

# CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINN COUNTY

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## I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the "Republican Party of Linn County"

## II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to conduct, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Linn County and to aid in every way the establishment of fundamentals of Republican principles and policies on a voluntary basis and to cooperate and assist in the conduct of national, state and local elections in support of the Republican ticket.

## III. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY

The membership of the Republican Party shall consist of all voters of Linn County who desire to support the objectives of the Republican Party without regard to race, creed, national origin, religion or sex, and register to vote as Republicans.

## IV. MEMBERSHIP OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The County Central Committee shall consist of two precinct committee members elected from each precinct at the precinct caucuses. The Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa permits a provision to be adopted in the County by-laws for the election of additional Central Committee members from each precinct in a number proportionate to the Republican vote cast in the precinct at the last preceding general election for President of the United States or for the Governor of Iowa, as the case may be.

The general management of the affairs of the party in Linn County is vested in the Linn County Central Committee, subject to direction from time to time by the County convention of the party. The Linn County Central Committee shall have such officers and administrative personnel as it may determine and shall organize its operations to attain the objectives of the Republican Party, and shall have power to adopt by-laws to carry out its duties and the purposes of this Constitution, provided such by-laws are not in conflict with the provisions of the Republican National Convention, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa or this Constitution.

When elected, a member of the County Central Committee must be a resident of the precinct from which elected. The term of office of a member of the County Central Committee shall begin on the day following the precinct caucus and shall continue until the next precinct caucus and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. A member may be removed by the County central Committee for inattention to duty, incompetence, or active support of an opponent of a Republican nominee. Vacancies on the County Central Committee shall be filled by the County Central Committee.

## V. OFFICERS

The officers of this Central Committee shall be a chairman, co-chairman, secretary and treasurer, and such other members as the County Central Committee in its by-laws may provide. The Central committee shall organize following each general election, but no later than the following April 1.

## VI. MEETINGS

The Chair or Co-Chair or twenty (20) members of the Linn County Central Committee may call a meeting of said Committee and there shall be no less than six (6) meetings per year.

## VII. AUXILLIARY ORGANIZATIONS

The Linn County Central Committee may recognize official auxiliaries authorized by the Republican Party of Iowa. The activities of such organizations shall be coordinated with authorized party activities and shall be subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party authorities.

## VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Linn County Central Committee. The Executive Committee shall transact the routine business of the Linn County Central committee during the interim of the meetings of the Linn County Central Committee. Any business transacted or action taken shall be reported to the Linn County Central Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Executive Committee is subject to the orders of the Linn County Central Committee, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions of the Linn County Central Committee.

## IX. CAUCUSES

The Republican Party of Linn County shall conduct precinct caucuses, and county conventions as called by the Republican State Central committee. The number of delegates elected from each precinct at the precinct caucus shall be designated in the call of the county convention. Said number shall be based on the Republican vote for Governor or President in the previous election.

Notice of the date, time and place of the precinct caucuses shall be given twice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the precinct. Notice shall be published not more than fifteen (15) nor less than seven (7) days before and not later than the date of the precinct caucus.

## X. PROXY VOTES

Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any precinct caucus or county convention.

## XI. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by any regularly or specially called county convention by a majority vote, provided that notice of proposed amendments has been included in the call to for said convention. Proposed amendments shall be included in the call at the request of the Chair, Co-Chair or twenty (20) members of the Linn County Central Committee.

## XII. CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL RULES

No provisions hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the Republican National Convention and the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa, which are in conflict herewith.

## XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Linn County Central Committee on November 29, 1973, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was filed with the county and state commissioner of elections before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1973.