

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF
KOSSUTH COUNTY

I.

The name of the organization shall be "The Republican Party of Kossuth County".

II.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to conduct, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Kossuth 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

The membership of the party shall be composed of all eligible voters of Kossuth county who desire to support the objectives of the Republican party. Membership shall be available to all said eligible voters of Kossuth County without regard to race, creed, religion or sex.

Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to abridge or deny the right of any voter to participate in any caucus, primary election or convention wherein the voter is entitled by law to participate.

It shall be the duty of the County Central Committee to enroll all members of the Party within Kossuth County in so far as it is practicable to do so. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to eligible electors.

IV.

MEMBERSHIP AND POWERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The County Central Committee shall be composed of two persons from each voting precinct, as specified in the Code of Iowa,

elected at precinct caucuses or otherwise provided by law.

The general management of the affairs of the Party in Kossuth County is vested in the Kossuth County Central Committee, subject to direction from time to time by the County Convention of the Party.

The Kossuth County Central Committee shall have such officers and administrative personnel as it may determine and shall organize its operation to attain the objectives of the Republican Party, and shall have power to adopt bylaws to carry out its duties and the purposes of the Constitution, provided such bylaws are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution or the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa or the laws of the State of Iowa.

The term of office of a member of the County Central Committee shall begin on the day of the precinct caucuses and continue until the next precinct caucus and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. A member may be sooner 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~~ may be filled by majority vote of the County Central Committee, or at a precinct caucus called pursuant to the party's state constitution or bylaws.

~~The Kossuth County Republican Convention, convened in Burt, Iowa, 12 March 2016 directs the Central Committee to take the following actions by April 30, 2016:~~

- ~~1. Hold a special election for all Executive Committee offices.~~
- ~~2. Officially adopt computer editable bylaws identical to the bylaws of 1989.~~

V.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

The officers of this Central Committee shall be a chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer and such other members as the County Central Committee in its bylaws may provide. The County Central Committee shall organize following each general election but no later than April 1 of the odd-numbered year. The chair and co-chair shall be empowered to name such other officers as is determined necessary to carry out the aims or purposes of the

organization subject to the approval of the County Central Committee. Each member of the County Central Committee shall be given written notice at least five days in advance of the time and place of any meeting scheduled for the election of officers. The term of office of an officer begins upon his or her election and continues until the organizational meeting two years later and until the officer's successor is elected and qualified, unless the officer dies, resigns, or is sooner removed by the County Central Committee for cause.

VI.

MEETINGS

The chair or co-chair or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee may call a meeting of said Committee and there shall be no less than two meetings per year.

VII.

DEFINITION OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION

The Kossuth 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.

Each auxiliary shall elect its own officers.

The chairman of each recognized Party auxiliary shall be an advisory member of the County Central Committee, but shall have no vote in official business transacted by the Committee.

VIII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the executive committee are the chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer and such other persons as provided by the bylaws.

The executive committee shall transact the routine business of the Central Committee and may act in the name of the Central Committee between the meetings of the Central Committee.

IX.

CAUCUSES

The Republican Party of Kossuth County shall conduct regular precinct caucuses and County Conventions, as provided by the Republican State Central Committee. The number of delegates elected from each precinct at the precinct caucuses 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 as provided by state law and specified in the State Call to Convention.

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. First notice shall be published not more than fifteen days nor less than seven days before the date of the caucus and the second shall be made not more than seven days before and not later than the date of the caucus.

Any person voting at a precinct caucus must be a registered Republican in that precinct (or a person who will by the date of the next general election become eighteen years of age and indicates an affiliation with the Republican Party), and a resident of the precinct. A person may register to vote or change party affiliation at the caucus.

X.

VOTING AT PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any precinct caucus or county convention provided for in this Constitution.

At County Conventions the delegation from each precinct shall vote the full strength of the precinct delegation in proportion to the vote of the delegates present.

XI.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by any regularly or specially called County Convention. Notice of intention to so amend shall be included in the call at the request of the chair, co-chair, or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members

of the County Central Committee. Such amendment shall be adopted by a majority vote of delegates of such Convention. This constitution may also be amended by two-thirds of those in attendance at two consecutive central committee meetings.

XII.

CONFLICT WITH STATUTES

No provisions hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the statutes of the State of Iowa, the Constitution of the Republican party of Iowa and the rules of the Republican National Convention which are in conflict herewith

XIII.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This constitution was adopted at the Kossuth County Republican Convention, meeting ~~12~~ 10 March, ~~2016~~ 2018 at ~~Burt~~-Algona, Iowa.