



## **Republican Executive Committee**

**Saint Lucie County**

### **Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting**

**November 12th, 2024**

**As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary**

**Quorum of 37 was reached**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer led by State Committeeman and PSL City Councilman Anthony Bonna

**1. Welcome Special Guests**

- a. 4 guests introduced by Asst Secretary Butch Post

**2. Congratulations to our Candidates! General Election Results**

- a. Congrats to all on the historic landslide victory of President-elect Donald J Trump!
- b. Congratulations on the spectacular wins county-wide!

- i. Won 2 County Commission seats: Erin Lowry and James Clasby

- 1. James Clasby won his seat over an incumbent Democrat, sealing the County Commission as all Republican—1<sup>st</sup> time ever!

- ii. Sheriff race won! First time in at least 25 years for a Republican Sheriff! Congrats to Richard Del Toro

- iii. Dana Trabulsy won her state race handily—not even close!

- 1. Props to her as she is one of the hardest working representatives we have in SLC
- 2. Dana thanked all volunteers for the support and particularly Butch Post for all she does
- 3. Dana stated Florida's budget will be leaner this upcoming session so be prepared
- 4. Denny Perez will be majority leader: "just because we can, doesn't mean we should" do legislation that doesn't make sense for the people of Florida

- iv. James Clasby stated he is very excited for the next session of the County Commission being all Republican and he can't wait for the next run because they are planning on getting things done for the people of SLC

- 1. James emphasized the need to talk to low propensity voters to convince them they need to vote in order to help down-ballot candidates and influence local politics

- v. School Board member Terissa Aronsen is excited the county is red for the first time in 20 years! She promises to be significantly more involved with the REC to help shape it and stay close to the constituents
- vi. Incoming State Committeewoman Laura Roscoe is proud to be an American and reiterates the work has just begun. We must prove to the American people they made the right decision
- vii. State Committeeman Anthony Bonna stated the Republican turnout state-wide was 86%
- viii. Thanks to all the volunteers who GOTV, called, manned the office, voting tents, polls, etc.
- ix. SOE candidate Jennifer Frey stated the REC needs to be united behind candidates; expressed her anger regarding the primary contest in particular; expressed she will run again
- x. Gabby Rothman expressed thanks to all who supported her; stated she left it all on the field and won't be going away. She intends to continue to hold Tax Collector Chris Craft accountable
- c. Amendment Results
  - i. 1: failed (partisan school board)
  - ii. 2: passed (right to hunt & fish)
  - iii. 3: failed (recreational marijuana)
  - iv. 4: failed (abortion access)
  - v. 5: passed (homestead annual inflation adjustment)
  - vi. 6: failed (public finance campaign financing)
  - vii. 7: passed (additional school tax)

### 3. Treasurer Report

- a. Beginning balance: \$36,123
- b. Current balance net campaign spending: \$26,356
- c. Special thanks to former PSL Mayor Joanne Faiella for raising \$12k for the Trump Day Dinner
- d. Also special thanks to Kenny Nail for all his campaign efforts

### 4. Upcoming Special Events:

- a. To attend President Trump's inauguration (most likely a lottery), go to:
  - i. Mast.House.Gov
  - ii. Click "Serving You" followed by "Inauguration Tickets"
- b. SLC County Commission inauguration
  - i. November 19<sup>th</sup> 9 am
- c. SLC REC Board of Directors elections meeting
  - i. December 5<sup>th</sup> 6 pm
    - 1. Doors open at 5 pm
- d. Executive Board Candidate Meet and Greet
  - i. November 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm
  - ii. Tutto Fresco

### 5. Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail

- a. Kenny announced he will not be running for Chairman again or any BOD position. He accomplished his 5 goals
- b. Kenny asked for any declarations of candidacy: only 4 positions will be elected- below
  - i. Chairman: Joe James & Larry Neese II
  - ii. Vice Chair: Mike Decker
  - iii. Secretary: Jennifer Love
  - iv. Treasurer: Jeff Guertin
  - v. OTHER CANDIDATES MAY COME FORWARD AT THE MEET & GREET
- c. State Committeeman/woman reps are on the ballot and cannot vote for more
- d. REC can have 3 director positions: Kenny is checking with Ben Gibson (RPOF legal) to confirm
- e. State Rep Dana Trabulsy asked if she could vote by proxy as she is required to attend legislative meeting on the date of the BOD vote
  - i. Motion to move the meeting to Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Cathy Prisco
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vice Chair Chad Miller
  - iii. Vote failed
- f. Anthony Bonna will check with RPOF to see if Dana Trabulsy can vote by proxy
- g. Discussion ensued regarding the new 4-year membership
  - i. Every 4 years with the Presidential election, the old org is disbanded and a new org is created
  - ii. REC membership is a county CANDIDACY
  - iii. MUST file candidate oath with the SOE in the 2-week qualifying period for candidates
  - iv. MUST file RPOF Loyalty oath with the RPOF through the REC Secretary within 30 days AFTER the primary election
  - v. These 2 are REQUIREMENTS to be a voting member of the new REC org beginning Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> of a presidential election year
  - vi. THIS IS A STATE STATUTE AND CANNOT BE OVERRIDDEN BY ANYONE AT THE REC

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm