

June 18, 2019 Beaufort County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. *Chairman call to order - 6: 30 PM*
2. *Invocation was provided by Jacki VanEssendelft*
3. *Pledge to the flag*
4. *Review of attendance - established a quorum with 26 members present.*

Plan of Organization: Any member of the committee, including officers, who shall miss three (3) meetings in any (twelve)12 month period starting with the first absence without an excused absence approved by the Chairman shall be presumed to have resigned.

NOTE: On 6/20 Jay McRoy indicated he arrived late and did not sign in. Jimmie Southerland has an Excused absence from the meeting. The information below does not reflect the changes identified. The accurate attendance is 27 members present and 8 absent.

Members Present: 26

Last Name	First Name
Bishop	Mike
Breed	Gail
Buzzeo	Michael
Cauvin	Ruth
Cook	Bill
Cox	Kelly
Dunn	Tandy
Edwards	Louis
Evans	Jerry
Evelt	Alma
Garrison	Patricia
Kaplan	Fred
Kidwell	Proctor
Knox	Joseph
MacMillan	Ken
Moate	Dot
Rebholz	John
Shackelford	Brad
Rose	Charlie
Schroeder	Fred
Schroeder	Lane
Trueblood	Mike Jeffery
VanEssendelft	Jessica
Varcoe	Paul
Waters	Kathy
Waters	Frankie
Whichard	Jimmie

Members Absent: 9

Last Name	First Name	Status
Blount	Gary	Unexcused
Bowen	Dianne	Unexcused
Colleary	Nanci	Excused
Cox	Kelly	Unexcused
Kidwell	Keith	Excused
Lawler	James	Unexcused
McRoy	Jay	Unexcused
Sevick	Joe	Unexcused
Southerland	Jimmie	Unexcused

Non-Voting Attendees: 4

Last Name	First Name	Status
		Present but did not sign in
Richardson	Hood	
Whitley	Debra	
Whitley	Clarence	

Members Resigned / Removed due to lack of attendance:

Rick Gagliano missed three meetings: April, May and June
Gary Blount resignd 4/27/19
Ron Buzzeo resigning 6/15/19
Alan Blue resigned 6/19/20
Louis Edwards resigning 6/30/20

5. May 16, 2019 meeting notes were approved
6. Chairman remarks: Expressed he was pleased with the committee work and mentioned the TRUMP kick off announcement was scheduled tonight.

7. 2nd Vice Chairman Nominations and Election: James Lawler resigned on 5/16/19

Joseph Knox was elected to the 2nd Vice Chairman position.

8. Officer reports –

1st Vice Chair:

- Participated in the Aurora Fossil Festival and thanked those who manned the booth. He indicated a couple of people registered as republicans.

Secretary

- Announced the following executive committee members have or will resign:
 - Gary Blount on 4/24/19; Ron Buzzeo on 6/15/19; Louis Edwards on 6/30/19
- Authored a document and reviewed highlights of the NC Republican Party State Convention. Information available for candidates on the back table from candidates at the convention.

Using 2020 voter ID information from the NC website created a two-page information sheet and reviewed highlights. Advertisements about the Training Seminars at the BC Board of Elections will start in about 2 weeks. Mark your calendars for training on [Monday, July 15th at 2 pm and another at 6 pm](#)

- Participation in Sign Holding Event Friday June 14 for President's Birthday: Held up Trump 2020 sign and Women for Trump signs. Cars honked horns or waved.
- Asked Committee chairs to review the "Important Election Dates" posted and consider for next month to report out on specific activities they would like to complete after the Congressional candidate is elected Sept 10, 2019.
- One Trump Campaign Watch Party was organized to be held on 6/19/2019.

Treasurer

- The checkbook has been handed off while continuing to work with Proctor Kidwell to balance the books. A request for exemption will be sent later in the week in order to allow the fundraising team to offer 50/50 tickets and to purchase TRUMP hat merchandise for the July 4 Belhaven parade.

9. Old business –

- Jacki VanEssendeft reported on the activities to support voting for the Protection Survivor Abortion legislation. She was part of the team visiting offices with talking points and praying for passage of

the bill. There was a narrow margin in the voting, preventing the passage of the bill and she cautioned the 20-week limit is now in jeopardy.

10. New business - Committee Reports;

Communications: *Kathy Waters moved to the Speakers Bureau and Gail Breed will step up to temporary chairperson. One document was to be passed out to encourage committee members to sign up to assist with getting out the vote by calling. Another to sign-up for the National Convention in Charlotte.*

Elections: *There was some confusion over who is participating in this committee. Gail Breed will send a separate email to those who have signed up so they can organize a meeting to elect a chairperson and define how they will work together to elect republicans.*

Speakers Bureau: No report

Social Media/Marketing/Website/ Facebook: *Chairman identified Joseph Knox as the new chairman as Louis Edwards was resigning from the Executive committee. Joseph Knox will need to send contact information to the chairman in order to have administrative rights to the website. A recommendation was made that all executive committee members register on the web.*

County Events: *Dot Moate reported two events had been completed. The Washington Summer Festival had low turnout due to inclement rain. However, the team met two new families who are interested in becoming involved. There was a missed opportunity as passersby requested if TRUMP hats were available.*

Fundraising: *Fred Keplin indicated the following:*

- *50/50 Raffle will be in place once permissions are obtained by the Finance Chairperson.*
- *Reagan Day Dinner is the only event, to date, that's generated funds for use by the Executive Committee. The speaker for the 2019 dinner will be announced after they have identified availability.*
- *A Musical Event fundraiser is in the planning stages.*
- *The Shooting Event has been cancelled due to a lack of interest given it would be limited to the use of shot guns.*
- *TRUMP hats will be purchased for sale at the July 4th parade*

Data Analysis: John Rebholz reported on consolidation of registered voter information with lists containing email and phone numbers. Sample data sheets were provided and discussion followed on which committees and would use the information and how it would be used. Precinct captains were provided copies of the data sheets, however, some of the email addresses provided at the BC convention were not current.

3rd District Report: *They did not meet*

11. Announcements - Next meeting July 16th 6:30 pm at the County Extension Center, 155 Airport Road, Washington, NC
12. Legislation 370 was outlined by Patricia Garrison. A rebuttal was made by Charlie Rose. The Chairman indicated the sole function of the Executive Committee was getting Republicans elected and there would be no other time, going forward, for discussions on local policies.
13. Keith Kidwell's tent cover was lost during the last event and the committee voted to replace with a new tent and cover. The price of a new tent with cover was estimated at \$160.00 plus tax. The old tent will become the property of the committee. Paul Varcoe will purchase the new tent with cover and submit to the Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Submitted by Gail Breed, Sec, BC Executive Committee