

**CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Victor Township Hall

Approved April 4, 2024

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Steve Willis called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
2. **Invocation** – Nancy Bareham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Sheriff Sean Dush
4. **Roll Call** – 17 members of the Executive Committee were in attendance; a quorum was established.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – *Motion to approve agenda: Mark Balfanz; Second: Andy Barrone. Approved.*
6. **Approval of 2-1-24 Minutes** – *Motion to approve minutes: Bill Sherman; Second: Chris DeLiso. Approved.*
7. **Treasurer's Report** – Tim Roberts
 - a) Hardcopies of the report were made available to Executive Committee members
 - b) Political Account – Balance \$12,397.16.
 - c) Administrative Account – Balance \$3,228.37.*Motion to approve report: Alan Cobb; Second: Bill Sherman. Approved.*
8. **US Senate Candidate Dr. Sherry O'Donnell** – Dr. O'Donnell shared why she is running and talked about her qualifications. Website: DocSherry2024.com. Cell phone: (269) 449-5550.
9. **Chair's Report** – Steve Willis gave updates on the following:
 - a) 2024 CCRP Club Sponsorships
 - b) Tom Barrett Petitions
 - c) Wind & Solar
 - d) Precinct Delegate Applications
 - e) Election Inspector Applications
 - f) CheckMyVote Business Cards
 - g) AxMiTax Petitions
 - h) Lincoln Day Dinner Sponsorships
10. **Vice-Chair's Report** – Nancy Bareham shared the following:
 - a) Legislative Update
 - b) State Party/State Committee Update
11. **District 7 Caucus Report** – Nancy Bareham

12. Committee Reports

- a) **Wind & Solar Update** – Steve Willis
 - i) Petitions were made available for the Ballot Initiative to Restore Local Zoning Control of Wind & Solar Projects
 - ii) We need circulators to gather signatures – contact Ken Weiber, Theresa Owen, Steve Willis, or Andy Barrone
- b) **Legislation/Ordinance** – David Smith, Chairperson
- c) **Election Integrity** – Maureen Hillary & Anne Hill
 - i) Field canvassing and digital canvassing are still underway in Clinton County
 - ii) The project is getting attention from national mainstream media
 - iii) There are still over 100% of Michigan residents registered to vote (more registrations than there are qualified voters)
 - iv) There was very low turnout for early voting
- d) **School Boards** – Steve Willis
 - i) Steve Willis reported we are still looking for one more candidate to run for the St Johns School Board and two more candidates for each of the Bath, DeWitt and Ovid/Elsie board races.
 - ii) St Johns Bond Issue – David Smith explained that sinking funds are like a savings account and would be a better option than the millage proposal that will be on the May ballot
- e) **Candidate Recruitment** – Steve Willis
- f) **Events** – Nancy Bareham
- g) **Precinct Delegate Recruitment** – Steve Willis gave report; Lisa Barrone is the Chairperson
 - i) Filing deadline is May 7, 2023
 - ii) Applications and notary services were available before and after of the meeting
 - iii) We will continue to collect and notarize forms at future meetings

13. Candidates and Elected Officials Reports

Clinton County State House Seats

- a) Patty McPhee (75th) – shared her story and why she is running, will be filing soon
- b) Cady Ness-Smith (77th) – has filed, was not present at the meeting
- c) Tim Kelly (93rd) – has filed, was not present at the meeting

Clinton Countywide Elected

- a) Drain Commissioner – Phil Hanses has filed to run for one more term as Drain Commissioner.
- b) Prosecutor – Tony Spagnuolo, has filed to run for another term
- c) Sheriff – Sean Dush has filed to run for another term

Clinton County Commissioner

- a) District 1 – Incumbent Val Vail-Shirey (R) has not filed
- b) District 2 – Incumbent Dave Phol (R) has not filed; Challenger Shane Hilyard has not filed yet
- c) District 3 – Incumbent Bruce Delong has not filed

- d) District 4 – Incumbent Ken Mitchell (R) has filed; Challenger Brian Hurtekant (R) has filed
- e) District 5 – Incumbent Bob Showers (R) has filed; Challengers Brian Byars (R) and Muhammad Rais (D) have filed
- f) District 6 – Incumbent John Andrews (D) has not filed; looking for Republican challenger
- g) District 7 – Incumbent Dwight Washington (D) has not filed; looking for Republican challenger

Township/City Elected

- a) DeWitt Twp Supervisor – Incumbent Rick Galardi (R) is running again
- b) DeWitt Twp Trustee – Incumbent Dave Seeger (R), is not running

15. New Business

- a) Location of CCRP Monthly Meetings – Steve Willis reviewed the circumstances that led to our meetings being moved to the Victor Twp Hall (no cost and guaranteed access).

16. Next CCRP Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday, April 4, 2024 – Victor Township Hall.

17. Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn: Mark Balfanz; Second: Alan Cobb. Approved.* (Adjourned at 9:47 pm)

Submitted by Missy Porterfield, Secretary