

## **REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE**

### **BLACK HAWK COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION**

#### **TAMA HALL, HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**March 7, 2026 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

#### ***Proposed Rules, BH County Republican Convention***

##### **1. General Rules**

- a. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition* shall guide the Convention, as amended by the following rules:
- b. The Convention shall, by a majority vote, elect a permanent Convention chair and Secretary.
- c. These rules may be suspended only by two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.
- d. A quorum exists if at least one more than thirty-five percent (35%) of the certified delegates determined present at the time of the original Credentials Committee Report are present on the Convention floor. To vote on any issue, there must be a quorum present. At the point a quorum no longer exists, the remaining platform planks as submitted shall be forwarded to the District Platform Committee. The report of the junior delegates shall be accepted.
- e. Voting by proxy will not be permitted. Only authorized voting delegates shall be allowed to cast a vote.
- f. The permanent Chair of this Convention shall determine the order of business and is authorized to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, assistants, and a Vote Counting Committee of three (3) people.

##### **2. Nominations/Elections of District Delegates**

- a. Nominations for District/State Convention delegates shall be made en block in the report of the Black Hawk County Executive Committee. District/State delegates shall include:
  - i. 33 delegates, 33 alternate delegates, and junior delegates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Statutory Caucus at 10:00 A.M on Saturday, April 25th, 2026, Oelwein High School, 315 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Oelwein, Iowa and the Republican State Convention at 9 A.M. on Saturday, June 13th, 2026, at the Horizon Event Center, Clive, Iowa.

- b. The nominations submitted by the Black Hawk County Executive Committee shall include the following categories prioritized in the order listed below:
  - 1. People who have expressed interest AND have paid their district/state convention fees.
  - 2. People who have expressed interest but HAVE NOT yet paid their district/state convention fees.
  - 3. State and County level elected officials residing in the county.
  - 4. Candidates for office
  - 5. Republicans at-large
- c. Nominations from the floor will be received for Republicans from any precinct for the exact number of remaining delegates and alternate delegates.
- d. Any unfilled delegate or alternate delegate positions will be filled after adjournment at the discretion of the Black Hawk County Executive Committee.
- e. Alternate Delegates shall be assigned a number at random and shall be seated at the District/State Conventions in sequential order from lowest to highest number where there are absences among delegates.
- f. The fees for the District Caucus and State Convention shall be as follows:
  - i. Delegates: \$80 shall cover both the District Caucus and the State Convention and shall be paid to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Central Committee no later than April 11th, 2026. Fees shall be sent to the Black Hawk County Republicans, P.O. Box 2314, Waterloo, Iowa 50704-2314.
  - ii. Alternate Delegates: Charge for Alternate Delegates also will be \$80, only if they replace a delegate.
  - iii. Junior Delegate: There will be no charge for Junior Delegates.
- g. Failure to pay County fees in full by April 11, 2026, shall be grounds for immediate loss of status as a delegate.

### **3. District Committees**

- a. Voting delegates shall have the opportunity to nominate District Committee members from the floor The Committees are: 1) Two members

to the District Platform Committee, 2) Two members to the District Rules Committee, 3) Two members to the District Credentials Committee and 4) Two members to the District Organization Committee.

- b. The two people receiving the most votes for each committee shall be elected.
- c. Nomination speeches shall not exceed one (1) minute. Each nomination must be seconded, but no seconding speeches shall be permitted. When nominations have been closed, each nominee may speak to the convention for one (1) minute. Persons nominated may withdraw from consideration prior to any ballot being taken.

#### **4. Platform**

- a. Any delegate offering an amendment (e.g. delete, add, substitute, change) to the report of the County Platform Committee must file the same with the Platform Committee in writing by 10:00 A.M. the day of the Convention, signed by a total of at least nine (9) delegates representing at least three (3) precincts/townships. Amendments addressing grammar, spelling and punctuation may be accepted by the Platform Committee and made a part of the Platform without requiring a vote of the delegates. The rest of the amendments will be discussed and acted on as part of the Platform.
- b. Platform debate on proposed planks submitted at the Convention shall be limited to the Chairman of the Platform Committee and no more than three (3) speakers for and against, with a maximum of ninety (90) seconds per speaker. Each speaker, upon being recognized by the Chair, shall give their name. No speaker may be recognized a second time on an issue. The delegation will vote on each submitted plank meeting rule 4a. Once each submitted plank has been acted upon, a vote to approve that section of the newly amended platform will be conducted.

This Report of the Rules Committee is submitted to the Black Hawk County Republican Convention, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Chelle Adkins, Rules Chair