



October 29, 2023

CROW WING COUNTY REPUBLICANS CALL TO CONVENTION.

Greetings from Crow Wing County Republican BPOU Chair
Lowell Smith

The Crow Wing County GOP will be having a supplemental county constitutional convention and immediately following a short County BPOU Executive Committee meeting.

The sole and only purpose will be to insert the below Article into our local constitution. State law has changed this year and anyone (DFL or any other party) could participate and influence our parties elected delegates, alternates, and nominated person.

Current state rules default to either the state party or the local county entity writing rules about who can participate in caucus. As the state has failed to act, Crow Wing County GOP is proposing the below to be adopted to ensure a fair caucus in Crow Wing County. We have to have this complete by December 1st to be filed with the state.

Below is the proposed language. Again, this will be the **only item** to be considered at this convention.

ARTICLE XI – CAUCUS

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274 Section 1- Eligible Voters

275 Only those individuals who are or will be eligible to vote at the time of the next state
276 general election, may vote or be elected a delegate, alternate, or officer, only in the
277 precinct where the voter resides at the time of the caucus. Signed letters of intent
278 with name, address, phone number and valid email may be allowed but must be
279 received by caucus convener prior to gavel in.

280 Anyone attending caucus who is not eligible to participate must be registered as a
281 guest.

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283 Section 2 – Agreement with party principles

284 Only those persons who are in agreement with the principles of the party as stated in
285 the Minnesota Republican party's constitution and bylaws, and who either voted or
286 affiliated with the party at the last state general election or intend to vote or affiliate
287 with the party at the next state general election, may vote at the precinct caucus.

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289 Section 3 – Decision by caucus vote

290 In case the right of a person to participate at the caucus is challenged, the question of
291 the right to participate shall be decided by a vote of the precinct caucus attendees. A
292 person so challenged may not vote on the question of the person's right to
293 participate.

Location: Forestview Middle School, Choir room (where school board meetings are held)



Time: Doors open and registration starts at 6:00 PM, and will end at 7:00 PM. when we gavel in.

Date: Monday November 13th, 2023

Cost: There will not be any cost for this convention. You may make a small miscellaneous donation if you wish to help cover our facility cost which is \$50.00.

Please review the proposed changes (red lined) from the constitutional committee. The document is on the Crow Wing County GOP website at: <https://www.cwgop.com/>

Please bring your own copy as limited copies will be available to conserve cost.

As you review the document please focus on content and not grammatical or punctuation errors. Grammar and punctuation can be changed prior to finalization.

Rules for the convention, the Agenda, and the redline constitution are attached with this call and will be posted on our website at cwgop.com under the heading Nov. 2023 Convention

Note: After the Constitution Convention is complete, we will go straight into a special called meeting of the BPOU Executive Committee for the sole purpose of ratifying the constitution. This is done to ensure we submit our amended constitution before December 1st.

I plan on conducting the convention and meeting quickly to be respectful of everyone's time.

Thank you and God bless America!