



Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting
May 16th, 2023
As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tanner & Jason

Opening Prayer led by City Councilman Anthony Bonna

Mary Ann Russell made a motion to make an amendment to the agenda by removing Rule 8 as the April motion was deficient and should be removed. A 2nd was received but discussion ensued regarding Rule 8, its use and the proper procedure for bringing it to the floor.

- Mary Ann stated the RPOF attorney stated a blanket motion without a race being mentioned is invalid
- Ana Gomez argued those rules do not seem to be written anywhere and wanted written guidance
- Anthony Bonna clarified the motion did not move anything forward as there was not a race identified. Still need to make a motion for a race, send notifications to those candidates
- Members voted to put Rule 8 on the agenda; Kenny did so to allow the body to decide
 - Ana Gomez made a motion to place on the agenda a Rule 8 vote for the Property Appraiser race, give the required notice to candidates and hold a special meeting on May 30th (Chairman Nail stated he would set the meeting date)
 - 2nd by Mike Mulleady
 - Susan Auld made a motion to amend to have the action take place after qualifying date next year. Ana Gomez rejected the amendment
- Body voted with 36 “yes” votes to keep Rule 8 on the agenda
 - Quorum was met

1. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:

- a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
- b. Terissa Aronsen: President of SLC Chamber & School Board candidate
- c. Mary Ann Russell: State Committeewoman and was recently elected as Caucus Chair (Kenny now co-chair)
- d. Anastasia Norman: recently appointed as judge for the circuit court by Governor Ron DeSantis
- e. US Congressman Brian Mast’s campaign manager, Maddox Stirrat
- f. Susan Cedano: President of the TCWRCF
- g. Dale Galliano: TCWRCF

- h. Larry Leet: County Commission
- i. Joe James: candidate for SLC Property Appraiser
- j. James Clasby: candidate for County Commission (Chris Dzodsky's seat)
- k. George Umansky: candidate for SLC Supervisor of Elections
- l. Jennifer Frye: candidate for SLC Supervisor of Elections
- m. Jamie Fowler: County Commissioner
- n. Cody Brown: candidate for County Commission running against incumbent Linda Bartz
- o. Joey Katz

2. Opening Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail:

- a. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration results last 30 days:
 - i. Republicans gained over Democrats by 105 registrations last 30 days
 - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are only 4473 registrations behind the Democrats
 - iii. Goal is to be even by election time 2024

3. Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve: Ana Gomez
- b. 2nd by Jillian
- c. approved

4. Welcome Guests

- a. Butch welcomed 6 guests to the meeting
- b. Alliance chairs, co-chairs will be having an organizational meeting at Applebees on May 18th
- c. Committees and their chairs and co-chairs list will be in the lobby for people to sign-up

5. New Members

- a. Mary Lou Barrett stated there are no new members this month

6. Treasurer Report

- a. Treasurer Russell Ansley showed the REC's bank activity (slide attached to minutes)
- b. Slide shown for the Law and Order and Lincoln Day Dinner costs, income and profit
 - i. All expenses have been logged
 - ii. Income still coming in: waiting on a couple check payments
 - iii. Received great feedback on both events
 - iv. Chair Linda Beaulieu confirmed the events were \$3k under budget and we now own a PA system, linens and a photo drop for future events
 - v. It was clarified that the profit was not reflected in the Treasurer report the previous month
- c. Susan Auld again reiterated the desire to reach out to Byron Donalds and a Hispanic member of Congress in order to invite diversity
 - i. Kenny confirmed reach outs to Congressman Byron Donalds and Alveda King

7. Upcoming Special Events:

- a. TCWRCF meeting coming up May 20th at the Saints Golf Course 19th Hole: 11:30 am

- i. Legislative update with State Representatives Dana Trabulsy and Toby Overdorff and National Committeewoman Kathleen King will be speaking
 - 1. Kenny reiterated if anyone has issue with RNC, they should come to the meeting and express it to the Kathleen King
- b. Republican Club of St Lucie County meeting: June 7th at 6 pm at Santa Lucia River Club
 - i. Speaker is candidate for St Lucie County Sheriff, Richard Del Toro
 - ii. \$25 buffet optional
 - iii. President Laura Roscoe gave an impassioned plea for members to support the events of the Party's events. We need action. It is our mission to promote Republican values
 - iv. Republican Club of St Lucie County is the social arm of the REC and it meets every other month

8. For The Good of the Order

- a. Red Elephant award given to Barry & Debby Mucklow all the work they do as volunteers

9. Rule 8

- a. Kenny explained Rule 8 is used to protect a Republican incumbent in a contested primary or to endorse a registered Republican in a nonpartisan race.
- b. Chairman standard is the same standard: protect the incumbent when they ran and won as a Republican
 - i. The time and place for Rule 8 is after qualification period has ended
 - ii. Please see slide on Rule 8 attached to these minutes
- c. Both side argument/discussion for and against Rule 8 called
 - i. Susan Cedano, President of TCWRCF stated they are not allowed to endorse any candidate until after qualification period because it could potentially block out a candidate and they deserve a voice as well
 - ii. Vicki Wolf stated members have to work for a candidate they don't agree with if the party does not vote for a Rule 8 endorsement
 - iii. Mary Ann Russell: qualifying ends in 2024 and doing Rule 8 keeps other people out of the race
 - iv. Kim Dabe: this vote is only a thumbs up or down on holding the vote. If yes, then we simply invite the candidates to speak at the next meeting
 - v. Butch Post reminded members there is a vetting committee for the purpose of vetting candidates
- d. Kenny appointed 3 to hand out, collect and count the secret ballots:
 - i. Anthony Bonna
 - ii. Maddox Stirrat
 - iii. Joey Katz
- e. Secretary Sherri Propis took roll call
 - i. 63 members were present for the vote
 - ii. Passing vote must meet 60% of those present voting
- f. Motion for Rule 8 for the Property Appraiser race was defeated
 - i. 31 yes
 - ii. 32 no
- g. Marisol made a motion to destroy the ballots

- i. 2nd by Rob
- ii. Motion carried

10. Audit findings

- a. Anthony Bonna mentioned the need to put the donation of the 89 unanimous donations on next month's agenda

Motion to adjourn: Ana Gomez

2nd: Chad Miller

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

100 members (52 signed in) at meeting start

100 members (63 present for vote)

Rule 8

Rule 8 is used to endorse a Republican incumbent/candidate in a contested primary or to endorse a registered Republican in a nonpartisan race.

Chairman's Standard: Rule 8 is typically used to protect an incumbent Republican in a contested primary or non partisan race.

Please follow rules of decorum by not yelling over or interrupting others when they have the floor. We have limited time so please keep comments during discussion to under 1 minute.

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Rule 8

The initial motion to use Rule 8 is a vote to identify the specific race and put the actual endorsement vote on next month's REC meeting agenda.

All candidates involved in the Rule 8 vote must be notified 10 days before the actual vote and are invited to attend and speak.

At the endorsement vote, if we have a quorum (40%), then two-thirds (2/3) of our members present must vote yes to pass.

If we have over 50 percent of members present, then 60% need to vote yes to pass.

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Treasurer Report

Seacoast Bank Activity

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 37,810.63
Income	\$ 24,976.29
Expenses	\$ (24,844.22)
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 37,942.70

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LDD and Law and Order Recap

Law and Order and Lincoln Day Dinners

Event	Costs	Income	Net Profits
L&O	\$3,947.14	\$5,300.00	\$1,352.86
LDD	\$23,354.88	\$44,176.00	\$20,821.12
Total	\$27,302.02	\$49,476.00	\$22,173.98

