

**Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026**

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Invocation – Pastor Brian Ford

Pledge – Daniel Jensen

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Kirk Chavalia, Verna Chavalia, Pastor Brian Ford, Sheila Genter, Tom Johnson, Jason Kirkpatrick, Cindy Muzzo, Nicole Norton, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Bill Chye, Margaret Greiner, Joe Hastings, Cynthia Johnson, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson.

Guests: Aldon Maleckas, Randy Williams, Neal Turluck, Barb Rylander, Daniel Jensen, Loretta Anderson, Curtis Shepard Jr.

Approval of the December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes –

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to approve the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Nicole Norton. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasury Report –

Sheila gave the Treasury report stating the only difference in the State acct balance from December is one expense for Quickbooks. Admin acct balance remains the same due to no activity there.

***Motion** made by Pastor Ford to approve the December Financial report. Seconded by Verna Chavalia. No discussion. Motion carried.

Official Business – Executive Committee Reports from committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

1) The Official County Call to Convention notices were emailed to precinct delegates on January 22 and requests that everyone reply they received it. County Call to Convention will be held at Hamlin Town Hall on February 26 starting at 7:00pm, please come at least 15 minutes early and must bring driver's license. We are now up to 9 delegates and 9 alternates that we will be voting on.

2) Republican State Endorsement Convention is March 28th at the Suburban Showplace in Novi, MI and there is a \$50 registration fee to participate. Sheila provided a printout of 2026 Endorsement Candidates to date which led to good discussion.

3) Sheila reported the new Precinct Delegate affidavit forms are in and need to be filed with the County Clerk on or before May 5, 2026. Deadline is 4:00pm on May 5th, no exceptions.

New Business:

1) Executive Committee membership dues are due with a review of fees on the form.

2) Sheila provided a printout of Endorsement Candidates to date. Some discussion.

3) Sheila reviewed how the County Precinct Delegate Apportionment is determined and went over areas in Mason County that need recruiting of potential delegates. We currently have 36 but can have up to as many as 100 delegates.

4) Sheila opened discussion on Lincoln Day Dinner, suggesting Stearns for location, ideas for speakers, and several dates discussed that would work for most. Agreed dates to look at are May 11th and 13th.

5) Membership recruiting discussion on ideas to get people involved.

6) Local Protests, Reader's Forum, etc. – executive committee engaged in good discussion on ideas, do's and don'ts, experience and suggestions.

Reports from Federal & State Elected Officials –

-Sheila read report from Congressman Moolenaar with his detailed explanation on why he voted against Representative Norman's amendment to the Labor-H Appropriations Bill.

-Sheila read report from Senator Bumstead with information from the January 2026 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference. New earmarked transparency requirements took effect 1/1/2026 and all budget requests must be made public at least 45 days before a vote in the Senate and the House. Other items mentioned were long term road funding, no taxes on tips/overtime/social security, minimum wage increase, red white and blue license plates, bills prohibiting students from using smart phones during instructional time, 211 service, urgent blood shortage and firearm safety courses in schools.

Reports from County Elected Officials & D2 Member –

-County Clerk Cheryl Kelly had no report but did mention a court audit coming up.

Announcements –

-Nicole Norton announced the TPUSA faith group that meets at Crossroads Church will be meeting February 11th at 6:30pm and then it's every other Wednesday after.

-Tom Johnson announced he brought in 2026 calendars and notepads for everyone.

Public Announcements – Aldon Maleckas provided printouts and spoke on "History Repeats Itself" and "John F. Kennedy vs Federal Reserve;" Randy Williams commented on Executive Order signed by Trump to assist development of small modular reactors to add to the grid infrastructure, some wind projects that were halted on east coast for security reasons and some Epoch Times articles on the raid removing Maduro from Venezuela and on Greenland being a high return mining opportunity; Curtis Shepard introduced himself, a Conservative Christian and the Youth Minister at the Living Word Church, and shared he is running for the CC School Board and looking for support by signing his petition; Loretta Anderson commented what next if injury happens at protest; Daniel Jensen spoke on some bullet points from an email, passed out a printout of his Oath of Office Resolution for Mason County and another of Trump's accomplishments in 1st term. Daniel will also send info by email to executive committee.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Nicole Norton to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jason Kirkpatrick. No discussion. Motion carried.

Submitted by Tina Shirshun (MCREC Secretary)

Next meeting will be held on March 3, 2026, 6:30pm at Hamlin Town Hall.