

MINUTES

**Lorain County Republican
Central Committee Meeting**

April 16, 2024

Temporary Central Committee Chairman Jim Dowdell presided over the meeting.

Jeff Baxter, Central Committee member from Elyria, made a motion to accept the Bylaws as were presented in the mailing that was dated and went out on April 8. Doug Dixon, Central Committee member from Avon Lake seconded the motion.

Jon Morrow, Sheffield Lake, had a point of information – Should we look at forming a committee to create new Bylaws. Jon Morrow said he would like to be on that committee to form new Bylaws.

Central Committee Member from Avon Lake, Bob Palisin, stated that Jon Morrow’s comments should not be in the minutes, but it was decided that they would be put into the minutes because they were made at the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously to accept the Bylaws as were previously presenting in the April 8th, 2024, mailing.

The next issue was the election of a permanent Chairman for the Lorain County Republican Party Central Committee

Kirsten Hill was nominated. Roberts Rules of Order do not require a second to the motion.

Temporary Chairman Jim Dowdell asked 3 separate times if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Kirsten Hill shared that she wants to do this position and has important insight from her last 12 years of involvement. Her vision is for area and County leaders to work together to attract, screen and promote the best candidates. She will also hold regular Central Committee meetings. That has not been the past practice.

Kirsten Hill was unanimously approved for the position of Chairman of the Lorain County Republican Central Committee.

She came to the podium at 7:40 pm and Temporary Chairman Jim Dowdell gave the gavel to newly-elected Chairman Kirsten Hill.

Chairman Hill had an agenda with a few changes to the original agenda.

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She asked the attendees if she could just read them instead of passing them out to everyone. They unanimously agreed.

The changes were: Between #9 & #10 she wanted to add "Elect a Treasurer" and #12 "Elect Members to the Executive Committee". She also asked for New Business.

She asked if there were any objections to the changes in the agenda.

Jim Dowdell, Grafton, moved to accept the changes. Jack Baird, Elyria, seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Sande Meilander, Lorain, nominated Jim Tomsic for Vice Chairman. Jim Dowdell, Grafton, seconded the motion. The election was closed with only one nominee.

Jim Tomsic spoke to the attendees. They should attend monthly meetings, don't be afraid to engage others in pro-conservative communications, and volunteer/participate in any way they can.

There was a unanimous vote of affirmation of Jim Tomsic for Vice Chairman.

Patrick McGervey, Avon Lake, nominated Pat Echko for Secretary. Doug Dixon, Avon Lake, seconded the nomination.

In the past, Pat ran for Clerk of Courts and for a Commissioner's seat. She was a Sheffield Twp Trustee for 20 years and served on the School Board. She owned Erie Shore Mortgage Co.

She feels it is very important to help candidates raise money for their campaigns. She wants to help the candidates win their elections.

She was elected unanimously.

Jeff Baxter, Elyria, nominated Dr. Alice Gobeille for Secretary of the Central Committee. Pamm Malcolm, Carlyle Twp, seconded the motion. Dr. Gobeille Spoke and thanked those who nominated her. She has not had a lot of exposure to the Republican Committee very long but she has been a Republican for many years. She is looking forward to being in a leadership position.

The vote of affirmation was unanimous.

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Dr. Alice Gobeille, the newly-elected Lorain County Central Committee Secretary, came to the front and took over her duties at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomasina B. Patton
Temporary Secretary

Minutes

Lorain County Republican Central Committee

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Organizational Meeting 7:00 PM
Held at Heritage Presbyterian Church
515 North Leavitt Rd, Amherst, Ohio 44001

Alice Gobeille, the duly elected Secretary of the Lorain County Republican Central Committee took over the secretary duties from the temporary secretary Tomie Patton.

1. AUDIT REPORT

- a. Treasury Report: Sandy Milander reported the balance as of today.
 - i. Judicial Bank Account \$7420.53
 - ii. General Operation Fund \$17,477.47
- b. Audit report: Jack Baird verified the audit report and stated, "all in order" and was brought up to date.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF *ELECT MEMBERS *~~ELECTED~~ TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. See enclosed 2024 Organizational Meeting Schedule
- b. Motion to accept all 43 members of the Executive Committee by 1st Jim Dowdell, 2nd Pat McGervey. All in favor was unanimous; none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Announcements

- a. Next LCRCC will be Tuesday, July 9th 6:30pm Location TBD, opportunities for sub-committee.
- b. Appointments to vacant precinct representatives
- c. Magnet handouts
- d. By-law Review Committee, 1 representative per area and Central Committee. Chair requires names on or before May 1st commission.
- e. The Executive Committee meeting follows this meeting today.

*NEW BUSINESS: Pat McGervey recognizes Dave Arredondo for his good media relationships.

4. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 8:20pm.

* Denotes original Agenda changes as proposed by newly elected Chairman Kirsten Hill.

Meeting minutes prepared by Alice Gobeille.
