

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025

Call to Order – 6:30pm.

Invocation – Verna Chavalía

Pledge – Charles Robinson

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: Senator Jon Bumstead(via cell call), Kirk Chavalía, Verna Chavalía, Bill Chye, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Jason Kirkpatrick, Cindy Muzzo, Shaun Shoemate, Nicole Norton, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Pastor Brian Ford, Duane Hobart, Cynthia Johnson, Tom Johnson.

Guests: Shannon Stickney, Lyla McClelland, Jim Bachelder, Dick Boes, Susan Boes, Emmah Coker, Tim Muldoon, Carolyn Cater, Elaine Cater, Cathy Ingraham, Frank VandeVoorde, Joe Hastings, Peg Hastings.

Approval of the February 4, 2025 Minutes –

***Motion** made by Verna Chavalía to approve the February 4, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Nicole Norton. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasury Report – Margaret Greiner reported the expenses and balance on the State acct and reported no activity on the Admin acct with that balance remaining the same.

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

Official Business – Reports from Committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

A1) Charles Robinson gave the overview on the D2 Caucus & State Convention. Sheila added the new MRP Chair is Senator Jim Runstead, Co-Chair is Bernadette Smith, Outreach VC is Rola Makki, Ethnic VC is Mike Farage, Grassroots VC is Chris Long, Coalitions VC is Sue Kokinda, Youth VC is Krish Manthrani and Administrative VC is Cheryl Constantino. Brittany Carsten also made the D2- Committee.

A2) Nicole Norton gave an update on best days for the trip being in communication with Representative Joe Fox and still working on whether the need will be for one or two vans and the number of days for rental. Sheila added Brittany has not heard back from public schools as of today. Nicole added some time in April is being considered and does have the waiver completed for the parents to sign.

A3) Sheila reminded everyone that memberships are due 30 days after January meeting.

New Business:

B1) Discussion opened on the LDD 2025 on venues (Graystone Event Center, Scotty's, Stix), speakers, and what month to hold the event.

B2) Sheila shared that Chairman Jay DeBoyer announced a new tip-line that Michigan citizens can use to anonymously submit suggestions for oversight investigations <https://mioversight.com>

B3) It was reported that on February 13th the US Dept of Education cancelled over \$350,000,000.00 in contracts and grants to several regional educational laboratories and equity assistance centers and on February 17th it announced it has terminated over \$600,000,000.00 in grants to institutions and non-profits that were using taxpayer funds to train teachers and education agencies on divisive ideologies.

B3) Sheila reported on the End DEI in Education and the portal (<https://enddei.ed.gov/>) for parents, students and teachers to report discriminatory practices carried out under the banner of diversity, equity and inclusion.

B4) Sheila spoke on Election Integrity (<https://tinyurl.com/27ouqptf>) and True the Vote and their findings.

B5) It was recommended to check out the DOGE website (<https://doge.gov/regulations>) where they try to keep the public updated.

B6) Sheila reported on Sanctuary Jurisdictions and where the DOJ stands.

Reports from Federal & State Elected Officials –

--Senator Bumstead reported in Lansing right now that Dems are still in charge of the Senate. House Republicans have started working on Budgets and Committees. He also spoke some on the Gun Safety Bill-58, protecting paid leave, the importance of getting a Republican Governor in office and the goal of lowering both income and corporate taxes.

--Emmah Coker reported that Congressman Moolenaar introduced the Boost Act with Congressman Bishop that would provide a \$300 tax credit to rural households to expand internet access. Moolenaar also reintroduced the Supporting Farm Operations Act, voted in favor of the Budget Resolution and lastly along with Congressman Walberg they called on Eastern Univ, Oakland Univ and Univ of Detroit Mercy to end their partnerships with Chinese universities. Emmah then entertained questions from members which led to good discussion.

--Representative Joe Fox report was read by Charles Robinson

Reports from County Elected Officials –

--Sheila shared some info from the D2 Newsletter that Brittany Carsten forwarded.

Announcement –

--Sheila announced President Trump Addresses a Joint Session of Congress tonight at 9:00pm.

Public Comments – Joe Hastings read some comments from Randy Williams on the Inflation Reduction Act, scientists confirming changes in the Earth's inner core, claims by some CA groups on the recent wildfires, Trump defunding the WHO and a few other topics; Peg Hastings shared she enjoyed the Convention; Lyla McClelland added some ideas for the school bus trip; Dick Boes inquired on the status of electric school busses; Susan Boes commented on the need for more support for coffee hours; Emmah Coker shared her appreciation for support; Jim Bachelder shared experience at Convention; Tim Muldoon commented on coffee hour support; Cathy Ingraham encouraged people to check out the articles on her FB page; Carolyn Cater shared some experiences from family members that have government jobs.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Nicole Norton to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kirk Chavalia. No discussion. Motion carried.

Next meeting date is April 8, 2025, 6:30 pm, Hamlin Town Hall.

Submitted by Tina Shirshun.