

Crow Wing County Republicans
2023 November County Constitution Special Convention
Proposed Rules

From the Committee:

Chair Dan Willett

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Meeting called to Order at 7:00 P.M. Friday October 13, 2023

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.

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 in order 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.

3. SEATING OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

a. The permanent voting roll of this convention shall be composed of the delegates elected February 1, 2022 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.
- g. Registration shall be closed following gavel in.

4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the total number of delegates elected at the February 1st, 2022 precinct caucuses.
- 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 or unit rule.
- 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.

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 Minority 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 shall be displayed for all to see.
Time limits shall be observed.

8. 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.

9. 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.