



## Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Quorum of 36 was reached

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer led by Barry Mucklow

1. Chairman Nail introduced candidates at the meeting and allowed each to speak
  - a. PSL Chief Richard DelToro thanked the group for the official REC endorsement for SLC Sheriff and asked that we all unite to ensure the county stays red; additionally, he feels the Sheriff race is one of the most important races in 20 years
  - b. SOE candidate Jennifer Frey reminded everyone that Gertrude Walker has been in office 44 years and we need someone different who won't continue her practices
  - c. SOE candidate George Umansky thanked those who came to his Superbowl Sunday fundraiser; reiterated that the SOE must be the most unbiased person in relation to elections in order for them to be fair; stated he has the tech knowledge, executive leadership experience to be able to fairly facilitate our elections; he has been qualified to run since September
  - d. Chairman Kenny Nail gave kudos to Barry Mucklow for being one who has continuously exposed local SOE/election issues
  - e. Property Appraiser candidate Joe James reminded folks he has been in Real Estate for 25 years- 14 as a broker; he has the working knowledge to run the PA office; reminded people the incumbent has been elected to the position 2x's as a Democrat and is now running as a Republican
  - f. Chairman Kenny Nail mentioned County Commissioner Linda Bartz has also been elected as a Democrat and is now running as a Republican
  - g. County Commissioner candidate Erin Lowry stated she is a true conservative; has background in education and has helped build a local small business (The Barn at Oleander); her mission is to make a difference
  - h. County Commissioner Dist. 5 Cathy Townsend is up for reelection and will be running against a former Democrat Commissioner, Cliff Barnes who ran 20 years ago

- i. County Commissioner Dist 1 candidate James Clasby is running against Democrat incumbent Chris Dzadsky. James has been preparing for this role a long time and is ready to win and make the Commission fully red. He will be at the Fair every day for petitions
2. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:
  - a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
  - b. State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell
  - c. TCWRCF president Susan Cedano
  - d. SLC Republican Club president Laura Rosco
  - e. Past School Board candidate Brian Capp
  - f. Past City Councilman John Carvelli
3. Opening Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail
  - a. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration results last 30 days:
    - i. Republicans gained over Democrats by 988 registrations last 30 days
    - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are 2391 ahead of Democrats!
  - b. Chairman Nail stated the REC will be helping to chase Vote By Mail ballots for the Presidential Primary and that will serve as practice for chasing VBM in the general
    - i. The REC has been going after Independents to let them know Florida is a closed primary state if they indicated they would vote Republican and then sending them a text to change their party affiliation in order to vote in the Republican primary
  - c. RPOF has changed its rule regarding local audit committees; each BOD member is to appoint someone to the audit committee. The following have been appointed and agreed to serve:
    - i. Butch Post
    - ii. Mike Kliff
    - iii. Marty Zient
    - iv. Brian Capp
    - v. Sean Hardwick
    - vi. David Hall
    - vii. Stuart Grifel
  - d. The audit committee will meet Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
4. Precinct & State Committee Filing
  - a. Chairman Nail reminded the REC members that all must re-file their oaths by June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024
    - i. Copies were handed to members who filled them out
  - b. State Committeeman and State Committeewoman positions are up for election
    - i. State Committeeman Anthony Bonna and State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell will be running again
      1. Anyone can apply to run
5. Welcome Guests
  - a. Asst Secretary Butch Post introduced 10 new guests
  - b. Asst Secretary Butch Post reminded the REC of the upcoming fair and to sign up for committees at the check-in area

6. New Members
  - a. No new members
7. Treasurer Report
  - a. Vice-Chair Chad Miller shared the REC's bank activity (slide attached to minutes)
  - b. Proposed provisional budget introduced; campaign line item will be updated as we get closer to electionsj (slide attached to minutes)
    - i. Motion to accept: Jill Elkins
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ted Geiser
    - iii. Unanimously approved
8. Voter Registration Committee Update
  - a. Barry Mucklow will be holding a voter registration training session immediately after the meeting for those who would like to help register voters as with the new HB7050 law, there are more strict paperwork requirements
  - b. Vicki Wolf stated there is availability to work the fair
    - i. She is also recruiting for poll watchers- contact her if interested
  - c. Bob Post made the centerpiece for the fair table
  - d. Chairman Nail mentioned we will be phone banking for Trump in the upcoming SC primary
    - i. Training Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 am and again at 6 pm
      1. RPOF endorsed Trump so we can phone bank for him
    - ii. Monday will start a focus on chasing SLC ballots
9. Upcoming Special Events:
  - a. 2024 Clay Shoot
    - i. March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 start
    - ii. Okeechobee OK Corral
    - iii. This will be a very successful shoot; trying to get Donald Trump Jr to attend
  - b. Republican Club of SLC monthly meeting
    - i. Clerk of Court Michelle Miller speaking
    - ii. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 6 pm
    - iii. Santa Lucia River Club
    - iv. Social arm of the REC
  - c. REC, TCWRCF Monthly Meeting
    - i. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am
    - ii. The Saints
    - iii. 2 guest speakers
10. For The Good of the Order
  - a. Red Elephant award given to Eddie Evans for her tireless work for the REC
  - b. Closed primary: if 2 same-party candidates are running for the same office, a voter must vote their party affiliation
    - i. If a candidate is running unopposed by a member of their own party, the vote becomes a general election instead of a primary and all voters can vote

- c. Joe Lowry told us about 200 people met at the FP courthouse to support Trump when he came for his hearing and on average around the same number were there from morning until evening
- d. Chairman Nail stated the REC will be making its endorsements soon

Motion to adjourn: Ted Geiser

2<sup>nd</sup>: Larry Jennings

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm

## **Treasurer Report**

### **SLCREC FINANCIAL**

**January 31, 2024**

**Beginning balance..... \$28,153**

**Income. .... \$8,068**

**Expenses .....\$6,412**

**Ending balance..... 29,810**

**Republican Party of St. Lucie County**

# 2024 Provisional Budget

1/20/24

## WORKING BUDGET 2024

### Saint Lucie County Republican Executive Committee

INCOME		ANNUAL
LINCOLN DAY DINNER	\$ 40,000	
SPORTING CLAY	\$ 45,000	
LAW & ORDER DINNER	\$ 10,000	
MERCHANDISE	\$ 28,000	
SUPPORT OF EVENTS (Mast)	\$ 1,400	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 124,400	\$ 124,400
EXPENSE		
EVENTS, MAJOR		
Sporting Clay	\$ 25,000	
LDD	\$ 18,000	
Law & Order Dinner	\$ 4,000	
Total, Major Exp	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000
Events, Minor		
Fair	\$ 240	
Other, tables and displays	\$ 1,400	
Total, Minor Exp	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,640
EXPENSE OPERATING		
Campaign (Very Limited)	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Communications:	\$ 4,870	\$ 4,870
OFFICE EXPENSE		
Operating	\$ 37,221	
Merchandising	\$ 1,400	
Total Office	\$ 51,221	\$ 51,221
Insurance	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,328
RPOF Quarterly	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Miscellaneous	\$ 153	\$ 153
Total Operating		\$ 65,972.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 104,593	\$ 114,612
P & L		\$ 9,788

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