

September 15, 2020 Beaufort County Republican

Executive Committee Meeting Notes

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. The invocation was given by Jackie VanEssendelft. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was established with seventeen (17) members present. See table below related to attendance.

Present		Unexcused Absence		Excused Absence	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Breed	Gail	Buzzeo	Michael	Cox	David
Cauvin	Ruth	Shackelford	Bradley Keith	Evans	Jerry
Colleary	Nanci	Southerland	Jimmie	Garrison	Patricia
Cook	William			Kidwell	Keith
Dunn	Tandy			Rose	Charlie
Kaplan	Fred			Waters	Frank
Knox	Joseph			Waters	Kathy
MacMillian	Kenneth				
McRoy	Lonnie Jay				
Moate	Doris				
Rebholz	John				
Schroeder	Fred				
Schroeder	Lane				
Trueblood	Jeffrey				
VanEssendelft	Jessica				
Varcoe	Paul				
Whichard	Jimmie				

The meeting minutes from August were unanimously approved.

The following comments were made by the Chairman:

- A review of the meet and greet held for Tamara Barringer, NC Supreme Court Candidate and the amount of funds raised were identified, as well as, the funds raised for Al Pa Contribution to the NC Court Candidates.
- The Reagan Day Rally on September 17, 2020 is sold out. The next fundraiser will be a golf tournament Oct 10, 2020.
- The Chairman recommended a group be organized in the event anyone needing a ride to a voting location could be helped.
- John Rebholz will have a meet and greet on September 20, 2020 at the Chocowinity Firehouse and serving hot dogs with drinks.
- The next District 3 meeting will be October 3, 2020 in New Bern.

The First Vice Chair gave a summary of the events he attended and indicated a demand letter organized by Keith Kidwell to open the schools was sent to the NC Governor Cooper. The Federal Appeals struck down the Voter ID.

The Second Vice Chair reported on the District 3 meeting. He indicated the TRUMP 4 x 8 signs were delayed but expected between three and seven signs to arrive later this week. Dr. Murphy will be the guest speaker during the District 3 meeting October 3, 2020. He discussed the voter registration with an increase of 671 new Republicans. There has been a decrease in Democrats by 143. If the Republican party can grow in NC by 192 republican voters, NC will be all red for the first time in more than 30 years. Investments have been made in radio ads for the District. The County of Dare raised the highest amount of campaign funds to date.

The Treasurer indicated the HQ location has been a source of increased funds. He indicated donations have increase over the last two weeks of approximately \$4,000 and at the completion of the Regan Rally checks will be sent to various campaigns.

The secretary reviewed her plan, as Washington Ward 2 chairperson, efforts to get out the vote and requested help from the Executive Committee members. She thanked Dot Moate for her work in scheduling and management of HQ, as well as, completion of secretarial duties during July and August. An announcement was made about a pizza party to be held at HQ on Sept 22 at 5PM for those who will make calls to help get out the vote.

The guest speaker Kelly Hopkins, Director of Elections, was introduced and discussed voting procedures while addressing the differences between mail-in and absentee ballots. She indicated 90% of the poll workers were 60+ years old and they would reach out to county employees ensuring equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats to meet the need for poll workers. She reviewed the precautions in place to ensure the public is safe for in person voting. She indicated working with Keith Kidwell on several issues and noted as a result there will be several additional locations for early voting and additional funds for those working the polls. Besides the Board of Elections in Washington, there will be sites in Aurora, Chocowinity and Belhaven. She also explained three ways to vote in NC. First, one stop (in person early voting), second, absentee voting and third voting in person on election day. A website has been established for those who absentee vote so they can track their ballot as it moves the process to completion. Voters can also sign up for text messaging to track their ballot. Currently there have been 2,908 absentee ballots requested and 493 returned. Voting tabulators are not connected to the internet so the results cannot be hacked. When votes are moved to the state website, validation of the numbers is required by the Board of Elections. She mentioned redistricting and the importance of people completing the census as this could determine if an additional congressional district seat is added to North Carolina. There was a short discussion on signs and the penalty for stealing signs is a misdemeanor. She also announced signs could now be placed in right-of-way locations but to be sure they do not obstruct the drivers view.

John Rebholz discussed the October 10, 2020 golf fundraiser and provided a sign-up sheet to meet the need for 15 volunteers. He indicated Henry Hinton will be plugging the fundraiser on his radio show. To date there are 20 sponsors for the event and some group and individual players. He said it is a common practice for registration to increase as we move closer to the event.

Jay McRoy reviewed the plan to provide campaign contributions to 13 candidates. A motion was made and passed to change the % of US House Representative Dr. Greg Murphy to 2% and NC Lt. Governor Robinson to 6%. The final percentages approved by the motion are listed in the table below.

Beaufort GOP Candidate Contribution Percentage Allocation

Candidate	%
Chief Supreme Court Justice Newby	8%
Supreme Court Justice Berger	6%
Supreme Court Justice Barringer	6%
NC Court of Appeals Judge Wood	4%
NC Court of Appeals Judge Gore	4%
NC Court of Appeals Judge Dillon	4%
NC Court of Appeals Judge Carpenter	4%
NC Court of Appeals Judge Griffin	4%
US House of Rep. Murphy	2%
NC Governor Forest	6%
NC Lt. Governor Robinson	6%
NC Senator Hester	25%
NC House of Rep. Kidwell	21%
Totals	100%

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

The next meeting is October 20, 2020 @ 6:30PM. The location is Warren's Hot Dogs 408 NC-33, Chocowinity, NC.