

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Invocation – Pastor Brian Ford

Pledge – Charles Robinson

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: County Sheriff Kim Cole, County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Kirk Chavalia, Verna Chavalia, Bill Chye, Pastor Brian Ford, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Tom Johnson, Jason Kirkpatrick, Cindy Muzzo, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Joe Hastings, Cynthia Johnson, and Nicole Norton.

Guests: Lyla McClelland, Daniel Jensen, Tim Muldoon, Carole Johnson, Aldon Maleckas, Randy Williams, Grace McNabney, Jake Davenport, Jerry Skar, Steve Opperman, Loretta Anderson, and Brittany Carsten.

Approval of the March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes –

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to approve the March 3, 2026 meeting minutes. Seconded by Verna Chavalia. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasury Report –

Margaret Greiner reported February EOM balance on the State acct, all March incomes and expenses, then giving the March EOM balance. Margaret reported the Admin acct had no activity which leaves the EOM balance the same.

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to approve the March Financials report. Seconded by Tom Johnson. Some discussion. Chair put motion to the floor with a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Official Business – Executive Committee Reports from Committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

1) Sheila opened discussion on LDD dinner which included menus options/dinner cost, getting flyers out, silent auction vs large items to be acquired by chance donations, advertising in MCP, LDD program advertising spots, keynote speaker and candidates attending.

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to approve the pork tenderloin, garlic parmesan chicken, cheesy potatoes, house salad and dinner roll for menu also including appetizers. Seconded by Bill Chye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to approve a package type set-up for meat, a sunset cruise, a Lewis Farm Adventure trip and a car detail package for the donation chances. Seconded by Bill Chye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to approve Susan Kokinda for key speaker, no fee, just lodging and transportation to be provided. Seconded by Bill Chye. No further discussion. Motion carried.

***Motion** made by Bill Chye to approve the cost of \$60.00 per person for the LDD. Seconded by Jason Kirkpatrick. No further discussion. Motion carried.

2) State Endorsement Convention update - Anthony Forlini won the SOS and Doug Lloyd won the AG.

3) Sheila covered several candidates that have been invited to speak at LDD.

4) The filing deadline for the Precinct Delegate Affidavit form is May 5th, 2026, no later than 4:00:pm. Sheila provided a copy of the apportionment form for discussion and reviewed ways to support and engage the local GOP.

5) Membership dues can be paid by check or online by visiting website.

6)Sheila open discussion on HQ and possibilities still being looked into.

New Business:

1) 4th of July Parade – Sheila looking for this year’s theme (250th Anniversary) and talked about candidates walking with us.

2) Sheila talked about developing a Candidate Booklet for 2026 and is asking for volunteers to help with this task.

Reports from Federal & State Elected Officials –

-Grace McNabnay from Moolenaar’s team gave the following update. Congressman Moolenaar supports President Trump’s decision that the employees in the DHS get paid for their work. Moolenaar also reported on his trip to NYC to the United Nations Oversight Committee Hearing and his question for Ambassador Waltz on efforts to combat the CCP’S attempt to expance influence in the United Nations. Moolenaar also supports the Deporting Fraudster’s Act and lastly, anyone requesting a campaign sign to contact Moolenaar’s team and they will get one to you.

-Jake Davenport with Mike Rogers’ team reported the Senate Leadership Fund has decided they are going to support Mike Rogers in the US Senate race here in Michigan with 45 million dollars which is huge.

Reports from County Elected Officials & D2 Member –

-D2 Brittany Carsten reported D2 has an open state seat. Bree Moegenberg has stepped down and now is our Endorsed School Board candidate. D2 is voting April 25th for that position.

-County Sheriff Kim Cole reported he will be giving his last annual report at the next board meeting on April 14th. Kim also reported there is one opening at the Sheriff’s office but jails are fully staffed. Kim also spoke on the National Sheriff’s Conference in DC in February and shared he did submit his resignation letter last month to the National Sheriff’s Board of Directors (will be retiring out), and will be in Omaha, Nebraska in June for his last National Sheriff’s Conference. Kim also shared this coming November 11th he will be recognized as “The American Sheriff of the Year” at the Claremont Institute in Huntington Beach, CA.

-County Clerk Cheryl Kelly advises precinct delegate applicants not to wait till May 5th due to West Shore Community College election. Filing deadlines April 21st 4:00pm for City of Ludington, some commission seats and the clerk are open.

Announcements –

-Sheila announced per State Senator Jon Bumstead to please join for an evening reception with John James, Friday, May 8th, 5:00-6:30pm at Legends Ranch in Bitely, MI. Minimum is \$150 per person to attend.

-Rebecca Robinson announced the Right to Life Fundraiser is on April 23rd at Lincoln Hills. \$50.00 per person. Guest speaker will be Emery Elenbaas. RSVP by April 10.

Public Comments – Lyla McClelland spoke on clarifying her comment in last month’s meeting that she was referring to elected officials and not candidates; Aldon Maleckas commented on President Trump’s recent meeting and also provided a handout with several Articles from the Constitution and spoke on them; Jerry Skar spoke on his views and concerns with President Trump; Steve Opperman spoke on his views with Iran, uranium, nuclear weapons and other related concerns; Brittany Carsten inquired on SRO funding for school resource officers; Tim Muldoon commented on his trip to Dearborn area and also made suggestion for the 4th of July Parade; Loretta Anderson shared a question for Sheriff Cole on his campaign and also who will replace his current position; Randy Williams commented on climate

social goals and mentioned the article he wrote in the LDN's; Daniel Jensen spoke on constitutional amendments to the states, concentrating on amendments VII and XVI and also advised everyone to come to the Public Hearing on the proposed PACE program on April 13th in Ludington; Sheriff Kim Cole spoke on his campaign, door knocking will start in the next couple of weeks. Brittany will be spear heading the events here in Mason County so we're looking for people to help knock doors. There are plenty of flyers and handout materials now and over 1000 yard signs are soon coming. April 18th a team will go to Roosevelt Park in Norton Shores to knock doors. Fundraising is going really well. Kim greatly appreciates everyone joining his team; Margaret Greiner commented on RCV being used in NY; Kirk Chavalía commented for everyone to remember our Highway Clean-Ups that are coming up and that more committee members and volunteers need to help.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Verna Chavalía. No discussion. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tina Shirshun (MCREC Secretary)

Next meeting will be held June 2, 2026, 6:30pm at Hamlin Town Hall.