

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm, Thursday, June 20, 2023
Republican Headquarters, 844 Washington Plaza, Washington, NC

| <i>Members</i> | <i>Present</i> | <i>Excused</i> | <i>Members</i> | <i>Present</i> | <i>Excused</i> | <i>Visitors</i> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Gail Breed | Yes | | Danny Roe | Yes | | Gary Ceres |
| Nancy Brickhouse | Yes | | Scarlet Stokes | Yes | | Kellie Hopkins |
| Ruth Cauvin | Yes | | Jackie Vanessendelft | Yes | | Russell Davenport |
| Joyce Coward | Yes | | Paul Varcoe | Yes | | Dallas Dawson |
| Kelly Cox | Yes | | Frankie Waters | Yes | | Tom McLean |
| Sheri Elks | No | <i>Excused</i> | Kathy Waters | Yes | | Evon McLean |
| Joanne Forrest | Yes | | Jimmie Whichard | Yes | | Karen Sweeney |
| David French | Yes | | Donna Wortman | No | <i>Excused</i> | Sylvia Wright |
| Carolyn Garris | Yes | | Jeffrey Trueblood | No | <i>Excused</i> | Leonard Anderson |
| Patricia Garrison | Yes | | | | | |
| Donna Henderson | Yes | | Ex-officio Members | | | |
| April Holloway | Yes | | Steve Rader, Precinct Chair | Yes | | |
| Jeffrey Johnson | No | <i>Excused</i> | Charles Hickman | Yes | | |
| Keith Kidwell | Yes | | Bobby Robeson | Yes | | |
| Al Klemm | Yes | | | | | |
| Janet Knight | Yes | | | | | |
| Joseph Knox | No | <i>Excused</i> | | | | |
| John Rebholz | Yes | | | | | |

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carolyn Garris

Invocation – Jackie Van Essendelft

Pledge of Allegiance – Ruth Cauvin

Roll Call – Jody Forrest

Approval of Minutes – Motion presented by Joanne Forrest; seconded by David French and carried.

Treasurer, David French presented the treasurer's report before the committee as follows:

Campaign Fund - \$3,496.33

Building Fund - \$7,069.73

Balance - \$10,566.06

Motion to accept presented by Jimmy Whichard; seconded by Paul Varcoe and carried.

State Convention – Chairman Garris reported there were 15 delegates from Beaufort County that attended the State Convention held in Greensboro. She reported there was great attendance from across the state and many candidates were available to meet and collect their information for the headquarters. Carolyn also noted we were able to secure candidates as speakers for our executive committee meetings. Carolyn noted there were some technical

issues during the election of the chairman of the NC GOP. The rest of the officers remained the same. Steve Rader also reported the NCGOP Plan of Organization was not updated during the convention.

Speaker- Kellie Hopkins, Director of the Beaufort County Board of Elections

NC Supreme Court reversed the decision on voter ID.

Felony Rights

Redistricting

Acceptable Voter Identification

Signature Verification

NC Law sets the system

Municipal Election Registration begins in July

State House Election Registration begins in September

House Bill 747

Fundraiser – John Rebholz

Annual Golf Tournament

September 16, 2023

Washington Yacht and Country Club

Volunteers

Special package for candidates

Hole Sponsorship

Yard signs

Reagan Day Dinner Date- Thursday, February 22, 2024. Motion to approve by Frankie Waters; seconded by Nancy Brickhouse and carried.

A motion was presented by Nancy Brickhouse to schedule the Beaufort County Republican Party Convention on March 9, 2024, Beaufort County Republican Party Convention; second by JoAnn Forrest and carried

Elected officials report

Charles Hickman - BOE - curriculum matters, freedom of speech

Frankie Waters - County Commissioner - Budget was approved on June 5.

Bobby Robertson - City Council Washington - \$117 million dollar budget that he did not vote for. \$400,000 for the splash park. EMS service wages remain subpar. The water plant is subpar.

Keith Kidwell - NC House- no budget. Gambling and gambling zones. Abortion.

A motion was presented by Steve Radar and a second by David French was made to send a formal letter to 6 legislators supporting Rep. Keith Kidwell's free speech position towards abortion rights.

No reports were presented from precincts.

Adjourned.

Minutes Recorded by:
April Holloway, Secretary