HARRIS COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

CONVENTION MINUTES

BILLY PIERCE, COUNTY SECRETARY & TEMPORARY CONVENTION SECRETARY

March 12th, 2022

Informal convention training was held, led by Treasurer Paul Bilyeu, at 11:15 am.

Call to Order scheduled for 11:30 am.

Called to Order at 11:32 am

Acting County Chair Jacob Harper is temporary chair

Noted that proposed agenda is in wrong order, need credentialing before voting for convention officers.

Credentials

Joe White (148) from Credentialling speaks on delegate count, etc.

44 voting delegates present of 49 elected.

Majority is 23, 2/3 majority is 30.

Neal Dikeman (973) moves to accept credentials. Unsicker seconds. Motion passes.

Convention Officers

Neal Dikeman moves Jacob Harper be convention chair. C. Ford seconds.

Nathan Watts nominates Bob Townsend as convention chair. Unsicker seconds.

Sharp moves to close nominations. No objections. Passes.

Scheirman moves for Opavote, approval voting for contested elections and votes. Second by Unsicker.
W Bilyeu (314) point of procedure, chair should recognize floor speakers.

N Watts moves to amend “Use Opavote approval voting for contested elections and votes, for public and party offices, and show of hands and approval voting for convention offices.” Second by W Bilyeu

Lee Sharp moves to amend “…For public and party offices with multiple more than two candidates only” (3)

W Bilyeu point of procedure we can’t go more than two deep.


Motion: “Use Opavote approval voting for contested elections and votes, for public and party offices with more than two named candidates only, and show of hands and approval voting for convention offices.”

Lee Sharp amendment passes

Watts amendment passes

Motion Passes.

Body has elected to “Use Opavote approval voting for contested elections and votes, for public and party offices with more than two named candidates only, and show of hands and approval voting for convention offices.”

Neal Dikeman point of order – County bylaws dictate voting method and that the previous motion is out of order.

Watts motions to proceed to voting permanent convention officers and debate voting method after that.

Hannah Kennedy Point of Information regarding affiliations and timing. Chair rules. Ruling of chair not challenged.

Bogue seconds Watts motion.

Unsicker calls question.

Dikeman point of order. Regarding motion to vote.

Lee Sharp motion to allow candidates to speak 30 seconds. Motion passes.

Jacob Harper speaks.

Bob Townsend Speaks.

W Bilyeu point of procedure count show of hands.

Scheirman point of order Harper should step down during vote.

Paul Bilyeu administers the vote by show of hands.

Harper 19 votes.
Townsend 21 votes.

**Bob Townsend is elected Convention Chair (VUID 1120191579)**

Scheirman nominates Billy Pierce as convention secretary. Many Seconds.

Nominations closed. No objections.

**Billy Pierce is elected convention secretary. (VUID 1034793035)**

Scott Ford point of information requests moment of silence for lost members including Jeff Daiell.

Moment of silence observed for Jeff Daiell's tireless dedication and work for the Libertarian Party.

**County Executive Committee Elections**

Nominations for County Treasurer.


Watts Point of Order – do our bylaws allow approval voting for election of County Party Officers?

Brought up County bylaws, displayed for body.

Move to table discussion until it is applicable (Sharp), seconded by Kinman (643).

No objection. Passes.

County Treasurer – vote by show of hands. Paul wins, with two NOTA votes recorded.

**Paul Bilyeu is elected Harris County Libertarian Party Treasurer. (VUID 1126692892)**

County Secretary –


Pierce moves to close nominations, Bogue seconds.

Dikeman moves for each candidate 1 minute to speak, seconded by Watts.

No objections.

Christy Ford Speaks.

Amanda Gibbs Speaks.

Watts 356 moves to for Q&A 5 minutes total. Seconded by Dikeman. 1 objection.

Vote by show of hands.

For: 17

Against: 16

Motion passes.
Q&A proceeds.
W Bilyeu point of information regarding people voting twice.
As this is an election, Opavote Elections lock the vote once you've voted from your email.
Scott Ford point of information – how long should it take? Paul Bilyeu and Billy Pierce speak.
Opavote for county secretary.
C Ford: 16
Gibbs: 27

**Amanda Gibbs elected Harris County Libertarian Party Secretary (VUID 61360699)**

Nominations for Vice Chair:
Scheirman nominates Unsicker, Seconded by Ramos.
Dikeman nominates Christy Ford. Seconded by S. Ford.
Kurtz nominates Dikeman, Dikeman declines
Harper nominates Townsend, Townsend declines.
Scheirman moves candidates speak for 1 minute each and 4 minute total Q&A total.
Motion passes.
Unsicker Speaks.
Christy Ford Speaks.
Q&A 4 minutes.
Chair calls for 5 minute recess for vote.
Back in convention 12:52 pm
Results:
Unsicker 15
Christy Ford 26
NOTA 2

**Christy Ford is elected Harris County Libertarian Party Vice-Chair (VUID 75662536)**

Nominations Open for Chair
Scheirman nominates Billy Pierce, Unsicker Seconds
Ash moves to close nominations, seconded by Harper.
S Ford moves for candidate to speak, and someone to speak for NOTA
Speak 1 minute, 2 for Q&A
Against prevails, motion fails.
Vote is called: Show of Hands – 1 NOTA, all others vote yes.

Billy Pierce is elected Harris County Libertarian Party Chair (VUID 1034793035)
No speech is given in the interest of time.

**Nominations for Public Office:**

**HD 149, Texas House of Representatives**

Dikeman nominates Braxton Bogue HD 149, Texas House of Representatives. Seconded by Unsicker.
Motion S Ford, to have candidates stand and speak for 2 minutes. Seconded by Dikeman.
Motion passes.
Braxton Bogue speaks.
Pierce motions for 2 minute Q&A, Scheirman seconds. Motion passes.
W Bilyeu point of order.
Braxton Bogue Speaks, answers questions. Opavote for Election.

Results:
For 37
NOTA 4

**Braxton Bogue is the Libertarian Party Nominee for HD 149, Texas House of Representatives. (VUID 2127000320)**

Dikeman makes a motion:
The following nominations:
- HD 133: James Harren
- CD 18 Phil Kurtz
- HD 137 Lee Sharp
- HD 148 Shohn Trojacek
- HD 134 Carol Unsicker

Further move nominations from the floor be opened for the above districts, further move that after those nominations, all nominations be closed for all offices, and each nominated candidate be given 1 minute to speak and 2 minutes for Q&A, and a single electronic ballot be used for each candidate and NOTA. Aaron Ramos (605) seconds.
Unsicker Motion to amend: 2 minutes for speaking. Dikeman seconds. Passes.

Dikeman makes the following nominations:

- HD 133: James Harren
- CD 18 Phil Kurtz
- HD 137 Lee Sharp
- HD 148 Shohn Trojacek
- HD 134 Carol Unsicker

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Point of Information: James Miley, is HD 18 in Harris County? Secretary Corrects minutes and motion. Vote on motion by show of hands. Motion passes, 1 against.

Vote on motion by show of hands. Motion passes, 1 against.

Floor open for nominations for HD 133.

Lee Sharp speaks for James Harren, who is not present.

Phil Kurtz speaks.

Lee Sharp speaks.

Shohn Trojacek speaks.

Carol Unsicker speaks.

Pierce moves to close nominations, seconded by Aaron Ramos.

Passes.

Opavote ballots issued at 1:41pm.

Pierce moves for 10 minute recess. Kinman seconds. Passes.

Back in Convention 1:52pm

Results:

HD 133: Harren 38
NOTA 5
CD 18: Kurtz 39
NOTA 4
HD137: Sharp 40
NOTA 3
HD148: Trojacek 37
NOTA 6
HD 134: Unsicker 39
NOTA 4

The following are Libertarian Party Nominees:
- HD 133: James Harren (VUID 1112469714)
- CD 18 Phil Kurtz (VUID 1117114461)
- HD 137 Lee Sharp (VUID 1033893671)
- HD 148 SHOHN TROJACEK (VUID 1000470875)
- HD 134 Carol Unsicker (VUID 1103015469)


Amendment: Add 2 minutes for Q&A (Lee Sharp, second by C. Ford)

Vote by hands, amendment passes.

Allow 2 minutes for speakers from Mark Ash, Roy Erikson, and Rhett Smith followed by 2 minutes Q&A.

Vote by hands, motion passes.

Mark Ash, candidate for Texas Attorney General Speaks.
Kevin Lange moves to extend time for Ash. No objection. Passes.
Neal Dikeman speaks for Roy Erikson.
Rhett Smith, candidate for State Board of Education District 8 speaks.
Pierce Point of Inquiry regarding requirements for delegates to district convention, do they need to live in the district? Answer: state law is silent, no requirement.

Election of District Convention Delegates

Dikeman moves to nominate the following as delegates to the district convention:

    Roy Eriksen to District 8, Rhett Smith SBOE 8 convention, plus the CEC, plus all credentialed and authorized persons who are delegates to the county convention who also live in those Districts.
Scott Ford Seconds.
N Watts proposes substitute motion:

All credentialed delegates to this county convention, plus the Candidates Rhett Smith and Roy Eriksen are nominated to the District Conventions for CD 8, CD 22, SBOE 7, and SBOE 8. Christy Ford seconds.

Dikeman withdraws his motion. Watts Motion passes.

Dikeman motions to close nominations, P Bilyeu seconds. Motion passes.

Dikeman moves to elect all nominees to district conventions by acclimation.

Point of Order W. Bilyeu.

Dikeman withdraws motion.

Dikeman motions: to elect all nominees to district conventions. Seconded by Joe White 148.

No objection. Motion passes.

All credentialed delegates to this county convention, plus the Candidates Rhett Smith and Roy Eriksen are elected as delegates to the District Conventions for CD 8, CD 22, SBOE 7, and SBOE 8.

Election of Delegates to State Convention 2:18 pm

Pierce Point of Info: Harris County gets 36 delegates and 36 alternates.

Kevin Lange moves to nominate all 39 county delegates present and listen for those who refuse.

Lange withdraws motion and instead nominates all 39 county delegates who are present at 2:11 pm.

Chair rules for 5 minutes recess for secretary to populate list. No objection.

The list of nominees, with highlighted names being those not physically present at the time of the vote:

1. Aaron Ramos
2. Amanda Gibbs
3. Amy Pierce
4. Billy Pierce
5. Bobie Townsend
6. Carol Unsicker
7. Carter Cole
8. Christina Ford
9. David Needham
10. Drake Rentrop
11. Elliott Scheirman
12. Fredrick Z. Stafford
13. Hannah Kennedy
14. Jacob Harper
15. James Riley
16. Jennifer Haubein
17. Jodi Cole
18. Joe White
19. Jonathan Alvey
20. Joshua Crosby
22. Kevin Lange
23. Mark Ash
24. Matthew Gibbs
25. Maxwell Paderewski
26. Nathan Kinman
27. Nathan Watts
28. Neal Dikeman
29. Paul Bilyeu
30. Phil Kurtz
31. Rhett Smith
32. Richard Trojacek
33. Roy Erikson
34. Scott Ford
35. Sergio Garcia
36. Vicky Kurtz
37. Whitney Bilyeu
38. William Cody
39. William Lange

Dikeman Motion to close nominations and create ballot, S Ford seconds.
Dikeman motions to create ballot in Opavote using approval voting. Christy Ford seconds.

N Watts point of information regarding NOTA, on individual nominees or group NOTA?

Dikeman motions to add NOTA as a candidate on the ballot.

Joe White point of information regarding how the approval voting works with NOTA.

Kurtz point of information regarding the nature of NOTA.

Dikeman withdraws motion on NOTA and asks for a ruling from the chair.

Chair rules that ballots be created reflecting for/against(NOTA) for each candidate.

2:58 Ballot is being prepared in Opavote, using For/Against(NOTA) for each candidate.

Precautions/warnings given to body regarding voting both for and against the same candidate.

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35. William Cody Sain
36. William Lange
Sharp moves to add James Riley and Jonathan Alvey and Kelsey Trojacek as Alternates. Harper seconds. Motion passes.

Pierce makes motion to make alternates in the order listed above. Motion passes.

James Riley and Jonathan Alvey and Kelsey Trojacek are Alternate Delegates, in that order.

Nominations closed for alternates at 3:19 pm.

**Bylaws:**

Bylaws Committee chair Billy Pierce asks body to allow for a special convention to review and revise bylaws rather than vote on revised bylaws currently posted.

Dikeman motions to **table agenda item Bylaws and direct CEC to schedule and convene special convention with single agenda item: County Bylaws.** Seconded by C. Ford.

Show of Hands vote. Motion passes.

Dikeman Motion to direct CEC to, before next special convention, do develop and produce a voting procedure for the approval of the body. Scott Ford second. Motion passes.

J Harper motions to adjourn. Motion passes.

**Convention Adjourned at 3:32 pm.**

Doors to facility will be locked at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

[Signature]

Billy Pierce - Harris County 2022 County Convention Secretary

Accepted:

[Signature]

Bob Townsend – Harris County 2022 County Convention Chair