

BYLAWS OF THE FREMONT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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**BYLAWS OF THE
FREMONT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE I. NAME, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, PURPOSES, POLICY

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Fremont County Republican Central Committee, hereafter referred to as FCRCC.

Section 2. Organizational Structure

The FCRCC is organized as an incorporated non-profit political committee within the meaning of and pursuant to applicable Federal and State laws, and the rules and bylaws of the Colorado Republican Central Committee.

Section 3. Primary Purpose

The principal purpose of the FCRCC is to perform the functions of a county party central committee as set forth in the election laws of the State of Colorado and the rules and bylaws of the Colorado Republican Central Committee; to elect duly nominated or designated Republican candidates to office; to promote the principles and achieve the objectives of the Republican Party at national and local levels; and to have such purposes and objectives not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the United States, the State of Colorado, and the bylaws and rules of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee.

The county in the State of Colorado to which this central committee corresponds is Fremont County.

Section 4. Pre-Primary Neutrality

No candidate for any designation or nomination for public office shall be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the FCRCC Executive Board (acting as an entity), or by its members before the primary election.. Precinct Committee Persons [PCP's], **District Liaisons, and District Captains** are allowed to support any Republican candidate of their choice, unless that person is working at a Republican sponsored event, e.g., parade, fair booth or a voter registration booth. An immediate family member (by legal definition and as determined by the Executive Committee) of a Republican candidate then serving as a member of the Executive Committee of the FCRCC will take a compulsory Leave of Absence from their position on the Executive Committee until after the Primary Election concludes. Volunteers working at the FCRCC Headquarters shall remain neutral until after the primary. **Nothing in this paragraph shall apply to any race in which a candidate is unopposed.**

Section 5. Policy

A. Colorado Statutes.

All applicable provisions of the Colorado Statutes shall be a part of these Bylaws.

B. Gender.

All reference to male includes the female, and the masculine pronoun includes the feminine.

C. Open Meetings.

FCRCC supports the concept that all governmental meetings be open to the public, especially any meeting concerning public monies.

D. Authority to Bind.

No one, including any county or district organization, auxiliary or group authorized to use the name Republican, has authority to bind in any manner the FCRCC unless prior written authorization from the FCRCC Chairman or his designee is given.

E. Support for Non-Republican Candidates.

Any Executive Officer, Committee Chair, District Liaison, District Captain or PCP who openly and publicly supports a non-Republican candidate in an election shall not be eligible for any office within the FCRCC for a period of 2 (two) years.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership Defined

The membership of the FCRCC shall consist of the following registered Republican electors and officials who reside within the territory included within the limits of Fremont County. No member may hold more than one vote except by proxy.

A. FCRCC Officers.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bonus Member(s) and the Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee of the FCRCC.

B. Elected Representatives.

The elected Republican United States senators, representatives to Congress, and state senators and state representatives residing within this county.

C. Precinct Committee Persons [PCPs]

PCPs as elected at the precinct caucuses of the Republican Party in the county.

1 The duties of the PCP shall be act as the point of contact between FCRCC and registered Republicans and to conduct such activities directed by the FCRCC Chairman.

2 A vacancy in PCP membership shall exist in the event of a member's ineligibility, death, resignation, or inability to serve

D. Local Elected Representatives

The elected Republican officials of Fremont County, including the Republican District Attorney residing within the county.

E. District Captains

- 1 There shall be five District Captains. The Districts shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Each District is represented by a District Captain.*
- 2 District Captains are voting members of the Central Committee..*
- 3 The duties of the District Captain shall be act as the point of contact between FCRCC and registered Republicans and to conduct such activities directed by the Executive Committee.*

F. District Liaisons

- 1 The Executive Committee shall elect one District Liaison to any State or Congressional District that overlaps with Fremont County*
- 2 District Liaisons are voting members of the Central Committee.*
- 3 District Liaisons shall act as the point of contact between FCRCC and the above Districts, to conduct such activities directed by the FCRCC Chairman. District Liaisons shall attend the meetings of their District and report back to the Executive Committee. District Liaisons will interface with the elected Republican representative of each District to provide support to that elected representative. District Liaisons are voting members of the Central Committee, but no member may hold two votes, except by proxy.*
- 4 A vacancy in District Liaison membership shall exist in the event of a member's ineligibility, death, resignation, or inability to serve.*
- 5 For the purpose of C.R.S. 1-3-103(1)(b)(I), the District Liaisons shall be considered District Captains and shall be voting members of the Fremont County Republican Central Committee.*

G. District Captain Chairman

- 1 The District Captain Chairman is appointed by the FCRCC Chairman.*
- 2 The duties of the District Captain Chairman shall be to conduct such activities as directed by the FCRCC Chairman.*
- 3 The District Captain Chairman is a voting member of the Central Committee.*
- 4 A vacancy in the District Captain Chair shall exist in the event of a member's ineligibility, death, resignation, or inability to serve.*

H. Eligibility

Only registered Republican electors are eligible, as shown by the registration books of the County Clerk and Recorder, who reside within the territory included in the limits of Fremont County, and as may be required by the laws of the State of Colorado or the bylaws or rules of the Colorado Republican State Central Committee.

I. Non-Voting Members

Non-voting members shall be the local president of each of the nationally recognized Colorado Republican auxiliaries or an elected official of a District that overlaps Fremont County, who resides in another county.

J. Proxies

Nonvoting members shall have all of the privileges, rights and duties of voting members, except that they may vote only when acting as proxies for voting members.

K. Vacancies

For PCPs, District Captains, District Captain Liaison and District Captain Chairman, inability to serve shall be defined as the absence at two consecutive meetings of the FCRCC unless excused in writing by the Chairman. A letter of notification will be sent by the Chairman. If no appearance is made at the 3rd meeting, the member will be removed and replaced.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Officers Defined

A. Elected Officers

The elected officers shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bonus Member(s) and the Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee. They shall assume their duties at the close of the organizational meeting and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Duties of Officers

A. Chairman

The Chairman shall perform such duties and have powers as are incident to the office of Chairman. In addition, the Chairman shall:

- 1 Be the chief executive officer of the FCRCC and shall have final responsibility for all funds, books, papers, records and proceedings.*
- 2 Issue the call and preside at all meetings of the FCRCC and the Executive Committee.*
- 3 Observe and enforce the Bylaws and standing rules of the FCRCC.*
- 4 Appoint the necessary standing and special committee chairmen.*
- 5 Be ex officio member of all committees.*
- 6 With the assistance of the FCRCC secretary, file under oath with the Colorado Secretary of State (within ten (10) days of the adjournment of the organizational meeting) a full and complete roll of the FCRCC membership.*
- 7 Make arrangements for the Republican County Caucus and Assembly and be authorized to expend funds for those purposes.*

8 *Signs/authenticates: A) Election Judge Lists from Precinct Caucuses; B) Certification of Ratification of Election of Precinct Committee People following County Assembly; and C) Certification of Designation of Republican Candidates for County Elected Offices.*

9 *Submit a budget to the Executive Committee by June 15 following his election, for a period of two years from July 1 of the odd-numbered year to June 30 two years hence.*

10 *Preside over the Republican County assembly or designate a presiding officer.*

11 *File central committee bylaws and standing rules with the state central committee no later than the first Monday in April of each even-numbered year.*

~~12 — 11. Certify the names of the precinct committee persons as elected, and those appointed to fill vacancies, to the County Clerk and Recorder.~~

13 *Act as liaison with the County Clerk and Recorder and directs Election night Republican Party assistance, Republican test ballot runs, appoints a Republican to the Board of Canvass and appoints any necessary Election Judges..*

14 *Appoint a parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms for the County Assembly.*

15 *Vote in all matters of the FCRCC and the FCRCC Executive Committee.*

16 *Represent the Fremont County Republican Party and Central Committee at public functions.*

B. Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the execution of duties. In addition, the Vice-Chairman shall:

1 *Exercise the functions of the Chairman in his absence, during his absence, during his inability to perform, or at his request, except that the Vice-Chairman shall not have the power to make any appointments.*

2. *Perform other duties the Chairman may prescribe.*

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall perform such duties and have such powers as are incident to the office of Secretary, including the duty and power to give written notice of all FCRCC, County Assembly, Vacancy and Special Committee meetings, to attend all such meetings and keep a written record of proceedings, and to be custodian of the records of meetings. The Secretary shall also maintain a current list at all times of all members and officers of the FCRCC. In addition, the Secretary shall:

1 *Be the chief clerical officer of the FCRCC and record all FCRCC and Executive Committee meetings.*

a. *Have ready for the convening of each County and Judicial assembly a temporary roll of delegates entitled to participate. The roll shall be prepared from the credentials of uncontested delegates filed with the Secretary and from the credentials of the contested delegates placed upon the temporary roll by the FCRCC.*

b. *Serve as Secretary at the County Assembly.*

- c. Prepare and verify all credentials for delegates.
- d. Perform other duties the Chairman may prescribe.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as the custodian of FCRCC funds, while following the procedures that are established to provide reasonable separation of money handling duties. The Chairman and Treasurer shall be signatories of the FCRCC bank account(s).

- 1 *File with the appropriate authorities all statements and reports required by state and/or federal laws, with copies given to the Chairman and Secretary. A copy of all financial records and reports shall be maintained at a place designated by the FCRCC Chairman.*
- 2 *Be the chief financial officer of FCRCC. He shall collect and deposit all monies and make a written report of receipts and disbursements at meetings of the FCRCC and Executive Committee. Copies of all reports shall be maintained and filed for audit.*
- 3 *Have all financial records available for audit February 1st of each year.*
- 4 *Be bondable.*
- 5 *Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.*

E. Bonus Member

The Bonus Member shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or by these Bylaws.

F. Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee

The Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee shall issue a call to the vacancy committee to bring forth nominations for the FCRCC or FCRCC officers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman.

Section 3. Election of Officer(s)

A. Timing

Officers of the FCRCC shall be elected at the biennial Organizational Meeting.

B. Nominations

- 1 *Candidates for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bonus Members and Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee shall be nominated from the floor at the organizational meeting.*
- 2 *Nominations for any office shall be made only by members of the FCRCC in person or by a qualified person holding a proxy, as defined in Article VI, Section 3(B) of these Bylaws.*

C. Election Procedures

- 1 Officers shall be elected by majority vote using a secret ballot unless there is only one nominee for the office. In that case elections shall be by voice vote.*
- 2 If more than two persons are nominated for an office, and after three ballots no nominee has received the required majority vote, then (unless one or more nominees have withdrawn during or following this balloting) the nominee receiving the least votes on the last of the three ballots shall be dropped from all subsequent ballots. The nominee receiving the least votes on each ballot thereafter shall also be dropped from the subsequent ballots, unless one or more other nominees withdraw following such ballot. Balloting shall continue in this manner until a majority vote is cast for one nominee.*

Section 4. Removal of Officer(s)

A. Removal

Any elected officer of the FCRCC may be removed from office at any time for whatever cause the FCRCC may deem sufficient, by two-thirds of the entire membership of the FCRCC eligible to vote, at a meeting called for that purpose.

- 1 Written notice (giving the time, place and purpose of the meeting) shall be mailed or emailed to each member at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting.*
- 2 The action of the FCRCC shall be final.*

Section 5. Vacancies

A. Vacancy of Office

A vacancy in an office shall exist in the event of an officer's ineligibility to hold office, death, resignation, removal, permanent absence, or permanent disability. The Executive Committee shall decide by majority vote whether sufficient evidence exists of permanent absence or permanent disability.

B. Elected Vacancy

A vacancy in any elected office shall be filled in the manner provided in Article IV of these Bylaws.

C. Appointive Vacancies

Vacancies occurring in any appointive office shall be filled in same manner as the appointment was originally made.

Section 6. Executive Committee Membership

The FCRCC Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the committee, namely the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bonus Member(s), Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee, and the District Captain Chairman.

A. Executive Committee Powers.

The Executive Committee may exercise any and all powers of the FCRCC, except when the FCRCC is joined in meeting and except for those powers which are specifically reserved to the FCRCC or to the County Assembly by these Bylaws.

B. Executive Committee Meetings.

Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called on five (5) days' notice by the Chairman or by one-third of the members of the Executive Committee then in office, except that this notice provision may be waived by two-thirds of the Executive Committee. Proxies shall not be permitted to vote on any matter by the Executive Committee. Voting by the Executive Committee shall be by voice vote, except that any voting member of the committee shall have the right to demand and have entered a roll call vote upon a disputed question.

ARTICLE IV. VACANCY COMMITTEES

Section 1. Vacancy Committees Created and Empowered

Vacancy committees shall be and are hereby organized and empowered to fill vacancies in the FCRCC officers and Precinct Committee Persons, in the designation and nomination of Republican candidates, Fremont County Elected Office, and in the office of any Republican County Commissioner, in accordance with relevant provisions of Colorado law. There are three (3) vacancy committees:

A. Central Committee Vacancy Committee

Any vacancy in the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bonus Members, Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee, and Precinct Committee Persons, shall be filled by the Central Committee Vacancy Committee consisting of those members as prescribed for in Article VIII of these Bylaws. Notwithstanding the notice provision in Section 5 of this Article, two-thirds of the members of the FCRCC may waive notice for any meeting of a vacancy committee to fill any vacancy in the office of any Precinct Committee Person.

B. County Assembly Vacancy Committee

A vacancy caused by any of the following shall be filled by the County Assembly Vacancy Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bonus Member(s) and the Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee:

- 1 The failure to designate a candidate at the County Assembly; or*
- 2 The declination, death, disqualification, resignation, or withdrawal of the person nominated at the Republican County Assembly; or*
- 3 The declination, death, disqualification, resignation, or withdrawal of the person nominated at the Republican primary election; or*
- 4 The declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal of a candidate for elective office after a primary election at which a nomination could have been made for the office had the vacancy then existed.*
- 5 No person is eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy in the party designation or nomination unless the person would have met all the qualifications of eligibility to be designated to the primary election ballot at the time of the County Assembly.*
- 6 The County Assembly Vacancy Committee shall certify the results of its selection to the Colorado Secretary of State and the Fremont County Clerk and Recorder in accordance with law.*

C. County Commissioner Vacancy Committee:

When a vacancy occurs in the office of a Republican County Commissioner elected at-large, or elected by all voters in the County, the vacancy shall be filled by the County Commissioner Vacancy Committee, consisting of all eligible voting members of the FCRCC at the time the vacancy occurs when the vacancy is caused by:

- 1. the death or resignation of a person who has been sworn into office; or*
- 2. the death or resignation of a person who has been elected to a seat but who has not yet been sworn into office; or*
- 3. a vacancy in a party nomination occurring less than eighteen days before the general election that is caused by the declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal of any person nominated at the primary election; or*
- 4. the declination, death, disqualification, or withdrawal of any elective officer after a primary election at which a nomination could have been made for the office had the vacancy then existed that cannot be filled before the general election; or*
- 5. a person not taking the oath of office within the time period required by law.*

Election to the vacant seat shall be by majority vote of all those present and voting. The vacancy shall be filled until the next regularly scheduled general election. The County Commissioner Vacancy Committee shall certify the selection of a person who meets the qualifications for Elective Office to the Colorado Secretary of State within thirty days from the date the vacancy occurs; except that , in the case of a vacancy filled pursuant to Section 1-4-1002 (2.5), C.R.S., the County Commissioner Vacancy

Committee shall certify the selection within thirty days after the date of the general election affected by the vacancy; or except as otherwise required by law.

Section 2. Notice of Vacancy Committee Meetings

Notice of any meeting of any vacancy committee shall be distributed to each member of the respective vacancy committee by first-class mail or email at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting or in accordance with the notice provision required under Colorado law, whichever is shorter. Such notice shall clearly state the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, ~~two-thirds of the members of any FCRCC vacancy committee may waive the requirement of advance written notice for any meeting of a vacancy committee to fill any vacancy in the office of any Precinct Committee person.~~ the Central Committee Vacancy Committee may approve PCPs by an email vote. New PCPs shall assume their duties immediately and their selection shall be ratified at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. No other business should be conducted by email vote.

Section 3. Vacancy Committee Quorum

The quorum of any vacancy committee shall be ~~one half (1/2)~~ a majority of the committee members. No member of any vacancy committee may vote or otherwise participate in any meeting or any selection or designation by proxy. If a quorum is not present at any vacancy committee meeting, the vacancy committee shall adjourn the meeting to a future date, time and place certain, within the period required under law to fill the vacancy, without republishing the notice of the meeting.

Section 4. Method of Voting

All elections of any vacancy committee shall be conducted by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee to fill a vacancy. The person to fill the vacancy shall be elected or designated by a majority vote of those members present and voting. Balloting shall be repeated until a majority vote is cast for one nominee, and no nominee shall be removed from any subsequent ballot unless such nominee voluntarily withdraws. ~~Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Central Committee Vacancy Committee may approve PCPs by an email vote and new PCPs shall assume their duties immediately. No other business should be conducted by email vote.~~

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting of the FCRCC shall be held between February 1 and February 15 of the odd-numbered years, unless contrary to the Colorado Republican Committee or Colorado law. Its purpose shall be to elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee, and Bonus member(s) (as allowed by the Colorado Republican Committee), and to select vacancy committees as defined in Article IV Vacancy Committees, of these Bylaws, and to conduct other business that may properly come before it.

Section 2. Regular or Special Meetings

A. Regular or Special Meetings

A regular or special meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the FCRCC, within thirty (30) days following the FCRCC organizational meeting. The Chairman of the FCRCC shall send a notice of scheduled times and places of regular central committee meetings to all members of the FCRCC. This shall constitute a calendar of meetings of the FCRCC for a one-year period. A written call will be mailed or emailed fifteen (15) days prior to any special meeting and prior to the organizational meeting.

B. Call of the Chair

Upon the call of the Chairman or in the event of his absence or inability to act upon the call of the Vice-Chairman or in the event of an emergency when both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman are absent upon the call of the Secretary; or

C. Written Request

Upon the written request of one-third of the voting members. The meeting shall be called by the Chairman within ten (10) days after receipt of such request. If the Chairman fails to do so, any voting member may issue the call at the expense of the FCRCC. The meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days of the call.

Section 3. Call

The official call shall be in writing and mailed or emailed to the last address of each member on file with the FCRCC. The mailing shall be made no fewer than fifteen (15) days before the date of the meeting. The call shall state the time and place of the meeting, the business to be conducted, provided that the business of the meeting shall not be limited to matters stated in the call unless the call is for a special meeting.

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum for any meeting shall be one-third of the voting members, to include at least two (2) Executive Committee members; except that once the presence of a quorum has been established, the departure of members shall not be cause for adjournment.

Section 5. Minimum Number of Meetings

There shall be a minimum of four (4) business meetings of the FCRCC per year, recommended quarterly.

Section 6. Emergency call

When the normal call process is not appropriate because of time requirement, an emergency call shall be issued by the Executive Committee, by telephone or email, to all FCRCC members.

Section 7. Notice of all Meetings

Unless otherwise specified herein, the members of any regular or special meeting of the FCRCC, any vacancy committee or other committee shall be notified by written notice delivered by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, or electronically delivered by e-mail. All notices shall be directed to the member at the address(es) as it appears on the official FCRCC records as maintained by the Secretary.

Section 8. Form and Venue of Meetings, Electronic and Conference Calls

Except for the biennial Organizational Meeting, any meetings where changes to these Bylaws are considered, or any meeting of any vacancy committee, meetings of the FCRCC may be held by telephone conference call, or by some other form of electronic communication that permits all participants to hear one another.

ARTICLE VI. VOTING AND PROXIES

Section 1. Methods of Voting

Voting, with the exception of the election of officers shall be by voice, standing, or hand vote (at the discretion of the Chairman) unless a roll call is requested by one-third or more voting members. Only ballots cast for properly nominated candidates shall be deemed eligible for the purpose of determining the total number of ballots cast and subsequent basis for determining what constitutes a majority of ballots. If there is only one nominee for the office or position, then the vote shall be by acclamation.

Section 2. No Multiple Votes

A person holding multiple offices shall not be entitled to more than one vote, excluding proxies.

Section 3. Proxies

Any voting member who wants to vote by proxy shall designate his proxy in writing which shall be dated, signed, witnessed and submitted to and approved by the Credentials Committee.

A. Applicability

The proxy shall apply to a single meeting.

B. Designee

The individual designated as a proxy shall be a Republican elector, shall reside in the constituency or precinct which his principal represents, and may vote only if the principal is absent at the time of the vote.

C. Absent at Roll Call

A proxy of a member absent at roll call shall be submitted before the meeting is called to order.

D. Present at Roll Call

A proxy of a member present at roll call who subsequently leaves the meeting may be submitted at any time during the meeting, but the proxy may be voted on a particular ballot only if submitted before voting commences on that ballot.

E. Right to Examine

Any member of the FCRCC shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to any particular vote.

F. Credentials Committee Discretion

At the discretion of the Credentials Committee, check-in procedures may be substituted for the roll call as required by this section.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of voting and non-voting members as follows:

A. Voting members

Members by virtue of holding elected office shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bonus Member(s), and Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee of the FCRCC.

B. Non-voting members

Non-voting members shall be the **District Captain Chairman**, the President of Colorado Republican auxiliaries and the local President of each of the nationally recognized Colorado Republican auxiliaries

Section 2. Duties

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to:

A. Advisory to Chairman

Serve as an advisory committee to the Chairman, and to perform other functions prescribed in these Bylaws or by the Chairman.

B. Vacancies

Decide by majority vote if sufficient evidence exists to declare a vacancy in an office or Precinct Committee Person.

C. Controversies

Hear and determine party controversies (other than delegate contests) subject to review by the FCRCC.

Section 3. Meetings

A. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held no fewer than four (4) times a calendar year. A regular meeting location, day and time shall be set at the first meeting of the new term. The Chairman may, at his discretion, call a regular meeting at another location, day or time.

B. Special meetings

Special Meetings shall be called by the Chairman or at the written request of one-third of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

C. Purpose and Notice

The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least five (5) days' notice of any Executive Committee meeting shall be given to all voting members.

D. Procedures

Meetings shall be open but may go into Executive session by majority vote of the members present and voting. Nonvoting members shall be permitted to observe meetings in Executive session.

E. Quorum

The quorum for any FCRCC Executive Committee meeting shall not be less than fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Committee members.

F. Voting

The Chairman may vote on all issues.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

Standing Committees shall be: Audit, Bylaws, Credentials, County Assembly Contest, Finance, Vacancy, District Captain and others deemed necessary by the Chairman and may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be selected yearly. The members of the various committees shall serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

A. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall be composed of three (3) members. This committee shall provide for an annual audit of the financial books of the FCRCC. The committee shall report all audits since the last organizational meeting. It shall also audit the books at any other time requested by the Executive Committee.

B. Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) members. It shall review all proposed amendments and make recommendations to the FCRCC. It shall also notify the FCRCC of mandatory changes required by changes in -the election laws or in the rules of the Republican National Committee.

C. Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee shall initially review credentials of FCRCC members, and proxies at each FCRCC meeting. At the request of the Chairman, the Executive Committee, or the FCRCC it shall investigate any delegate contest and report thereon to the FCRCC or Executive Committee, with its recommendations.

D. County Assembly Contest Committee

The County Assembly Contest Committee shall be composed of the FCRCC Executive Committee.

E. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall oversee all fundraising programs.

F. Central Committee Vacancy Committee

The Central Committee Vacancy Committee will be selected at the organizational meeting. If the FCRCC fails to elect the Central Committee Vacancy Committee, then the elected Executive Committee shall serve as the Central Committee Vacancy Committee.

G. County Commissioner Vacancy Committee

The County Commissioner Vacancy Committee will be elected at the organizational meeting. If the FCRCC fails to elect the County Commissioner Vacancy Committee, then eligible voting members of the FCRCC at the time the vacancy occurs shall serve as the County Commissioner Vacancy Committee. The Vacancy Committee shall include a PCP subcommittee.

H. District Captain Committee

The District Captain Committee shall be composed of the five District Captains and shall organize Get Out The Vote efforts. District Captains shall oversee activities of the PCPs, as directed by the District Captain Chairman and may propose new PCPs to the Chairman of the Central Committee Vacancy Committee as vacancies arise..

Section 2. Additional or Special Committees

Additional standing or special committees shall be appointed by the Chairman at the request of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Quorum

The quorum for any standing or special committee shall consist of those members present provided that a written notice has been mailed or emailed to all members no fewer than five (5) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE IX. PRECINCT CAUCUSES

Section 1. Date and Location

Precinct caucuses shall be held in even-numbered years at a private place in each precinct or at a public place in or proximate to each precinct determined by the FCRCC and posted as required by law. The date shall be consistent with the Republican National Committee or Colorado law.

Section 2. Voting Members

A. Voting members

Voting members at each precinct caucus shall have been:

- 1 A registered voter of the precinct for twenty-two (22) days; and*
- 2 Registered to vote no later than twenty-two (22) days before the precinct caucus and affiliated with the Republican Party for at least twenty-two (22) days as shown on the registration books of the Fremont County Clerk and Recorder or on the records of the Colorado Secretary of State, except that any registered Republican elector who has attained the age of eighteen years within the twenty-two days immediately preceding such precinct caucus or who has become a naturalized citizen within the twenty-two (22) days immediately preceding the precinct caucus; [this sentence is not complete]*
- 3 A pre-registrant who is 17 years of age on the date of the caucus and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the next general election; or,*
- 4 Such other registered Republican electors as may be present and otherwise entitled to participate in the precinct caucus as may be required by law.*

Section 3. Procedures.

The eligible voting members at each precinct caucus present and voting shall:

A. Officers of the Caucus

Elect by plurality vote a precinct caucus chairman and secretary to serve as officers of the precinct caucus.

B. Delegates to County Assembly

Elect by plurality vote the delegates to the county assembly and for such other higher assemblies and/or conventions as determined by the FCRCC and apportioned or allocated to the precinct. Each eligible voting member at the precinct caucus shall be entitled to vote for the total number of delegates and alternates to be elected from the precinct. In the event of a tie for the last available delegate, the last available place shall be determined by lot.

C. Precinct Committee Persons

Elect by plurality vote two Precinct Committee Persons (PCPs).

- 1 The two people receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected PCPs.*
- 2 If two or more candidates for PCPs receive an equal and the second highest number of votes, or if three or more candidates receive an equal and the highest number of votes, the election shall be determined by lot by such candidates.*
- 3 Each PCP shall hold such position for a term of two years after the date of election, and each shall serve until his successor is duly elected or appointed.*
- 4 The names of the PCPs and delegates and alternate delegates elected shall be certified to the County Assembly of the political party by the officers of the precinct caucus.*

D. District Captains

District Captain candidates may be nominated at Caucus. At the first regular meeting following County Assembly, the Central Committee will elect five District Captains, one from each District, by voice vote, unless a motion from the floor for secret ballot is approved by the majority of those present and voting. The FCRCC Chairman shall entertain additional nominations from the floor during the Central Committee meeting. If no motion is made for nomination, the FCRCC Chairman may appoint a District Captain.

ARTICLE X. ASSEMBLIES

Section 1. Date.

County assemblies shall be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the precinct caucuses at the time and place determined by the FCRCC or otherwise provided by law.

A. Number of Delegates

The FCRCC shall consider the number of delegates to be elected by the county assembly to state and district assemblies in fixing the number of delegates to participate in the county assembly.

B. County Assembly Call

The call for the county assembly shall include (in addition to the time, place and purpose) a statement of the number of delegates to be elected to the state and all higher district assemblies.

C. Delegates

The county assembly shall elect from its members all delegates to every state or congressional assembly, to any multi-county senatorial or representative assembly, and to every judicial assembly.

D. Definition

“Members” of the county assembly shall mean:

- 1 All delegates and alternates to the county assembly elected at the precinct caucuses (whether or not present and voting at the county assembly) provided that an alternate may vote only when a delegate is absent; and,*
- 2 All officers of the FCRCC as defined in Article III, Section 1.A of these Bylaws shall be at-large members; and,*
- 3 All elected Republican officials residing within the county as defined in Article II, Sections 1.B and 1.D of these bylaws shall be at-large members; and,*
- 4 In no case shall the allocation of any precinct's apportioned number of delegates and alternates be diminished due to an at-large member's place of residence within that precinct.*

E. Eligibility

A delegate who moves from his precinct shall be ineligible to serve as a delegate from that precinct.

F. Ratification and Certification

The county assembly shall ratify the list of committee people. The presiding officer and secretary of the county assembly shall file a certified list of the names and addresses, by precinct, of those persons elected as Precinct Committee Person with the county clerk and recorder within ten (10) days after the date of the county assembly.

G. Designation and Election

Officers of the FCRCC shall be designated as delegates to all higher level assemblies for districts in which they reside, except if the automatic designation of FCRCC officers as delegates will result in 50% or more of the delegation from Fremont County to the higher assembly, in which case no officer shall be automatically designated and all positions shall be elected as prescribed for in this section. All remaining delegate and alternate positions shall be elected as prescribed for in this section.

Section 2. Rules Committee

The Executive Committee shall serve as the Rules Committee for the county assembly, and will review and approve the initial rules for the county assembly at the Executive Committee meeting prior to the county assembly.

Section 3. Resolutions.

A. Resolutions

Before any resolution may be considered by the county assembly, it shall be referred to the resolutions committee of such body. All resolutions to be proposed shall be filed with the FCRCC Chairman and/or resolution chairman no fewer than ten (10) days before the assembly, unless the Chairman extends the time for filing such resolutions. All resolutions must be in writing and dated. All resolutions submitted within the proper deadline shall be considered by the assembly.

B. Timing

The resolution committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee thirty (30) days prior to the county assembly.

Section 4. County Assembly Contest Committee.

A. County Assembly Contest Committee

The County Assembly Contest Committee [“CACC”] shall meet in person or electronically 3 (three) days before the Assembly and shall hear and decide all contests of persons claiming or challenging seats in the Assembly.

B. Notification and Quorum

The Chairman shall email the list of all delegates and alternates to all announced candidates upon request, no later than 7 (seven) days before the County Assembly. The Chairman shall also give notice to all candidates and the FCRCC Executive Committee no later than 3 (three) days before the County Assembly of the day, date and time of the CACC meeting. The quorum of the CACC shall be those members present.

C. Contests

Every person intending to submit a contest shall notify the Chairman at least 24 (twenty-four) hours before the meeting of the CACC. Every person intending to contest the seat of any delegate or alternate shall be held to have waived their right to seats in the Assembly or otherwise shall be held to have waived their contest unless they appear and prosecute their contest before the CACC as provided above. Delegate and alternate contests shall not be heard during the Assembly.

Section 5. Voting.

A. Proxies

No proxies shall be allowed or recognized in any assembly or caucus.

B. Vacancies

Any vacancy shall be filled by an alternate present, selected from the list of alternates by numerical order, beginning with the first alternate.

1 What is commonly known as the “unit rule”, by which the entire vote of delegation is cast according to a majority vote within that delegation, shall not be enforced nor adhered to. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted.

2 Any delegate to any state, congressional, judicial, senatorial or representative convention shall have the right to demand and have entered a roll call of his county’s delegation upon disputed vote.

C. Voting

The county assembly shall take no more than two ballots for each office to be designated. Every candidate receiving thirty (30%) percent or more of the votes of all duly accredited county assembly delegates, who are present and voting for that office, shall be certified by affidavit of the presiding officer and secretary of the county assembly. Only ballots cast for properly nominated candidates shall be deemed eligible for the purpose of determining the total number of ballots cast and subsequent basis for determining what constitutes a majority of ballots. If there is only one nominee for the office or position, then the vote shall be by acclamation.

If no candidate receives 30% or more of the votes of all duly accredited county assembly delegates who are present and voting for that office on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast for all the candidates for that office. If, on the second ballot, no candidate receives 30% or more of the votes cast, the county assembly shall certify the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes as candidates for the office. The certificate of designation shall indicate the order of the vote received at the county assembly by the candidates, but the county assembly shall not declare that one candidate has received the nomination of the county assembly. If two or more candidates receiving designation have received an equal number of votes, the order of certification of designation shall be determined by lot by the candidates.

D. Requirements for Nominees:

No person shall be eligible for designation by the county assembly to the Republican primary election ballot unless such person possesses the constitutional and statutory qualifications for such Elective Office and shall have been continuously affiliated as a Republican for at least thirty (30) days preceding the county assembly, as shown by the voter registration rolls maintained by the Fremont County Clerk and Recorder or the Colorado Secretary of State.

Section 6. Quorum.

The quorum at any county assembly shall consist of those delegates present.

Section 7. Resolution of Controversies.

From the convening of the county assembly until its final adjournment, it shall have the power to determine controversies about the regularity of the party organization with any district or county and the right to use the party name. It may also provide rules that shall govern the FCRCC in determining such controversies.

ARTICLE XI. ORGANIZATIONS USING THE NAME REPUBLICAN

No person, group of persons, or organization shall use the name or address of the FCRCC in any manner, unless the person, group of persons, or organization has received permission to use such name and address from the Executive Committee. Any organization desiring to use the Republican name or otherwise claiming affiliation or allied sanction with the Republican party shall fulfill the following requirements:

A. Permissions

Such organization shall present its credentials, in writing, to the Executive Committee for a determination of whether it shall be granted permission to use such name and address. The application shall include a copy of its governing rules, the names of its officers, and any other information which might be pertinent to the deliberations of the Executive Committee. Thereafter, such organization shall report within thirty (30) days any amendment to its governing rules or change in its list of officers and directors.

B. Members

Voting members of such organizations shall be registered Republican electors.

C. Prohibition

No such affiliated or allied organization shall endorse, support, or make any contributions to any candidate committee, small donor committee, political committee, or other committee or organization acting in said candidate's behalf for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any primary election contest, unless unopposed.

D. Disclaimer

Bulk mail must include the disclaimer in a contested race of Republican candidates or other recognized organization mailings, disclaimer shall state, "Use of this bulk mail permit does not constitute endorsement by the FCRCC".

ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern the FCRCC whenever they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Colorado Republican State Central Committee bylaws or the Colorado Election Laws.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1. Amendment.

These bylaws may be amended at any FCRCC meeting by a two-thirds vote provided that:

- A. The proposed amendment(s) were submitted and approved by the Bylaws Committee by a majority vote;
- B. The text of the amendment(s) is included in the official call for that meeting; and
- C. If the call for that meeting was sent via email, then the subject line of the official call email must indicate that bylaw amendments will be proposed at the meeting. Section 2. Effect of Inadequate Notice.

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If previous notice was not given in the call, unanimous consent of all FCRCC members present, or by proxy, must be obtained before an amendment may be offered.

THESE BYLAWS CHANGES HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE FREMONT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE. Bylaw changes met with final approval at the FCRCC meeting on the 30th day of January 2024 and have been incorporated.

SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER OF THE FREMONT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- a. No one may speak more than two (2) minutes to any question until all who wish to speak have spoken. Then two (2) minutes more may be allowed.
- b. All motions of any length shall be in writing.