

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF
WAPELLO COUNTY

I.

The name of the organization shall be “The Republican Party of Wapello County”.

II.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to conduct, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Wapello County and to aid in every way the establishment of fundamentals of Republican principles and policies on a voluntary basis and to cooperate and assist in the conduct of national, state and local elections in support of the Republican ticket.

III.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the party shall be composed of all eligible voters of Wapello County who desire to support the objectives of the Republican Party. Membership shall be available to all said eligible voters of Wapello County without regard to race, creed, religion or sex.

Nothing in the within constitution shall be constructed to abridge or deny the right of any voter to participate in any caucus, primary election or convention where in he/she is entitled by law to participate.

It shall be the duty of the County Central Committee to enroll all members of the within Wapello County insofar as it is practicable to do so. Opportunity for enrollment shall be open at all times to all citizens of voting age who are eligible for membership.

IV.

MEMBERSHIP OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The County Central Committee shall be composed of two persons from each voting precinct, as specified in the Code of Iowa, elected at precinct caucuses or otherwise provided by law.

The general management of the affairs of the Party in Wapello County is vested in the Wapello County Central Committee, subject to direction from time to time by the County Convention of the Party.

The Wapello County Central Committee shall have such officers and administrative personnel as it may determine and shall organize its operations to attain the objectives of the Republican Party, and shall have power to adopt by-laws to carry out its duties and the purposes of the Constitution, provided such by-laws are not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution or the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa or the laws of the State of Iowa.

The term of office of a member of the County Central Committee shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the County Convention and shall continue for two years or until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless the member is sooner removed by the County Committee for inattention to duty, in competence or failure to support the ticket nominated by the Party.

Vacancies on the County Central Committee shall be filled by the County Central Committee.

V.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

The officers of this Central Committee shall be a chairman, co-chairman, secretary, and treasurer and such other members as the County Central Committee in its by-laws may provide. The Central Committee shall organize immediately following the biennial county convention.

VI.

MEETINGS

The Chairman or Co-chairman or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the County Central Committee may call a meeting of said Committee and there shall be no less than two (2) meetings per year.

VII.

DEFINITION OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

The Wapello County Central Committee may recognize official auxiliaries authorized by the Republican Party of Iowa. The activities of such organizations shall be coordinated with authorized party activities and shall be subject to the direction of the regularly constituted party authorities.

Each auxiliary shall elect its own officers.

The Chairman of each recognized Party auxiliary shall be an advisory member of the County Central Committee, but shall have no vote in official business transacted by the committee.

VII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Executive Committee are the chairman, co-chairman, secretary, and treasurer and such other persons as provided by the by-laws.

The Executive Committee shall transact the routine business of the Central Committee and many act in the name of the Central Committee during the interim of the meetings of the Central Committee.

IX.

CAUCUSES

The Republican Party of Wapello County shall conduct regular precinct caucuses and county conventions, as provided by the Code of Iowa and called by the Republican State Central Committee. The number of delegates elected from each precinct at the precinct caucus shall be designated in the call of the county convention. Said numbers shall be based on the Republican vote for Governor or President in the previous election as provided by state law.

Notice of the date, time and place of the precinct caucuses shall be given twice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the precinct. Notice shall be published not more than 30 days nor less than 5 days before the date of the precinct caucus.

Any person voting at a precinct caucus must be a Republican, an eligible voter, and resident of the precinct. The eligibility of any person to participate in the caucus shall be determined by a majority of those in attendance.

X.

VOTING AT PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Voting by proxy will not be permitted at any precinct caucus and county convention provided for in this constitution.

At county conventions the delegation from each precinct shall vote the full strength of the precinct delegation in proportion to the vote of the delegates present.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by any regularly or specially called county convention. Notice of intention to so amend shall be included in the call for such convention. Such notice to amend shall be included in the call at the request of the chairman, co-chairman or thirty percent (30%) of the duly elected and serving members of the county central committee. Such amendment shall be adopted by a majority vote of delegates of such convention.

XII.

CONFLICT WITH STATUTES

No provision hereof shall supersede or abrogate any of the provisions of the statutes of the state of Iowa, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Iowa and the rules of the Republican National Convention which are in conflict herewith.

XIII.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Wapello County Central Committee on December 26, 1973 at Ottumwa, Iowa, and was filed with the county and state commissioners of election on the 27th day of December, 1973.