

Duplin County Republican General Meeting Minutes
08/12/2025

- Chairman Dr. Ray Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.
- George Kimball led the Pledge of Allegiance and Goose Odom led in prayer.
- Taylor Kennedy read the minutes from the last meeting. Andrew Odom motioned to accept the minutes and Beverly Trobaugh seconded the motion.
- All elected officials present were recognized.
- Chairman Kennedy invited Judge Matt Smith, candidate for the North Carolina Court of Appeals, to speak.
- Chairman Kennedy invited Vice-Chairman Cindy Sallis to share upcoming volunteer opportunities. She shared that the greatest need is chief judges and precinct judges. Vice-chairman Sallis emphasized the importance of participation at the local level and encouraged members to invite their friends to participate in meetings and events.
- Chairman Kennedy opened the floor for public comment, with all commenters receiving 2 minutes to speak. Commissioner Dexter Edwards spoke about the cancellation of the Duplin Agribusiness Fair and Muscadine Festival. Mark Price inquired as to whether the party is planning to attend the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee.
- Goose Odom spoke about the recent rise in property taxes. Representative Jimmy Dixon reports that he is co-sponsoring a bill that will help alleviate some of the strain of property taxes for elderly individuals if it passes. He estimates a 10% chance of this bill passing. Discussion followed.
- Rep. Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice-chairman Sallis seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.