

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

Call to Order – 6:30pm.

Invocation – Verna Chavalia

Pledge – Ben Norton

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: Co Com Lewis Squires, Co Com Ron Bacon, Kirk Chavalia, Verna Chavalia, Bill Chye, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Duane Hobart, Cynthia Johnson, Eric Juers, Jason Kirkpatrick, Cindy Muzzo, Ben Norton, Nicole Norton, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Pastor Brian Ford.

Guests: Shaun Shoemate, Dan Fulton, Ryan Howe, Renee Howe, Carole Johnson, Linda Kurncz, Kelly Crocker, Rich Rouwhorst, Joe Hastings, Peg Hastings, Tim Muldoon, Lyla McClelland, Phil Yarbrough, Alan Neushwander, Jennifer Neushwander, Edmund Zynda, Loretta Anderson, Carolyn Cater, Brittany Carsten.

Approval of the October 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes –

***Motion** by Bill Chye to approve the October 1st Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Nicole Norton. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasury Report –

Committee members were provided financial statements of our State and Admin accounts for the month of October. The Treasurer reviewed the statements with committee members and provided in detail the income and expenses for the month as well as the account balances.

***Motion** made by Verna Chavalia to approve the Financial Reports. Seconded by Jason Kirkpatrick. No discussion. Motion carried.

Reports from Committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

A1 – Sheila reported at the end of October we had covered Mason County with 1,895 Trump/Vance, YES, Fight, and Hope signs and 425 Trump/Force signs totaling 2,320 yard signs with 10 Trump/Force signs left. A few committee members and delegates also volunteered with installing 66 4x8, 20 4x5 and 20 3x4 signs. Our visitor logs indicated that 1,835 Republican supporters had visited the HQ from May until we closed, November 7th. We had a dedicated volunteer group of 22 Republican supporters who manned the Headquarters, Monday through Saturday during said months.

New Business:

B1 – All of our hard work paid off as Sheila proudly stated, we did it, Donald Trump is our 47th President of the United States of America!!!!

B2 – A review of the “Unofficial” election results for Mason County was presented by the Chair. Sheila will update with the “Official” election results when they are available.

B3 – Sheila requested to cancel the regular December MCREC Meeting in that we have to hold our County Convention within 30 days of the General election. The County Convention would take place on December 3rd in lieu of our regular meeting.

***Motion** made by Verna Chavalia to cancel the regular MCREC meeting in December and replace that date with our County Convention. Seconded by Bill Chye. Some discussion. Chair put motion to the floor. Motion carried.

B4 – The Chair reported that there will be training for new Precinct Delegates and for those who would like a refresher course on Wednesday, November 20th in the Book Mark meeting room at 1:00pm. This training is voluntary.

B5 – Sheila confirmed that our County Convention will be held on December 3, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Hamlin Town Hall.

B6 – Sheila reported information she received on HB 6068. The Democrat Representatives are going to try to push through during lame duck session to change the health education curriculum in public schools by mandating the health standards in the MI Model be updated adding Bodily Autonomy requirements to be taught. The Democrats want wordage added to the bill to include gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation and require public schools to include in health education. Also, School Staff would be allowed to distribute FDA contraception (condoms) to kids, and lastly Democrats want to remove a member of the clergy requirement to sit on the sex education advisory and health board.

B7- Committee members and precinct delegates recently received emails from an account pretending to be from Chair Sheila Genter. Many Republican Chairs throughout the state have been targeted by this phishing scheme. THIS IS NOT LEGITIMATE. The email address does not belong to me. This is a phishing scheme where the scammer is trying to get you to buy online gift cards and then send the scammer the serial numbers of the gift cards. Or another one was about meeting with me in private. Please either ignore, report and delete or ignore and delete. Sheila stated she will NEVER ask anyone to purchase gift cards or ask to scammer meet in private. Sheila's email address is sheilakraus3467@gmail.com. The email of the scammer is usually officialmailer7 or officialmailer with some other number behind it.

Reports from State Elected Officials –

-Sheila read a report provided by Congressman John Moolenaar.

-Ben Norton read report provided by Representative Joe Fox.

Reports from County Elected Officials –

-Commissioner Lewis Squires reported at the BOC meeting this morning all the Commissioners were present and we are staying with same Commissioners. Some of the basic things discussed today was the End Report from Drain Commissioners, report from Dani McGarry on the Mason-Lake Conservation District, the purchase of 3 radios for the Sheriff Dept, and approvals of the Emergency Management Performance Grant with the State of Michigan, the Dog License Transfer Fee, the 2024 Budget Amendments and the Senior Millage Funding Allocation request for 2025. We are having a special County Commissioner Meeting instead of a work session on November 26 and December 30.

Announcements –

-Sheila once again announced the County Convention for At Large and Precinct Delegates will be held on

December 3, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Hamlin Town Hall.

- Alan Neushwander thanked everyone for their support and trust in him to represent them on the Ludington School Board and would like to come in periodically to give an update.

- Bill Chye commented on how proud he was to see Margaret Greiner speak at the Candidate Forum at WSCC; Margaret Greiner then spoke on her experience running for Scottville School Board and the Candidate Forum held at the College.

Public Comments –

Aldon Maleckas commented on concerns with smart meters that work on radio frequency and Great Lakes Energy; Brittany Carsten shared her current focus on school board meetings; Dan Fulton shared his heartfelt thanks for everyone that worked so hard this election year; Tim Muldoon shared a memory from the 2016 Presidential Election and the watch party at the Stearns; Charlie Robinson shared how Trump worked around the clock for months and shared that Sheila was pretty close to that and gave a big thanks to Sheila as everyone rose applauding; Nicole Norton shared a letter from Randy Williams (who could not attend) on CO2, climate change and Green New Deal.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Bill Chye to adjourn Meeting. Seconded by Nicole Norton. No discussion.
Motion carried

Next meeting to be announced.

Tina Shirshun

Secretary