

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Invocation – Pastor Brian Ford

Pledge – Charlie Robinson

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: County Prosecutor Beth Hand, Sheriff Kim Cole, County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, County Commissioner Ron Bacon, Kirk Chavalia, Verna Chavalia, Pastor Brian Ford, Sheila Genter, Cynthia Johnson, Jason Kirkpatrick, Shaun Shoemate, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Bill Chye, Duane Hobart, Margaret Greiner, Tom Johnson, Cindy Muzzo, Nicole Norton.

Guests: Tim Muldoon, Mary Kay Dennis, Shannon Stickney, David Wiegand, Emmah Coker, Daniel Jensen, Jim Bachelder, Dick Boes, Brittany Carsten, Aldon Maleckas, Randy Williams, Mike Shaw.

Approval of the March 4, 2025 Minutes –

***Motion** made by Verna Chavalia to approve the March 4, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Jason Kirkpatrick. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasury Report – Sheila Genter gave the financial report on expenses and income in the State Acct along with the starting and ending balances for the month. The Admin Acct balance remains the same having no activity during the month.

***Motion** made by Pastor Ford to approve the financial report. Seconded by Jason Kirkpatrick. No discussion. Motion carried.

Official Business – Reports from Committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

A1) In Nicole's absence, Sheila reported an update on the field trip. April 23rd is the date set for the field trip to the capitol and departure time will be 8:30am, lunch will be provided, a tour of the Capitol will be given by Representative Fox following lunch and ending with the kids observing the House going into session at 1:30pm. Waivers for parents to sign are prepared. Vans are being rented for \$850.00 and other expenses will be gas and lunch. Correspondence was sent to Homeschool parents as well as to LHS, MCC, and MCE, inviting high school students on the field trip.

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to approve up to \$1500.00 for expenses for bus trip. Seconded by Verna Chavalia. No discussion. Motion carried.

A2) Confirmation date has been set for May 19th at Scotty's. Menu still must be decided on and speakers will be Chris Long and Ryan Kelley. Still need to work on sponsors & silent auction items.

New Business:

B1) The Adopt-A-Highway packet has been received, and Sheila is turning the organizing of volunteers for highway pickup over to her Vice-Chair, Charlie Robinson. Volunteers are needed. We must have a minimum of 6 volunteers for highway cleanup.

B2) Thoughts, concerns and info on tariffs was shared by Sheila, which led to good discussion.

B3) Sheila reported that the EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin, announced that his agency is reviewing with the intent of reversing thirty-one of the costliest regulations it has ever imposed. This includes electric

vehicle mandates, the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment findings, the Clean Power Plan and the social cost of carbon. While accomplishing the EPS's core mission of protecting the environment, the agency is committed to fulfilling President Trump's promise to unleash America's energy, lower cost of living for Americans, revitalize the American auto industry, restore the rule of law and give power back to states to make their own decisions.

B3) HB-4304 introduced 3/26/25 which is a bill to amend 1994 PA-451 entitled Natural Resources and Environmental Act.

B4) The Congressional Review Act allows Congress to strike down regulations issued by Federal agencies. One of the most unique aspects of the CRA is that for a limited window, the Senate can take up these resolutions under an expedited process by passing the usual filibuster threshold of 60 votes and passing a resolution of disapproval by a simple majority.

B5) The NY Court of Appeals ruled 6 to 1 that allowing non-citizens to vote is unconstitutional.

B6) Rebecca reported the Focus to Life Annual Dinner is May 5th at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club. Guest speaker is Dr. John Bruchalski, MD who is a former abortionist doctor now converted to a prolife doctor and has a Ministry called Divine Life Care at www.divinemercycare.org

Reports from Federal & State Elected Officials & D2 Member –

-Emmah Coker from John Moolenaar's team reported they did hold a Virtual Town Hall. Congressman Moolenaar attended President Trump's Address to Congress on March 4th and is happy to continue working with President Trump. Along with Congresswoman Scholten he introduced the Veteran's Fellowship Act and he also introduced the Veteran's Patient Advocacy Act alongside with Congresswoman Dingell. Emmah then entertained questions.

-Senator Jon Bumstead report read by Sheila Genter.

-Representative Joe Fox report read by Charlie Robinson.

Reports from County Elected Officials –

-Ron Bacon reported the Chill Grant has helped 22 families.

-Sheriff Kim Cole reported on the National Sheriff's Conference in DC that he and some of his staff attended in February. He also shared info from the trip to DC in March with the (FAIR) Federation for American Immigration Reform about border security and then his meeting up with Moolenaar.

-Prosecuting Attorney Beth Hand reported on the Job Fair at Michigan State Law School and is still waiting to fill the Assistant spot. Also shared some info on recent interviews and more positions to fill.

Announcements –

-Sheila shared informational websites on Renewable Energy, DOGE, Border Wall, Deportations, Reduction of Federal Bureaucracy and the Departments of Investigations.

-On Monday, May 5th, 11:30 –1:00pm at the Hart Pizza Place, Senator Jon Bumstead with State Senator Aric Nesbitt (candidate running for Governor) are providing lunch and conversation.

Public Comments – Tim Muldoon shared an idea about getting people together to support Trump and DOGE and shared suggestion for the LDD; Mike Shaw spoke on the City Council wanting to expand the social district; Brittany Carsten commented on legislation in Custer; Aldon Maleckas shared concerns with what the kids are exposed to in the library and the internet, on who controls the media and getting rid of the Federal Reserve; Randy Williams spoke on concentrations of atmospheric CO2 and everything

we do has an effect on it, also what Doug Bergam is urging state governors to do and regenerative agriculture; Daniel Jensen spoke on tariffs and what DOGE is actually doing by sharing some history data; Dick Boes spoke on grants, articles appearing in the newspapers and how we need a bigger voice; Kirk Chavalia shared what happened in Oceana Co with some farmland.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Sheriff Kim Cole. No discussion. Motion carried.

Next meeting date is May 6, 2025, 6:30pm at Hamlin Town Hall.