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**Rules and Procedures for the Selection of Three (3) Persons Qualified To  
Fill the Vacancy in the Office of Campbell County Commissioner  
By the Campbell County Republican Party Central Committee  
5:30 P.M., August, 16, 2024 ~ Gillette City Hall**

**1. General Provision Regarding Rules and Procedures**

- a. All rules and procedures not otherwise provided by state law or the by-laws of the Wyoming Republican Party or the by-laws of the Campbell County Republican Party shall be determined by the Chairman of the Campbell County Republican Party (referred to hereafter as "Chairman") as provided for herein, or by the Chairman in the exercise of his discretion. Changes to these rules, prior to their adoption, may be made by a majority vote of Central Committee members and proxies thereof in attendance upon motion made by a Central Committee member. After these rules have been adopted, any changes or suspension to these rules shall require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of voting members in attendance.
- b. Precinct Committeemen, Precinct Committeewomen, their valid proxies thereof, and officers of the Campbell County Republican Party (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, Secretary, and Treasurer) will hereafter be referred to as the Members of the Campbell County Central Committee, or Central Committee Members, or Members.

**2. Participation and Voting in the Meeting**

- a. Central Committee Members, or anyone else herein provided by these rules, along with all applicants who applied for the vacancy of County Commissioner shall be the only persons qualified to participate in the meeting. The meeting shall be open to the public.
- b. Only Central Committee Members, and valid proxy holders thereof, shall be allowed to vote. No person may vote more than once, with the exception of proxy votes, regardless of how many positions they hold. The chair may vote on all matters decided by a secret ballot vote or in cases where his vote will alter the outcome.

*Ref. Wyoming Republican Party State By-Laws Article III, Sections 1.1-6; 6.1; 13*

**3. Proxies**

- a. A Precinct Committeeman and Precinct Committeewoman entitled to vote,

but unable to attend the Central Committee meeting, may give his or her signed, written proxy which conforms to the by-laws of the Wyoming Republican Party and the Campbell County Republican Party to a designated person who is a registered Republican residing within the same precinct. No person shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies.

#### **4. Credentials Committee**

- a. The Chairman shall appoint an odd number of Members of the Central Committee and not less than three (3), to constitute the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall report to the Chairman the number of qualified precinct committee persons present and entitled to vote as Members of the Central Committee and the number of valid proxies present.

#### **5. Teller Committee**

- a. The Chairman shall appoint an odd number of Registered Republicans, not less than three (3), to serve on the teller committee to tally and report the votes of the Members for the Candidates.

#### **6. Sergeant-At-Arms**

- a. The Chairman shall appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms to keep order and to assist and direct the Applicants in an orderly and timely fashion, especially during the Applicants' presentation period and Applicants' question and answer period.

#### **7. Official Timekeeper**

- a. The Chairman shall appoint an official timekeeper to observe prescribed time limits.

### **APPLICANTS and BALLOTS**

#### **8. Residency and Registration**

- a. Any question of eligibility of an applicant with respect to Residency and Registration shall be directed to the Chairman who shall render a decision based on information contained on the current Republican voter registration information supplied by the Office of the Campbell County Clerk.

#### **9. Treatment of Central Committee Member Who is Also an Applicant**

- a. Any Applicant who is also a member of the Central Committee shall be entitled to vote, but in all other respects shall be treated the same as all other Applicants.

#### **10. Ballots**

- a. Voting shall be by secret ballot. All ballots shall be on paper.

- b. A voter may not vote for the same Applicant more than once per ballot. A ballot voting for the same Applicant more than once shall be declared void in its entirety by the Teller Committee and will not be counted toward the vote total.
- c. A voter may undervote, but shall not overvote. Any ballot containing votes for more than six (6) names for the "Primary Vote" or more than three (3) names for the "Final Vote" shall be declared void in its entirety by the Teller Committee and will not be counted toward the vote total.
- d. Ballots will be handed out and collected by the members of the Teller Committee.
- e. Central Committee members holding proxies for other members shall receive a ballot for each proxy.
- f. An illegible name(s) on a ballot may be voided by a majority vote of the Teller Committee without disqualifying any remaining legible names on a ballot.

## **INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS, PROCESS, AND BALLOTING**

### **11. Presentation and Question/Answer of All Applicants**

- a. Each of the Applicants (hereafter included in the term "Applicant") may make a presentation not to exceed three (3) minutes in length. Each Applicant will present his statement, one at a time, to the Central Committee members. After each Applicant's presentation, each Applicant will answer three (3) questions from the Campbell County Republican Party Executive Committee. Each Applicant will receive the same three (3) questions. Applicants will have one (1) minute to respond to each question. Applicants not then addressing the Central Committee will be held in a waiting room other than the meeting room. Applicants will be ushered one at a time by the Sergeant-At Arms, in a timely and orderly fashion, to and from the waiting room. The order of Presentation will be alphabetical by last name.
- b. In the event that the total number of applicants at the beginning of the meeting is six (6) or less, a primary vote shall not be taken and additional questions may be asked pursuant to rule 14.

### **12. Time-Limits**

The presiding Chairman may impose and/or change time limits in the exercise of his discretion. The presiding Chairman reserves the right to allow a person to exceed any such time limit if reasonably necessary.

### **13. Primary Vote**

- a. After all candidates have been interviewed and questioned, voting by secret ballot will commence. The Teller Committee shall distribute the ballots to the eligible voting Members and proxies. A primary vote shall

commence to reduce the field to six (6) Applicants. Members of the Central Committee will vote for up to six (6) Applicants. The Teller Committee shall pick up the ballots from the eligible voting members and assigned proxies. Upon completion of the balloting, the Teller Committee shall, in view of the Central Committee and the gallery, tally the results after having announced the total number of ballots cast. The Teller Committee shall count the votes and shall provide a vote total to the Chairman. The Chairman shall announce the votes cast for each of the applicants. In case of a tie for the sixth position, there shall be an immediate secret ballot to select one (1) from among the two or more tied Applicants to fill the sixth position. If a tie still exists, the Applicants shall draw lots to determine which one will occupy the sixth position.

- b. In the event that the total number of applicants at the beginning of the meeting is six (6) or less, a primary vote shall not be taken and additional questions may be asked pursuant to rule 14.

#### **14. Question/Answer Period of Remaining Six (6) Applicants**

- a. The remaining six (6) Applicants will wait to answer questions from the Central Committee, one at a time. Questions from the Members of the Central Committee shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will select three (3) of the questions submitted from the Members to ask the remaining six (6) Applicants. Each Applicant will receive the same three (3) questions. Applicants will have one (1) minute to respond to each question. Applicants not currently being questioned will be held in a waiting room other than the meeting room. Applicants will be ushered one at a time by the Sergeant-At Arms, in a timely and orderly fashion, to and from the waiting room. The order of Applicant questioning will be in alphabetical order by last name. Applicants who have answered these last set of questions may remain in the meeting room. After the question/answer period the Central Committee shall move to the final vote.

#### **15. Final Vote**

- a. All in attendance may be present for this vote. After the questioning by the Central Committee, voting by secret ballot will commence for three (3) names from among the final remaining Applicants. The Teller Committee shall distribute the ballots to the eligible voting members and assigned proxies. Each Central Committee Member and assigned proxy may vote for up to three (3) names on a ballot. Upon completion of the balloting, the Teller Committee shall, in view of the members, tally the results after having announced the total number of ballots cast. The Teller Committee shall count the votes and shall provide a vote total to the Chairman. The Chairman shall announce the votes cast for each of the applicants.

**16. Breaking Tie Votes in the “Final Vote”**

- a. In the event of a tie on the first ballot that results in more than three (3) final names, the Teller Committee shall distribute blank ballots for the members to vote to break the tie as directed by the Chairman. In the event of a tie after the second ballot there will be a repeat vote in an effort to break the tie. If after the third ballot there is still a tie, the applicants shall draw lots to determine which ones will occupy the tied positions.

**17. Final Three Applicants**

- a. The three (3) Applicants receiving the most votes and, if applicable, the winner(s) of the above described tie-breaking procedure shall be the selected three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy in the office of Campbell County Commissioner. These three (3) names shall then be submitted to the Campbell County Board of County Commissioners.

**18. Selection By Acclamation**

- a. Should there be three candidates or fewer seeking nomination upon conclusion of the Questioning of Candidates, a Central Committee Member may make a motion to select the candidates by acclamation. A motion to select by acclamation is a privileged motion and cannot be debated. A motion to select by acclamation having been moved and seconded, the Chairman shall call for a voice vote of the Central Committee. Everyone in attendance may be present for this vote. If the motion receives a majority of ‘aye’ votes, then the motion will be considered to be the Final Vote and the candidates will have their names submitted to the Campbell County Board of County Commissioners as the three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy in the office of Campbell County Commissioner.