitution.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendments**

This constitution may be amended only by sixty-six and  $\frac{2}{3}$  (66.66) percent or greater "yes" vote of those voting at any county convention, provided that the proposed amendment has been referred to the constitution committee and has been included in the call to the convention.

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