

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

September 5, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Victor Township Hall

Approved

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Steve Willis called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. **Invocation** – Nancy Bareham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Mark Balfanz
4. **Roll Call** – 12 members of the Executive Committee were in attendance; a quorum was established.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – *Motion to approve agenda: Phil Hanses; Second: Alan Cobb. Approved.*
6. **Approval of June 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes** – *Motion to approve: Mark Balfanz; Second: Chris DeLiso. Approved.*
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – Tim Roberts reported there were no changes in our accounts since last month
8. **Chair’s Report** – Steve Willis gave updates on the following:
 - a) Eagle Days walk – Saturday, September 7
 - b) Trump/Rogers Canvass in St Johns
 - c) Campaign help for candidates – fundraisers for Cady Ness-Smith, Jim Spagnoulo, Brian Hurtekant
 - d) TPUSA – Chase the votes – CCRP to walk Bath Twp for Jim Spagnoulo; Southern DeWitt for Anne Hill; Westphalia for Brian Hurtekant
 - e) Signs – “Republicans for the republic” (not pursuing)
 - f) Palm cards – Conservative candidates for non-partisan offices (including School Boards)
9. **Vice-Chair’s Report** – Nancy Bareham shared the following:
 - a) State Party update – Supreme Court update
 - b) Legislative update – Minimum wage issue
 - c) Watertown Twp – Utility scale battery storage facility- Ingersoll/Grand River
10. **Candidates and Elected Officials Reports** (*Not present at meeting, name announced by Steve Willis)

Trump Campaign – Timothy Schaffer and Calvin

Rogers Campaign – Travis Cristoff

Barrett Campaign – Robert Fumai

Clinton County State House Seats

- a) Cady Ness-Smith (77th) – Needs help (door knockers and fundraisers)
- b) *Tim Kelly (93rd)

Clinton Countywide Elected

- a) Prosecutor – Tony Spagnoulo (unopposed)
- b) Treasurer – *Steven Wiswasser (unopposed)
- c) Clerk/Register – *Deb Sutherland (unopposed)
- d) Sheriff – *Sean Dush (unopposed)
- e) Drain Commissioner – Phil Hanses (R); write-in campaign recently launched by Republican challenger

Clinton County Commissioner

- a) District 1 – Nicole Fickes (unopposed)
- b) District 2 – *Zach Rudat (R); Evie Quiroga-Klein (D)
- c) District 3 – *Bruce DeLong (R); *John Husby (D)
- d) District 4 – Brian Hurtekant (R); *Matthew Boak (D)
- e) District 5 – *Bob Showers (R); *Muhammad Rais (D)
- f) District 6 – *Anne Hill (R); *John Andrews (D)
- g) District 7 – *Jim Spagnoulo (R); *Dwight Washington (D)

Township/City Elected

- a) DeWitt Twp Trustee – *Steve Smith (R)
- b) DeWitt Twp Trustee – Lisa Barrone (R)
- c) Eagle Twp Supervisor – Troy Stroud (R)
- d) Essex Twp Treasurer – *Kathleen George (R)

School Board

- a) St Johns – James Sills

11. Election for Opening on Executive Committee

- a) Explanation of process
- b) Nominations – Gary Hauser nominated by Tim Roberts

***Motion** by Tim Roberts for Gary Hauser to be nominated to fill the open position in the CCRP Executive Committee for term ending on December 31, 2024. Second: Chris DeLiso. Voice vote (due to only one nominee) – approved.*

12. Committee Reports

- a) **Events** – Fall Event, Grass Roots Git Down, October 10, 2024 at Sirens in St Johns
- b) **Candidate Assistance** - The committee reviewed requests from three candidates and made recommendations for allocation of \$17,000 from the CCRP Political Account
***Motion** made by Chris DeLiso to give \$9,000 to Cady Ness-Smith, \$4,000 to Jim Spagnoulo, and \$4,000 to Brian Hurtekant for any subsequent additional expenses associated with their campaigns. Second: Tim Roberts. Voice vote - approved.*
- c) **Election Integrity**
 - i) AV Boards – tabulating 9 days of results
 - ii) Election Inspectors - vetting
 - iii) AB Voter – signature verification

d) **Voter Assistance**

- i) Early Absentee Voting – 40 days, September 26, 2024 (Chase the vote)
- ii) Nine days of Early Voting – October 26, 2024
- iii) Day of Election Voting – Challengers and watchers
- iv) Walk Days for candidates

e) **School Boards** – Conservative candidates will be listed on CCRP Non-Partisan Palm Card

- i) St Johns – Brian Randolph, James Sills
- ii) Ovid-Elsie – Becky Williams, Sue Kadlek
- iii) Grand Ledge – Bretton Bell, Tim Toten, Ben Cwayna
- iv) DeWitt – one conservative candidate TBD

13. New Business

“Republicans for the Republic” signs – not pursuing the idea

14. Next CCRP Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday, October 3, 2024 – Victor Township Hall.

15. Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn: Mark Balfanz; Second: Alan Cobb. Approved.* (Adjourned at 9:05 pm)

Submitted by Missy Porterfield, Secretary