

# **Crow Wing County Republicans**

## **March 29, 2025 County Convention Proposed Rules**

From the Committee: Chair Dan Willett

Members:

Lowell Smith    John Sylvester    Donna Winge    Doug Kern    Kim Bakke-Schulte  
Jamie Lee        Linda Tyner

Meeting called to Order at 7:45 P.M. Thursday March 6, 2025

### **1. RULES OF ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, any special rules of order the party may adopt, as well as the official call of this convention and the rules adopted by this convention.

- a. All motions shall have a call for discussion at least three (3) times before a vote is called to ensure all are heard.
- b. No declared candidate for any of the four (4) BPOU officer positions shall be the chairperson of the convention.

### **2. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business for this convention shall be as specified in the Convention Agenda or by the discretion of the Convention Chairperson. The Convention Chairperson, at his or her discretion, can change the order to the Convention Agenda to meet time constraints. A motion to adjourn the convention shall be deemed out of order until all items on the agenda have been addressed on the convention floor excluding agenda item titled other business.

### **3. SEATING OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES**

- a. The permanent voting roll of this convention shall be composed of the delegates elected February 27, 2024, at the precinct caucuses to this BPOU Convention. Only those delegates and properly seated alternates are eligible to be seated, which allows them the privilege to vote and speak on business before the convention.
- b. Following the preliminary Credential Report and in the absence of any duly elected delegate, a duly elected alternate shall be seated according to rank in the precinct or by vote of the precinct's delegation if no rank is known.
- c. Cross seating of alternates will not be allowed.
- d. No unregistered delegate or alternate may be seated at any time during the convention.
- e. Once a delegate or a seated alternate has registered for the convention, they remain part of the voting strength of the convention even if they leave the convention prior to the convention's official adjournment.
- f. Seating of alternates after the preliminary Credential Report shall be the duty of the chairperson or their designee from the credentials committee
- g. Registration shall be closed at gavel-in.

#### 4. QUORUM

a. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the total number of delegates elected at the February 27, 2024, precinct caucuses. The number elected was two-hundred fifty-eight (258).

b. Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order.

#### 5. VOTING

a. The vote on all questions shall be considered a rising vote by voting yea or nay.

b. Items without objection can be passed by unanimous consent.

c. There shall be no voting by proxy.

d. The Convention Chairperson and the Chief Teller will decide any voting dispute and they may request a new vote.

e. Only persons who are delegates or seated alternates to this convention shall be permitted to vote.

f. The convention Chairperson shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.

g. Voting will proceed until the Chairperson rules balloting closed.

#### 6. DEBATE

a. Debate on any general issue or motion shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same question and the total debate is limited to a maximum of six (6) minutes. The maker of the motion shall be given the first opportunity to speak on the motion.

b. The chairperson will call on Pro and Con speakers alternately. If no opposing speaker rises the debate may end. A maximum of 3 pro speakers and 3 con speakers will be allowed.

#### 7. ADDRESSES TO THE CONVENTION

a. The convention Chairperson at any time may invite any publicly elected official within the BPOU or distinguished guest to address the convention for a period not to exceed two (2) minutes, with the exception of the House Republican Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader and Federal office holders, as well as the State party chair or his designee, representing all or part of this BPOU, which shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

b. The Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits will be enforced by the timekeeper.

## 8. ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS

a. Nominations shall be those having met the requirements of the convention call, Article IV, Section 4, and declare their candidate status to the CWC party Chair. Nominations may be made from the floor. All BPOU officer candidates and Vice Chair candidates must meet with nominations committee prior to election.

b. The voting for contested office races shall be by secret ballot.

c. Candidates for BPOU Chair and Deputy Chair shall be given five (5) minutes to address the convention during the election process, if the election is contested.

d. Candidates for the other BPOU offices (Secretary, Treasurer, six (6) Vice Chairs) shall be given three (3) minutes to address the convention during the election process, if the election is contested.

e. The winner of each election shall be the candidate earning a majority of the ballots cast. When more than two candidates are on the ballot and a majority is not achieved, the one receiving the lowest number of votes shall be removed from the next ballot. In the event of a tie, the flip of a coin may be used to determine the name removed.

f. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.

g. A ballot for BPOU office containing more names than the number of positions to be filled shall be invalid and shall not be counted as a ballot cast.

## 9. ELECTIONS OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

a. Nominations shall be those having met the requirements of the convention call and Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Crow Wing County. Registered guests who have not attended caucus must be nominated by a seated Delegate. Nominations will be made from the floor.

b. Nominations shall be for Delegates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee and shall be voted for on one ballot.

c. Candidates shall be given one (1) minute to address the convention during the election process, if an election is required

d. The voting shall be by secret ballot for five (5) Delegates.

e. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.

f. A ballot for Delegates and Alternates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee containing more votes than the number of allotted delegates will be considered spoiled.

g. The top vote getters up to the number of allotted delegates will be elected as Delegates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee. Candidates not elected as delegates will be elected as alternates, ranked according to the number of votes received, up to two (2) times the number of allotted delegates.

10. DECORUM

- a. A participant to the convention must not disrupt order and decorum and may be removed for repeated interruptions that are out of order or not germane to the agenda.

11. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION

- a. After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the convention.