

Crow Wing County Republicans
2024 County Convention
Proposed Rules

From the Committee:
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Meeting called to Order at 17:30, 10 April, 2024

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 statues 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 on the convention floor excluding agenda item titled other business.

3. SEATING OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

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.

- a. Seating of alternates after the preliminary Credential Report shall be the duty of the chairperson or their designee.
- 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, if no rank is known the alternates in the precinct will be decided by vote or coin flip by the alternates of the precinct. If not able to resolve by this method, the chair or their designee will decide.
- 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. Registration shall be closed at gavel in. Those in line at this time will be registered.

4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the total number of delegates elected at the February 2024 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.
 - 1. A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by Five (5) or more precincts.
 - 2. Items without objection can be passed by unanimous consent.
 - 3. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
 - 4. The Convention Chairperson and the Chief Teller will decide any voting dispute and they may request a new vote.
 - 5. Only persons who are delegates or seated alternates to this convention shall be permitted to vote.
 - 6. The convention Chairperson shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.
 - 7. 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, candidate or distinguished guest to address the convention for a period not to exceed two (2) minutes, with the exception of the Republican Leaders 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.

10. Elections of Delegates and Alternates to CD8 and State Convention

a. Nominees for delegate or alternate or their designee, may address the convention for the purpose of stating their qualifications and stands on issues or candidates for a period not to exceed one (1) minute.

b. The method of voting shall be a single ballot. Each ballot cast shall contain a different name for each available position. If a ballot contains more than ALLOTMENT# names, less than ALLOTMENT# names, duplicate names or invalid names, the entire ballot will be considered spoiled. If a change is made on the ballot it MUST be initialed by a teller to negate spoiling of the ballot.

c. Duly elected delegates and alternates will serve at both CD8 and Minnesota State Conventions.

d. The top 40 vote getters will be delegates, the remaining will serve as alternates as ranked according to vote count.

e. In the event there are 40 or less nominees for delegate, a motion to unanimously elect the entire list of nominees will be in order.

f. In the event of a tie for a delegate or alternate position, the decision will be made by lot or by coin toss, at the discretion of the Convention Chair or designee.

g. Only those names placed in nomination will be eligible to receive votes. Those wishing to have their names or others placed into nomination must sign up with the Credential Committee who will report all names to the Convention.

h. No nominations will be taken from the floor of the Convention. The qualifications to be elected a Delegate or Alternate, they must be a resident in Crow Wing County and be a legal and qualified voter in the next general election.

i. Nominations will close 15 minutes after the Convention is called to order or at the time of the preliminary credentials report, whichever comes first.

11. Resolutions/Platform

a. Only those resolutions presented at the February 2024 County Caucus and presented to the Convention Chair by the same, shall be eligible for discussion. **Resolutions may not be submitted from the floor of the Convention.** Discussion of a resolution shall not take place unless at least ten (10) delegates and/or seated alternates indicate a desire to have discussion of that resolution.

b. If there is discussion, Rule 6 applies.

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