

KOSSUTH

County Constitution and By-Laws

Attached, hereto, is a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the REPUBLICAN Party of KOSSUTH County. This document was received of the Office of Secretary of State on APRIL 4, 1989, by SCOTT W. LAGE of ALGONA, Iowa.

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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 OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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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 be filled by the County Central Committee.

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 a meeting of the
Kossuth County Central Committee on March 29,
, 19 89 at Algona, Iowa, and was filed with the
county and state commissioners of election on the 30th
of March, 19 89.

(Revised, November, 1988. First page only required substantive revision.)

KOSSUTH

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF IOWA
BYLAWS

I.
OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The officers of the County Central Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the County Central Committee (herein referred to as The Committee) and shall discharge the duties described below:

a. The chair shall preside at the meetings of the Committee and serve as its spokesperson. The chair shall provide the leadership and direction necessary for the fulfillment of the purpose of the Committee in matters of policy. The chair, after consultation with the co-chair, may establish special committees and appoint all committee members.

b. The co-chair shall assist the chair in fulfillment of that officer's duties and assume those duties in the absence of the chair.

c. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee and the executive committee and all other records. The secretary shall perform such other duties as may pertain to the office, and as specified in these bylaws.

d. The treasurer shall maintain all financial records for the Committee and prepare and file records required by federal and state laws. No money shall be expended by the treasurer unless said expenditure has been approved by the chair or the co-chair in the absence of the chair.

Sec. 2 The officers shall be elected by the Committee at a Committee meeting held after the general election and before April 1. The officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair, the co-chair shall call a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of filling such vacancy. If the office of chair and co-chair are both vacant, the secretary, or in that officer's absence, the treasurer, shall call a special meeting of the Committee for the purpose of filling any vacancies. In the event that all offices are vacant or in the event of a vacancy in any office for a period of more than 30 days, a meeting for the purpose of filling vacancies may be called by the chairman of the district executive committee.

Sec. 3 The Committee shall be notified at least five days in advance of any meeting at which it is proposed to fill a vacancy in the position of chair, co-chair, secretary or treasurer.

II

COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 The standing committees of the Central Committee may be empowered by The Central Committee, and in appropriate circumstances by the chairman, after consultation with the co-chairman, to make determinations, make recommendations, and implement action consistent with the purposes and the policies of the Central Committee.

The standing committees are:

- a. The finance committee, which shall plan and implement fundraising activities;
- b. The organization committee, which shall be responsible for developing the precinct organization, identifying voters, and developing and implementing plans to increase the Republican vote in Kossuth County;
- c. The budget committee, which shall be responsible for recommending budgets on an annual calendar year basis for the expenditures of The Committee and shall consider budgeting of such additional items of expenditures as from time to time are proposed for The Committee. Expenditures of each line item of the budget shall be limited by the budget unless the amount authorized is later specifically increased by The Committee. This limitation shall not, however, apply to the cost of fundraising functions;
- d. The candidates and campaign assistance committee, which shall recruit candidates and assist them in their campaigns;
- e. The special projects committee which shall sponsor activities or assist other groups within the Republican Party in sponsoring activities which will improve the image and/or financial condition of the Republican Party;

Sec. 2 Special committees may be established for a specified time by the Central Committee or the chairman, after consultation with the co-chairman, to perform specified tasks.

Sec. 3 Committee chairmen and members may be removed by the Central Committee chairman after consultation with the co-chairman or by a majority vote of the Central Committee.

Sec. 4 The chairman and co-chairman shall be ex officio members of all standing committees.

III

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the executive committee shall include the chairman, co-chairman, secretary, treasurer and finance chairman.

IV

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Sec. 1 The members of the advisory committee shall include the officers, chairmen of the standing committees and the chief officers of county Republican auxiliary organizations.
- Sec. 2 The advisory committee shall assist the chairman and co-chairman in coordinating Republican activities in the county.

V

MEETINGS

- Sec. 1 Regular meetings of the Central Committee shall be held at least quarterly and be called by the chairman or co-chairman or 30% of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee.
- Sec. 2 Meetings shall be convened on written calls of the chairman, co-chairman or 30% of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee.
- Sec. 3 Notice of each meeting shall be mailed to each Central Committee member prior to the meeting date.
- Sec. 4 A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of 10% of the members of the Central Committee.
- Sec. 5 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall prevail at all meetings of The Committee except as shall be altered by the Code of Iowa, the Republican Party Constitution, or by the Constitution or bylaws of this Committee.

VI

PROPERTY, RECORDS AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Sec. 1 All records and property purchased or acquired by The Committee or any of its employees in connection with the conduct of the affairs of The Committee shall be the property of The Committee.

Sec. 2 Contracts-Checks-Loans-Deposits

- a. Contracts -- The Committee may authorize the chairman or treasurer to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of said Committee.
- b. Loans -- No loans shall be contracted on behalf of The Committee and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of said Committee.
- c. Checks, drafts, etc. -- All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of The Committee shall be signed by the treasurer of The Committee or that officer's designee and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of The Committee. All expenditures shall be approved by the chairman.
- d. Deposits -- All funds under control of The Committee shall be deposited to the credit of said Committee in such banks, trust companies, savings and loan institutions, or other as The Committee may select. All funds of the Central Committee shall be segregated from any personal funds of the officers, members of associates of the Central Committee.

Sec. 3 No member of the Central Committee shall be liable personally for any obligations of the Central Committee, except that each individual is personally responsible for the prompt transmittal of funds the member has collected, on behalf of the Committee, to the treasurer, and for the accurate accounting as to funds and property in the member's custody.

VII

MINIMUM PERFORMANCE

Sec. 1 Minimum performance by Central Committee members includes attending at least half of the meetings held by the Central Committee; organization of precinct caucuses; cooperation with Central Committee fundraising activities in the member's precinct; cooperation with organizational activities in the member's precinct, such as county registration or canvass activities; organization of election day activities in the member's precinct; and active support of the candidates nominated by the Republican Party.

Sec. 2 A member of the Central Committee may be removed by a majority vote of The Committee if the member fails to properly carry out their duties. Notice of the removal motion must be given to said member before the meeting at which the removal action will be considered. The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard when the removal question is before The Committee.

VIII

CONFLICT WITH STATUTES

No provision 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.

IX

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members of the Central Committee present at any meeting of the county committee. Written notice of the proposed amendment and a full copy thereof shall be forwarded to the members of The Committee at least five days before the meeting at which said amendment is to be presented for consideration and vote.

X

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These bylaws were adopted at a meeting of the Kossuth County Central Committee on March 29th, 1989, at Algona, Iowa, and was filed with the county and state commissioners of election on the 30th day of March, 1989.