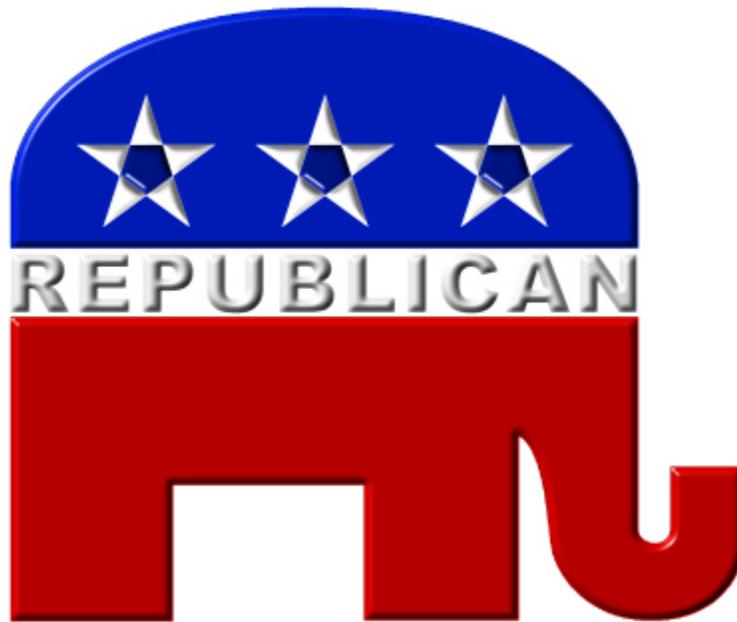


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Preface

The 2018 Natrona County Republican Party Platform is the result of a biennial process that begins with each precinct in the county and culminates in the Natrona County Republican Convention. Our county platform is then considered at the State Convention during the creation of the Wyoming Republican Party Platform, which in turn is considered at the National Convention for the creation of the National Republican Party Platform.

We invite every registered Republican in the county of Natrona to join us in this Platform process to exercise your political freedom in our representative republic, to give guidance to our elected Republican officeholders, and to clearly define for what the Republican Party stands.

Last year, in a determined effort to keep the documents to a manageable size so each item can be adequately considered, we have implemented a new paradigm for its creation and organization. Rather than the Platforms and Resolutions being parallel documents, one designed for the State Convention and the other designed for the National Convention, they are now in a temporal relationship, one stating long-term principles and the other addressing short-term matters.

The first part of this document contains the Platform “Planks,” which are statements of broad principles and timeless truths. They are not things that easily change with the whim of a political moment. The second part, the Resolutions address contemporary matters of county, state, and national concern. They deal with specific events and specific issues, and often propose specific actions (“Resolved”) to solve a specific problem citing specific facts and principles (“Whereas”), which are often principles in the Platform. Both parts have identical chapter headings, which makes a clear connection between the Platform principles and the Resolutions that guide their creation.

Since any political party is a coalition, we do not ask anyone to agree with everything here. However, if you agree with a majority of this document, you can honestly call yourself a Republican and should be registered as one of us. This document is what ties us all together in unity, reminding us that after we’re done debating and campaigning amongst ourselves to test our plans and ideas, in the end we are all Americans who love our country and cherish its freedoms.

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Platform (Planks)

A. Jobs and the Economy

The Natrona County Republican Party. . .

1. Believes we should continue to develop, maintain, and improve a favorable climate for the free market that includes reducing regulations and tax reform that simplifies the tax code, broadens the tax base, and reduces marginal tax rates.
2. Believes that the multiple uses of public lands promote jobs and the economy.
3. Believes in a State of Wyoming comprehensive policy to encourage the responsible development of all Wyoming's natural resources.
4. Believes Wyoming should remain a right-to-work state.
5. Believes in the free market and the right to an equal opportunity for all private businesses and therefore opposes all economic development that uses taxpayer funds and Government laws that aid one business or group of businesses over another business or group of businesses.

B. Crime and Law

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes that state and local governments within clearly stated Constitutional limits must promote and protect the rights, persons, and property of their citizens. Law enforcement officials shall not hinder the rights of the free citizens to defend and protect themselves, family, and property, including the right to bear arms.
2. Believes in sentencing to impose appropriate strict and severe penalties on crimes including restitution and reparations to victims and their families.
3. Believes that criminals should not profit from their crimes; and therefore, supports criminal forfeiture after conviction for the crime; but believes that people are innocent until proven guilty; and therefore, opposes civil asset forfeiture.
4. Believes the State of Wyoming should pursue judicial accountability in the sentencing of sexual predators according to statute and reflective of the individual severity of the crime.
5. Believes United States law is derived from our founding documents based on the United States Constitution; and we reject incompatible law and foreign precedents.
6. Believes that free citizens are primarily responsible for their own security and that the purpose of police forces is to augment, not replace, that security.

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7. Believes in equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or disability.
8. Believes all Agenda 21 and Vision 20-20 ideology and applications in the use of land, agriculture, and environment are incompatible with the United States Constitution. The sole purpose of law is to secure our unalienable rights given to us by our Creator, which among them are the protection of life from conception to natural death, liberty, and property. All such laws are based on natural and revealed law.

C. Land, Agriculture, and Environment

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1. Believes that land is one of our most valuable resources and that it should be used as fully as possible. Believes in the multiple uses of public lands. People should be allowed to use their private land for whatever use they desire, as long as they do not cause irreparable harm to their land or the land around them.
 - a. Believes we should oppose any additional road less, wilderness, or special interest area destinations with State and split estate lands.
 - b. Believes in the control of Wyoming wildlife by State law and/or agencies without Federal interference.
 - c. Believes in predator control as a management tool to protect wildlife, agriculture, and public safety without Federal interference.
 - d. Believes split estate lands and uses should be returned to State control.
2. Believes in the State development and management of upstream water storage and other water projects to benefit Wyoming's economy and opposes any attempt by the Federal Government, other states and downstream users to encroach upon water rights belonging to, and administered by, the State of Wyoming.
3. Believes in any action that assures Wyoming's primacy over its air, land, and water, or the doctrine of prior appropriation.
4. Believes there should be no net increase in acreage of State land, except by return of public land, and that land swaps should involve like acres. Believes any land swap should include public access to any public lands that it would close off or restrict.
5. Believes in the protection of private property rights with respect to the effects of eminent domain.
6. Livestock and Agriculture:
 - a. Believes in programs to prevent and/or eradicate transmittable diseases such as brucellosis and chronic wasting disease to maintain the health of Wyoming's livestock and wildlife.
 - b. Believes in a policy of no introduction, reintroduction, or protection of any wildlife or wild plant species without valid scientific data, local and State participation, and consideration of the associated socio-economic impacts.

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- c. Believes the State of Wyoming should fund the Wyoming State Fair and continue support of 4-H, FFA, Ag in the Classroom, Cooperative Extension Services, and other educational opportunities for youth.

D. Government and Budgets

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes in the concept of “government which governs least, governs best.”
 - a. Believes good government is based on protecting individual rights using minimal government regulations.
 - b. Believes in keeping the power in the people’s hands by electing their officials rather than appointed positions.
 - c. Believes in the continued pursuit of responsible reduction in spending, elimination of unnecessary or ineffective programs and utilization of existing financial resources.
2. Believes that State and local government should not directly compete with NOR subsidized private enterprise.
3. Believes in our rights as stated in the United States and Wyoming Constitutions. Believes, excluding the Federal Government’s enumerated powers, Wyoming State Sovereignty and laws override Federal laws, rules, etc.
4. Believes we should oppose a State Income Tax.
 - a. Believes we should reject tax increases.
 - b. Believes taxation should be equitable and predictable and State and local government must work together to ensure a fair and accurate tax system.
 - c. Believes in the investing of surplus State funds in trust with the goal of proportionately reducing State sales tax and property tax.
5. Believes that open carry and carrying a concealed personal weapon is a right.
6. Believes in a balanced budget achieved by adherence to the United States Constitution.
7. Believes “one nation under God” in the United States Pledge of Allegiance is a basic part of the foundation of Wyoming and the United States of America.
 - a. Believes that the founding of our Country is based on Judeo-Christian values.
8. Believes that allowing voter registration on Election Day is an invitation to election fraud and should be eliminated for primary and general elections, and that voters should be required to produce a valid Government issued photo facial identification prior to voting in primary and general elections.

E. Education

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1. Believes in education that stresses personal goals, accountability, parental and local control, and enhanced reading, science, and math skills, while also encouraging more flexibility for rural schools and special-needs children.
2. Believes in the teaching of factual, patriotic, and constitutional history and heritage of the United States.
 - a. Believes that Christianity should not be singled out for discriminatory purposes.
3. Believes that the State's commitment to education, including technical, vocational, community colleges, and the University of Wyoming, should remain among the highest priorities.
4. Believes that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's education and should have the right to choose the type and method of schooling for them, including parental rights:
 - a. To home school.
 - b. Believes that the Wyoming Department of Education should fund each child's K-12 education at the institution of the family's choice.
5. Believes in school boards and parents maintaining local control of education.
 - a. Believes in voluntary prayer and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form.
 - b. Believes in effective substance abuse education for, and encourages treatment for, expelled abusers prior to returning to school.
 - c. Believes English is the official language of the Wyoming and national educational system.
6. Believes we should oppose any teaching or encouragement of homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle in all public schools.
7. Believes in the closure of the Federal Department of Education.
8. Believes in State Sovereignty with regard to K-12 education and that we should not subscribe to the National "Common Core Standards" or any derivation of such, nor should we accept any Federal funding as an incentive to adopt National Common Core Standards.
9. Article I Section 24 of the Wyoming Constitution applies and protects the rights of Wyoming citizens to lawfully carry concealed firearms when visiting or working in a public school, college, or university.

F. Health and Society

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes that people should be able to make all decisions regarding their health care and should be able to choose to use traditional or alternative treatments and to help pay for health care. They should be able to choose health savings accounts, direct

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- primary care traditional insurance purchased in any state in any form of insurance that is agreed upon by the person and the company/organization with which they desire to contract, or no form of insurance. The Government should have no role in health care other than to enforce the contract between the provider and patient or the payer and patient.
- a. Believes averages used for determining costs should be State of Wyoming averages.
 2. Believes we should oppose a federally controlled national health care system.
 3. Believes we should support a range of reforms, including tort and insurance reform, and a medical review panel on the medical liability issue to retain health care professionals and improve the affordability and accessibility of health care.
 4. Believes in the family as the basic building block of Wyoming society and the best source of information regarding the critical issues of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and teenage pregnancy. Local school districts and the State should coordinate with the family regarding these issues and should emphasize abstinence as the best method of preventing STDs and unwanted pregnancy.
 5. Believes in an individual's right to die with dignity and continues to support their right to refuse medical treatment.
 6. Believes we should support a state constitutional amendment to define marriage as a contract between one man and one woman.
 7. Believes the unborn child has a fundamental right to life that cannot be infringed.
 - a. Believes we should outlaw abortion unless life threatening.
 - b. Believes adoption is a preferred alternative to abortion and supports legislation that would encourage adoption and protecting adopting parents.
 8. Believes we should support protection of the unalienable right to life from conception To natural death.

G. Immigration and (Illegal) Immigrants

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1. Believes in the adoption of a comprehensive plan for the incarceration and management of felons in Wyoming. The plan is to include incarceration and deportation details with regard to illegal aliens.
2. Believes we should support the deportation of illegal aliens.
3. Believes in an e-verify system for employers and strict penalties for employers who employ workers not properly documented on e-verify.
4. Believes that Wyoming is not a sanctuary state and that we oppose refugee centers in Wyoming.

H. Energy

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1. Believes we should oppose any legislation enacting a cap and trade system.
2. Believes we should consider the transfer of Federal lands and minerals under the surface within Wyoming to the State of Wyoming.
3. Believes in energy independence; and therefore, believes we should reduce regulations and allow the free market to develop ALL forms of energy without interference from regulations or subsidies and that the Government should never be the one to choose one form of energy over another.
4. Believes we should reduce federal regulations.

I. Foreign Policy and Defense

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes in a sufficient budget for military and national defense, reservists, and National Guard.
2. Believes in the development of free allies around the world, not client states.
3. Believes we should defend our national borders.
4. Believes in foreign aid based upon country and circumstance.
5. Believes in maintaining existing military installations in Wyoming.
6. Believes the President should not commit combat troops or military force without a declaration of war by Congress.
7. Believes in the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.

Resolutions

A. Jobs and Economy

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports a free market and job creation through natural resource development.
2. Supports Congressional recognition that multiple use and access to Federal land is critical to the western economy, to wit:
 - a. Economic prosperity and environmental protections shall advance together.
 - b. Environmental regulators shall be held accountable for objective and timely analysis of proposed Federal policies.
 - c. Regulated snow machines, snow planes, and other motorized recreational vehicles shall be permitted access in support of all small businesses.
3. Opposes Federal policies that unreasonably inhibit the development of Wyoming's jobs and economy.
4. Supports an employee's right to work.

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5. Opposes Federal employment quotas.
6. Supports a free and competitive marketplace.
7. Recognizes the importance of the economic health of small businesses and opposes over regulation of small businesses.
8. Supports the Congressional Delegation working with all pertinent Governmental bodies and the private sector to expand markets for Wyoming's natural resources.
9. Supports a royalty-in-kind program for Federal oil and gas royalties and renewable wind power royalties which will provide an opportunity for enhanced royalty revenues to Wyoming and the Federal Government.

B. Crime and Law

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports the laws of the United States are sufficient to punish criminal behavior and that no so-called "hate crime" or "bias crime" legislation should be imposed upon us by Federal or State Government.
2. Supports a prohibition of lawsuits brought by any local, county, state or Federal Government or agency against any firearms manufacturer as a result of their product being misused in any criminal activity.
3. Supports penal policies which can reduce prison populations without endangering Society; such as, minimum security and monitored work release programs for all non-violent offenders with an emphasis on treatment and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol offenders, except for large scale drug distributors and manufacturers.
4. Believes that foreign law should not be used to determine cases within the United States.
5. Opposes adoption of sharia law by local governments or in court decisions.
6. Supports a change in burden of proof for civil forfeiture to be beyond a reasonable doubt.
7. Opposes the recognition of same sex marriage.
8. Believes that any rule or regulation proposed by a state agency, which includes a civil or criminal penalty, should be passed by a direct vote of the legislature.
9. Legislature should not legislatively interfere with elected officials who have not been convicted of wrong doing.
10. Resolved transgendered person should use the restrooms that designate his/her biological gender at birth.
11. Whereas, religious institutions and individuals should not be forced to accept doing things that are against their religious teachings or face being fined for not complying; be resolved that each person has the right to choose why they feel it is in accord to their religious teachings and beliefs.
12. Supports local school boards to have either paid or volunteer armed guards in schools, consisting of retired police or armed forces.
13. Supports legislation for local law enforcement agencies providing training to

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employee volunteers for concealed carry in schools as a first line of defense.

C. Land and Agriculture, and Environment

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1. Supports private property rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution.
2. Asserts that the purpose of the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to serve and facilitate responsible stewardship while guaranteeing access to split estate lands so as to sustain and enhance the multiple use of those lands, including forestry, livestock, grazing, oil and gas, mining, recreation, tourism, hunting, and other uses provided for under the law while respecting private property rights. The Party further supports the right to collect, gems, rocks, and other minerals for the purpose of display, refining, sales as a finished product, and for hobby collecting.
3. Supports legislation that would move our nation toward restricting ownership of land by the Federal Government, except as specifically provided for in the Constitution of the United States of America.
4. Supports all actions necessary to sustain States' primacy over their water, air, land, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources. Further supports the distribution of accidentally killed wildlife for consumption.
5. Supports Federal funding for state programs to eradicate brucellosis in wildlife to achieve brucellosis-free status across the nation.
6. Opposes the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), which provides for Government acquisition of private property.
7. Urges the Federal Government to adopt a wetlands policy stating that water use practices on private property should not be considered in regulator proceedings and the concept of voluntary wetlands banking should be used as a means of mitigating water development impacts on natural wetlands.
8. Supports the country of origin labeling legislation on meats and other food products.
9. Urges the Justice Department/USDA to enforce the literal interpretation of the Packer's and Stockyards Act and Anti-Trust laws. The merging of mega corporations

in the total food chain, production through retail, is threatening the existence of small agriculture business in the United States.
10. Supports that all split estate lands use planning must include an independent, accurate analysis of the socio-economic impact on the local and state economies and mitigate any negative effect. Supports prosecution of Federal agencies and their employees who flagrantly and consistently use illegal means; such as, trespassing, on private lands, to further their programs.
11. Strongly supports a moratorium on further listing of any species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and opposes Federal invasive species legislation.
 - a. Supports our Congressional Delegation's effort to introduce and pass

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- legislation to revise ESA.
- b. Supports the revision of the ESA, which includes the following:
 - (1) A move from penalty enforcement to incentive-based protection.
 - (2) Complete protection for private property.
 - (3) Conclusive factual science-based listing criteria.
 - (4) Use of biological definitions only for listing.
 - (5) Prioritization of species listings with a cap on cost allocation.
 - (6) A moratorium on further listings pending cost benefit analysis.
 - (7) Redefine “standing” for purpose of initiating listing and litigation.
 - (8) Listing must be accompanied by a recovery plan that includes a socio-economic analysis and specific de-listing criteria.
 - (9) Recognize the State’s rights to manage individual species within their boundaries and the Federal Government’s responsibility to fund its mandates.
 - c. Supports immediate de-listing of the grizzly bear to allow it to be managed as a trophy animal and to allow it to be managed by the State of Wyoming as a Trophy/Predator.
 - (1) Supports defining grizzly bears and grey wolves as predators outside of National Parks.
 - d. Opposes the listing of the prairie dog, all species of sage grouse, and Canadian lynx on the endangered species list.
- 12. Supports immediate resolution of the status of all current wilderness study areas.
 - 13. Supports Federal legislation banning ownership/control of cattle by meat packers for more than seven (7) days prior to slaughter.
 - 14. Opposes the designation of land, water, or air within the borders of the United States that limits or changes its use without congressional, state, and local government approval.
 - 15. Opposes the Federal Government interfering with the private property rights of individuals owning “In-Holdings” – private land surrounded by Federal Lands. We oppose Government harassment.
 - 16. Supports legislation to address the negative impact of the Farm Bill to State’s rights including jurisdiction over water; e.g., in stream flows.

 - 17. Whereas, domestic livestock grazing on split estate lands is critically important to the customs, culture, and economy of the states and towns in the western United States, the BLM and the USFS must base agency actions on sound science.
 - 18. Supports legislation requiring agencies charging an environmental violation be required to bear the burden of proof of such a violation.
 - 19. Requests the continued support of our National Delegation for the Federal programs that promote the economic viability of the Wyoming natural resource

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- industries.
20. Reaffirms the voluntary status of non-point source pollution control programs.
 21. Supports that any international environmental treaties participated in by the United States require that all signatures thereto have equal responsibilities and adhere to the same rules.
 22. Supports that as a state with primacy oversight to air and water regulation, we oppose any Federal Government intrusion into the States' authority to administer and allocate water within their states.
 23. Supports continued public access to our split estate/public lands and seek public use of currently inaccessible split estate lands for responsible recreation and appropriate commercial use with continued use of historic snow planes.
 24. Opposes the USDA National Grasslands planning which asks to develop wilderness areas in the Grasslands.
 25. Whereas the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) wants water from the Upper North Platte Basin for endangered species in Nebraska; and whereas any negative effects on irrigators in the Basin would be a taking, be it resolved that the USFWS and the State of Wyoming fully compensate these irrigators for their losses.
 26. Asserts that the purpose of the USFS and the BLM is to serve and facilitate responsible stewardship while guaranteeing access to split estate lands in order to sustain and enhance the multiple use of those lands including forestry, livestock, grazing, oil and gas, mining, recreation, tourism, hunting, and other uses provided for under the law.
 27. Supports all actions necessary to sustain States' primacy over their water, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources.
 28. Urges Congress to examine, amend, and restrict criteria for "standing" to appeal and file legal actions against Federal agencies.
 29. Whereas, continuing water shortages and droughts negatively impact agriculture and municipal needs, we support the State of Wyoming's efforts to develop the uses and storage of Colorado River Compact waters and extend to include Yellowstone River Compact.
 30. Encourages the marketplace to seek solutions to environmental problems through profit-oriented business, recycling, and other incentive-oriented means alternative energy development; such as, power plants, transmission, refineries, wind-powered energy cells, nuclear power, and other appropriate industries.
 31. Supports that no additional split estate lands be designated as wilderness, national monuments, road less areas, etc., unless through an act of Congress and in agreement with the affected state.
 32. Opposes United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) determination of CO₂ as a pollutant under the Clean Air or any other act.
 33. Supports abolishment of the EPA.
 34. Recognizes the right of individual property ownership and supports the use of

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eminent domain only for public use projects but not for private or individual projects that might generate more tax dollars.

35. Supports the repeal of the Equal Access to Justice Act.
36. Supports the transfer of split estate lands and minerals to the State of Wyoming.
37. Supports that Wyoming should be the primary agent in managing all public lands in the State of Wyoming, including split estate lands, provided that multiple use remains intact.

D. Government and Budgets

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1. Encourages Congressional action for tax reduction.
2. Recognizes the necessity of a balanced budget while reducing the national debt.
 - a. Supports a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.
3. Supports legislation that grants individuals the option to invest a part of their social security contributions into a private retirement pension program, and the individual is assured of the maintenance of the Social Security Account.
4. Supports the anti-terror war and supports the protection of the United States.
5. Supports that State and local governments, upon their request, be designated as cooperating agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act in order to provide them with a stronger role in Federal decision making.
6. Supports legislation that provides for full disclosure of political contributions and the thorough prosecution of violators of such requirements.
7. Supports a coalition action of the Western states that would take a stand against Federal intervention that would usurp our water rights, property rights, economic development, and our lifestyles.
8. Supports Government agencies seeking public input be required to hold formal public hearings.
9. Supports the original intent of the Second Amendment.
10. Supports that any association or organization which lobbies the United States Congress be required to reveal sources, amount, and type of all domestic and foreign contributions.
11. Opposes any additional federally imposed national identity system including internet ID.
12. Opposes any use of social security numbers beyond the original purposes.
13. Urges Congress to exercise its statutory power of oversight on agency rule making and implementation.
14. Supports that the United States adopts English as the official language.
15. Believes the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.

16. Opposes any and all initiatives that call for a Constitutional convention and calls the

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- Wyoming legislature to rescind any previous initiatives that include a United States Constitution Convention Call.
17. Believes that those who engage in alternative lifestyles have the basic rights and protections of American citizens but that no special rights or privileges be granted to them.
 18. Supports the full Federal funding of all federally mandated programs.
 19. Affirms the 10th Amendment.
 20. Believes that no nominee to the Federal Courts should be prevented from confirmation to office because of their believe in strict construction of the Constitution or the Rule of Law.
 21. Supports legislation requiring all payments made by any Federal Government agency under the Equal Access to Justice Act be a part of the public record.
 22. Supports Congressional action requiring a single issue per bill and all amendments to it.
 23. Opposes utilization of any Presidential advisor (czar) not fully approved by the United States Senate.
 24. Supports constitutional cap of national debt to no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross domestic product.
 25. Opposes any national treaty or trade agreement that does not ensure fair trade.
 26. Supports strongly, balancing the Federal budget, reducing the national debt and trade deficit.
 27. Stands for low taxes and fiscal responsibility.
 28. Supports the permanent repeal of the Estate Tax.
 29. Supports Wyoming's Republican delegation to Congress in their efforts to address the continued decreases in the Payment In lieu of Taxes (PLT) and the need to review current PLT formulas.
 30. Supports adequate and responsible Federal funding for Federal highways with appropriate contributions from State Government.
 31. Supports efforts to enact a line item veto for the President of the United States and encourages its use to eliminate congressional earmarks.
 32. Opposes international environmental treaties.
 33. Eliminate, reduce, or freeze capital gains taxes.
 34. Supports full disclosure laws with no limit on donations and abolishing Super Political Action Committees (PACs).
 35. Supports creating a presidential primary formula that enhances the ability of the members of the Republican Party of Wyoming to select a presidential candidate.
 36. Supports Senator Mike Enzi's Penny Plan for Federal debt reduction and a balanced budget.
 37. The public e-mail address of all elected officials will be explicitly published on the official website for the State of Wyoming.
 38. Supports Federal term limits for the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

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39. Supports term limits on the United States Supreme Court and all Federal judges.
40. Supports that any Executive Order issued to circumvent the United States Constitution or the will of Congress shall be null and void.
41. Supports that all members of the United States Congress including the staff, as well as, the Wyoming Governor and Wyoming State Legislature and their staffs shall adhere to all laws and regulations that the United States Congress and Wyoming Legislature passes.
42. Supports that all bills introduced by the United States Congress or Wyoming State Legislature must pass a constitutional basis.
43. Supports that the Natrona County Republican Party shall condemn any actions of any elected Republican which are fundamentally inconsistent with the Wyoming Party Platforms and Resolutions and said Republican official shall be censured at the next State convened meeting.
44. Supports that allowing voter registration on election day is an invitation to election fraud and should be eliminated for primary and general elections.
45. Supports that voters should be required to produce a valid Government issued photo identification prior to voting in primary and general elections.
46. Supports voters register party affiliation forty-five (45) days before the primary.
47. Congress should support the “REGULATION FREEDOM” Amendment, which states whenever one quarter of the Members of the United States House of representatives or the United States Senate transmit to the President their written declaration opposition of a proposed Federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House and Senate to adopt that regulation.

E. Education

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Recognizes that the future strength of our country lies in a strong education system that:
 - a. Is based on local control and the allocation of all Federal funds to education through a block grant system without Federal control over how those funds are spent.
 - b. Supports the fundamental rights of parents and legal guardians to choose public, private, religious or home-based education for their children.
 - c. Opposes any teaching or encouraging of homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle in schools.
 - d. Promotes respect for our national heritage and teaching the principles that made America great.
2. Supports substance abuse education at all levels grade 4 and above.
3. Supports religious freedom and voluntary prayer in public schools.

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4. Supports the adoption of a solid initiative that requires a working knowledge of the founding documents of the United States including but not limited to the Constitution and Bill of Rights.
5. Supports a voucher system for the education of our children.
6. Supports the clear and factual history of the United States and the world being taught and presented in schools.
7. Supports the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form in our public schools.
8. Supports "Abstinence Education" as the primary approach to sex education in the public schools.
9. Supports a local control format and oppose any Federal control of education
10. Opposes Federal funding to the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).
11. Eliminate the United States Department of Education.
12. Supports that the Wyoming Board of Education membership be through an election process.
13. Opposes the acceptance of the Common Core State Standards.
14. Opposes storing of personally identifiable information of students without parental consent.
15. Supports that no personally identifiable information about students shall be shared with any local, state or Federal Government, corporate, private or individual entity without parental consent.
16. Supports that all schools offering sex education must notify parents of their intent to teach the subject and invite the parents to attend with their child.
17. Supports a local control format for education in Wyoming that stresses goals, accountability, parental and local control and enhanced reading, science, math skills, while encouraging flexibility for rural schools and special-needs children.
18. Supports the protection of our children through the use of trained and armed school personnel.

F. Health and Society

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Welcomes all individuals, encourages their open discussion, solicits their active participation in the Party, and respects their positions and beliefs and will strive to support candidates with strong moral and ethical values which distance them from their opponents and give the voters a clear choice.
2. Resolves that its traditions are traced to those founding Republicans who believed in the fundamental dignity of every human being, regardless of origin.
3. Supports adoption over abortion.

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4. Supports placental blood stem cell research, bone marrow stem cell research, adult stem cell research and fat stem cell research.
5. Opposes the sale of fetal tissue obtained from any abortions in medical research or transplants.
6. Supports a ban on the cloning of living human embryos.
7. Supports Federal tax dollars should not be used in the funding of abortions.
8. Supports the family as the basic building block of society and the cornerstone of this country and in the sanctity of the family and that parents have the fundamental right and responsibility to rear, guide, and provide for their children.

9. Supports families, the private sector, local school districts and the state should work together to address the critical issues of AIDS, teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Education regarding these issues should include all options and stress abstinence as the best method of prevention of infection and unwanted pregnancy.
10. Supports in-state health care for Wyoming Veterans and more equal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements for Wyoming physicians and hospitals.
11. Does not support euthanasia, but supports individual's right to die with dignity and their legal guardians or designee's right to refuse medical treatment.
12. Supports health care professionals and patients as well as public safety officials have the right to know whether either is knowingly infected with the HIV, Hepatitis B, and/or Hepatitis C Virus.
13. Supports Senator Enzi's proposal to allow small businesses to combine across state lines for health care insurance.
14. Supports Federal welfare reform that encourages individual responsibility, family responsibility, education, job training, and bringing people into the productive work force.
15. Supports that marriage is a unique relationship between a man and a woman.
16. Encourages the federal government to regulate and prosecute Internet child pornography to the fullest extent of the law.
17. Supports legislation that makes private health insurance paid for by individuals be 100% tax deductible.
18. Opposes a federally controlled national health care system.
 - a. Supports the total repeal of the Affordable Care Act.
19. Opposes the legalization of marijuana for medical or recreational purposes.
20. Supports the defense of the unalienable right to life of all innocent human life from conception to natural death.
21. Supports the Constitutional provision that no Government entity can interfere with any legal church to practice faith as they see fit.
22. Opposes acknowledgement or adoption of any sharia compliant law or financing.
23. The Natrona County Republican Party supports the right of parents to prevent their minor children from obtaining gender reassignment treatment or counseling.

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G. immigration and (Illegal) Immigrants

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports the deportation of illegal aliens and the protection of our national borders.
2. Opposes allowing illegal aliens to obtain a Wyoming driver's license.
3. Supports the establishment and enforcement of more effective immigration laws and visa regulations.
4. Urges the Federal Government to protect the privileges of legal immigrants and the citizens of the United States by properly securing the borders of the United States, and urges enhanced utilization of the INS Form 1-9 and support of the Sensenbrenner amendment.
5. Opposes the introduction of refugee camps or participation in refugee resettlement programs in Wyoming.

H. Energy

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Believes that the United States is too dependent on foreign oil and encourages Federal policies to promote petroleum, natural gas, uranium, and coal production and use of viable renewable resources; such as, hydrogen, ethanol, geo-thermal solar energy, and nuclear power.
2. Supports a comprehensive Energy Bill, which promotes exploration and production and ensures multiple use Federal Lands
3. Supports the Wyoming Congressional delegation in its attempt to obtain Abandoned Mine Land Funds without strings.
4. Supports free market strategies to determine the best energy policy for the nation.
5. Whereas natural gas development is a vital industry within Wyoming, be it resolved that we support state and Federal regulations that encourage reasonable and timely development.
6. Opposes any legislation enacting a "cap and trade" scheme for CO2 emissions.
7. Supports new oil and gas refining facilities being built in Wyoming.
8. Opposes any wind and solar energy subsidies.

I. Foreign Policy and Defense

The Natrona County Republican Party...

1. Supports that our Foreign Policy should place the interests of the United States first and:
 - a. Supports expansion of NATO membership to free nations in Eastern Europe

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and require the member nations to pay the actual cost of their own defense.

- b. Exercise diligence as to which foreign countries receive United States Aid.
2. Supports that in military affairs we should provide adequate funding to maintain a strong military for our national defense, with an armed force of high morale, integrity and a national commitment of support, including full funding of promised benefits.
3. Supports withdrawal of the United States from United Nations.
4. Supports that the National Defense Authorization Act should be amended to delete the sections that are unconstitutional and that allow for the indefinite detention of a United States citizen.
5. Affirms America's commitment to the unbreakable bond that exists between our country and the State of Israel and expresses to President Obama our deep concern over recent tension.
6. Opposes the subordination of American troops to any foreign or multinational organization.

J. Courtesy Resolutions:

1. The Natrona County Republican Party extends our sincere thanks and appreciation to our statewide elected officials: Governor Matt Mead, Secretary of State Ed Buchanan, State Treasurer Mark Gordon, State Auditor Cynthia I. Cloud, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow. We would also like to thank the President of the Senate Eli Bebout and Speaker of the House Steve Harshman for their service to the State.
2. The Natrona County Republican Party thanks our Republican legislators from the 64th Wyoming Legislature: Senators Bill Landon, Jim Anderson, Drew Perkins, and Charles Scott, and Representatives Joe MacGuire, Steve Harshman, Tom Walters, Jerry Obermueller, Chuck Gray, Patrick Sweeney, and Bunky Loucks for the vision of saving for the future as well as a balanced budget and other educational, health care, infrastructure and multiple needs of our Natrona County citizens and community. The NCRP would like to thank all of the elected Natrona County Republican officials for their service and dedication.
3. The Natrona County Republican Party commends Senator Mike Enzi, Senator John Barrasso, Congresswoman Liz Cheney, and the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their distinguished service and dedication to the protection of the freedoms we hold dear.
4. The Natrona County Republican Party gives our full, unqualified support to our Armed Forces.
5. The Natrona County Republican Party would like to thank the Managers and Owners of the Ramkota Hotel for the Hospitality.

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Bylaws

Article I. The Natrona County Republican Party

1. Membership: The Republican Party of Natrona County, State of Wyoming, shall be composed of all persons registered as Republican to vote in Natrona County.
2. Governance: The Natrona County Convention of the Republican Party, when assembled, shall be the governing body of the Party. At all other times, the Natrona County Central Committee shall be the governing body.

Article II. Procedure and Definitions

1. All meetings and conventions shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Unless otherwise herein provided, the use of the masculine shall be deemed to include the feminine gender.
3. At least two (2) tellers shall be appointed by the County Chairman for all forms of voting herein requiring a count of individual votes.
4. Wherever the term "casting lots" appears in the Bylaws, it means the flipping of coins or the drawing of names to determine the outcome of a vote.
5. Proxy voting: As provided by Wyoming State Statutes, §22-4-114, "a member of a

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political committee or subcommittee may be represented at any meeting of the committee or subcommittee by written proxy. A person holding a proxy must be a resident of the same political subdivision as the member he represents. No person shall be allowed to vote more than two (2) proxies." A designation of proxy must be signed by the person giving the proxy. As provided in the Bylaws of the Wyoming Republican Party, proxies are not recognized at precinct caucuses or county conventions.

6. Voting procedures - elections of persons: These voting procedures shall apply to election of persons at County Conventions, at meetings of the full County Central Committee and at meetings of the portion of the County Central Committee from a particular state legislative district.
 - a. Persons eligible to vote shall be seated in a designated area of the meeting room separate from persons not eligible to vote.
 - b. Proof of identity and of residence may be required by the Credentials Committee at the time of registration for the meeting.
 - c. Any person appearing on the ballot has the right to observe the counting of the ballots personally.
 - d. All ballots shall be counted and the results reported before the conclusion of the meeting.
 - e. Tie votes shall be resolved by casting lots before the conclusion of the meeting.
 - f. At the end of the meeting, all ballots shall be locked and sealed with a single-use seal within a lockable container and retained by the chair of the Elections Committee for a period of ten (10) days during which a recount may be requested by any candidate.
 - g. If a recount is requested, it shall be conducted by the Elections Committee. All candidates who may be affected by a recount shall be notified of the recount at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the actual recount.
 - h. Nothing herein or in the way an election is conducted shall interfere with the right of voters to cast secret ballots.

Article III. Natrona County Central Committee

1. Membership:
 - a. The Republican Central Committee of Natrona County, State of Wyoming, shall consist of the duly elected or duly appointed Republican Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen within the county, who shall hold office for a term of two (2) years succeeding the Primary. Each precinct shall elect one Committeeman and one Committeewoman for each 250 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for the Republican candidate for United States

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Republican Representative in the last general election, but provided no precinct shall be entitled to less than one Committeeman and one Committeewoman.

- b. Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen shall be registered Republican voters and a resident of the precinct.
 - c. If a precinct boundary line is changed for any reason, the County Commissioners shall determine the number of precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen to which the affected precinct is entitled.
 - d. All County Central Committee members in office on the date that notice of a County Central Committee meeting is published shall be allowed to vote at said meeting.
 - e. If a precinct person is duly elected pursuant to Wyoming statute and these Bylaws and the County Clerk or the Republican Central Committee of Natrona County fails to seat such person, such person shall be seated immediately upon the discovery that they have been properly elected.
2. Meetings: The Natrona County Central Committee shall meet in the County Seat of Natrona County:
- a. Within thirty (30) days after the County Chairman has received notice from the County Clerk that all of the County Central Committee members have been certified elected, for the purpose of organization. The meeting shall be held at the time and place determined by the County Chairman.
 - b. Anytime during the month of March of each odd numbered year at the County seat.
 - c. Within fifteen (15) days after the County Chairman receives notice of a vacancy in the office of a county elective office pursuant to Wyoming Statute. At such meeting the County Central Committee shall select and transmit to the Board of County Commissioners the names of three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy. The selection of the three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy shall be by secret ballot and the number of votes cast for the nominee announced.
 - d. The County Central Committee shall meet at other times as may be determined by the County Chairman or the County Executive Committee.
 - e. The County Chairman shall publish a notice of all meetings of the County Central Committee in a newspaper of general county circulation not less than two (2) days prior to a meeting. The County Chairman shall also deposit notice of the March meeting of each odd numbered year in the office of the County Clerk not less than ten (10) days before this meeting.
 - f. Notice of all meetings shall be mailed or emailed to the County Central Committee by the Chairman.
 - g. Meetings of the County Central Committee may be called upon written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the County Central Committee members. Such meeting will be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification of

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the call by the County Chairman.

- h. All meetings shall be open to the public.
3. Powers: The Natrona County Central Committee shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by law and by state and county bylaws. The Natrona County Central Committee is empowered to determine policy, to make rules, to settle disputes, adopt or amend County Bylaws and to perform all functions necessary to further the interests of the Wyoming Republican Party.
4. Quorum: Those members of the County Central Committee attending, either in person or by proxy, a properly called meeting of the County Central Committee shall constitute a quorum and be entitled to vote on the issues before the meeting.
5. Vacancies:
 - a. Elected County Officials: See Article III, Section 2, Paragraph c.
 - b. State Legislators: If delegated by the State Chairman, Natrona County Chairman shall call a meeting in Natrona County:
 - (1) Of the Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen of the affected district within fifteen (15) days after the State Chairman receives notice of a vacancy in the Office of the State Legislature.
 - (2) At such meeting, three (3) persons qualified to fill the vacancy shall be selected by secret ballot with the number of votes cast for the nominees announced.
 - (3) The names of the three (3) selected persons shall immediately be forwarded by the County Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners.
 - (4) Precinct Vacancies: Once notice of an elected county official or legislative vacancy has been received, then any vacant Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman position cannot be filled until after the meeting selecting the three (3) qualified persons has been held.
6. County Party Vacancies:
 - a. A vacancy in the County Central Committee or among its officers shall be declared in case of death, resignation, removal of residence from the precinct or county, change of party affiliation, inability to act as determined by the County Central Committee, or failure to be elected at a regularly scheduled election.
 - b. A vacancy in the office of Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman shall be filled by appointment of a registered Republican resident in the precinct in which the vacancy exists. This appointment is made by the County Executive Committee. The replacements shall serve until the next regular election for Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman and shall be entitled to vote on all issues coming before the County Central Committee.

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- c. A vacancy in the office of County Chairman shall be filled by the Vice-Chairman.
 - d. A vacancy in the office of County Vice Chairman shall be filled by election by the County Central Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy
 - e. A vacancy in the office of County Secretary shall be filled by election by the County Central Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
 - f. A vacancy in the County Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the County Chairman with approval of the Executive Committee.
 - g. A vacancy in the office of State Committeeman or State Committeewoman shall be filled by election by the County Central Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
 - h. A vacancy of any County Executive Committee Member-at-Large shall be filled by election by the County Central Committee within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
7. Officers and Terms of Office:
- a. The County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman and eight (8) members at large shall be elected by the County Central Committee at its March meeting in the odd numbered years to serve for a term of two (2) years.
 - b. The County Treasurer, County Publicity Chairman, Finance Chairman, Ward Coordinator, and four (4) Ward Captains shall be appointed by the County Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee. The appointments shall take place within thirty (30) days after election of the County Chairman. The terms of appointments shall expire with the election or re-election of the County Chairman.
 - c. None of the foregoing officers, committee chairmen or committee members need be members of the County Central Committee, but each must be registered in the Republican Party and a resident in the county.
8. Duties of County Party Officers:
- a. County Chairman: In addition to the duties with which he is charged by statute, the County Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the County Republican Party in Natrona County and shall preside over all meetings of the County Executive Committee, County Convention, and County Central Committee and shall have all general powers of administration customarily vested in the office of chairman. Within twenty (20) days after each general election, he shall file with the County Clerk of Natrona County the statement of receipts and expenditures.
 - b. County Vice-Chairman: The County Vice-Chairman shall assist the County

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Chairman in the duties of his office. He shall perform other duties as assigned him by the County Chairman. He shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the County Chairman during the County Chairman's absence or disability.

- c. County Secretary: The County Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the County Central Committee, County Convention and County Executive Committee and shall serve on the County Credentials Committee.
- c. County Treasurer: The County Treasurer shall be responsible for money received and disbursed as authorized by the County Executive Committee. All checks shall be signed by two (2) of the three (3) officers designated by the Executive Committee.
- e. State Committeeman and Committeewoman:
 - (1) Number: Natrona County shall have a duly elected Republican State Committeeman and a State Committeewoman.
 - (2) When Elected: The County Central Committee shall, at its March meeting in the odd numbered years, elect a State Committeeman and a State Committeewoman for a term of two (2) years.
 - (3) Eligibility: Neither the State Committeeman nor the State Committeewoman need be members of the County Central Committee, but each must be a resident of Natrona County and be on elector registered in the Republican Party.
 - (4) Voting at County Central Committee Meetings: Neither the State Committeeman nor the State Committeewoman shall have a vote at County Central Committee meetings unless either he or she is a duly elected Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman.
 - (5) Duties of State Committeeman and Committeewoman: In addition to the duties with which they are charged by statute and state party bylaws, the State Committeeman and State Committeewoman shall abide by the rules and regulations of the State Central Committee.

9. Natrona County Executive Committee:

- a. Members: The Natrona County Central committee shall have an Executive Committee. The County Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman and eight (8) Members-at-Large shall be elected by the County Central Committee at its March meeting in the odd number years to serve for a term of two (2) years.
- b. Appointed Members: In addition to the above thirteen (13) elected officers, the Executive Committee shall consist of the County Treasurer, Publicity Chairman, Finance Chairman, Ward Coordinator, and four (4) Ward Captains who shall be appointed by the County Chairman and with approval by the elected Executive Committee members. The terms of appointments shall expire with the election or re-election of the County Chairman.
- c. Meetings: The County Chairman shall call meetings of the County Executive

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- Committee. He shall preside over said meetings and shall vote in case of a tie.
- d. Non-attendance: Any County Executive Committee member who has four (4) unexcused absences in any calendar year is automatically removed from the County Executive Committee by operation of these Bylaws and such member's position will be considered vacant. The vacancy will then be filled according to Article III, Section 6h.
 - e. Quorum: A quorum shall exist when seven (7) members of the County Executive Committee are present at a properly called meeting. The existence of a quorum shall be determined moment to moment.
 - f. Attendance at Executive Committee meetings through electronic medium shall be allowed. However, no voting privileges will be granted to any members attending a meeting electronically and such members will not be counted towards the quorum.
 - g. Voting: All members of the Executive Committee shall have voting privileges. Proxies will be recognized pursuant to Article 2, Section 5 so long as the proxy is also a member of the County Executive Committee. If a position has an appointed co-chairman, that co-chairman votes only in the absence of the chairman.
 - h. Powers:
 - (1) To call meetings of the County Central Committee.
 - (2) To fill vacancies in the office of Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen.
 - (3) To ratify emergency actions taken by the County Chairman between meetings of the Executive Committee.
 - (4) To further the interests of the Republican Party in Natrona County in any manner authorized by law or not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.
 - i. Vacancies of any of the County Party offices or positions shall be filled as provided in Article III, Section 6.
10. Voting:
- a. Only properly elected or appointed Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen in office on the date the official meeting notice is published shall be entitled to vote at all County Central Committee meetings. Eligibility to vote shall begin immediately upon election or appointment.
 - b. In the event the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman, he shall be entitled to vote as a Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman.
11. Conduct of Central Committee Meeting:
- a. Presiding Officer: The County Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the County Central Committee.
 - b. If two (2) consecutive tie votes on a question occur, then the County chairman

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shall decide the vote at his discretion by exercising his right to vote as Chairman or by casting lots. If, however, the County Chairman is also a Precinct Committeeman or Precinct Committeewoman, then he shall be entitled to vote on all questions as provided in Article III (10) (b).

- c. Proxy Votes: Proxy votes shall be allowed at a meeting of the County Central Committee as provided by Article II, Section 5 of these Bylaws. A proxy authorization for a meeting of the County Central Committee must be in writing and signed by the absent Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman.
12. Removal of Appointed members of Executive: Members of the Executive Committee appointed under Article III, Section 9 (b) may be removed from said appointment for cause. Any voting member of an established quorum may introduce a motion, using established Parliamentary procedure, to initiate the removal of an appointed member. A standing vote shall be used and a simple majority in favor of the motion is required.

Article IV. Precinct Caucuses and County Convention

1. Membership:
 - a. Delegates to the Natrona County Convention shall consist of the properly elected or appointed members of the County Executive Committee, Precinct Committeemen, and Precinct Committeewomen (which constitute the full County Central Committee).
 - b. If County Central Committee vacancies exist at the time of the Precinct Caucus, the Precinct Caucus may elect delegates equal in number to the County Central Committee vacancies.
 - c. If a precinct delegate cannot attend County Convention, then an alternate delegate may be seated in their absence. Male and Female alternate delegates (primary, secondary, etc.) may be elected per precinct at the Precinct Caucus to take the place of an absent delegate at the County Convention. This information will be provided in writing to the County Party Chairman as part of the Caucus Report.
 - d. Alternate delegates shall have the same floor privileges and voting rights as the absent delegates and may not be denied these privileges upon proper presentation of their presence.
2. Precinct Caucus:
 - a. Definitions:
 - (1) County Caucus: Assembly of all precinct committee men and women and other registered Republican Party members.
 - (2) Precinct Caucus: Individual precincts and their representatives.
 - b. All Precinct Caucuses shall be held in a single location on the same day and

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- time and collectively constitute the County Caucus.
- c. Precinct Caucuses shall be held prior to the County Convention at a location determined by the Executive Committee.
 - d. The County Chairman shall issue the call for the Precinct Caucuses by publishing a notice of the date, time, and place for County Caucus in a newspaper(s) of general circulation in the county not less than ten (10) days prior to the Precinct Caucuses.
 - e. All Republicans who have registered within the precinct at the dates of the call of the Precinct Caucus shall be entitled to participate and vote at the Precinct Caucus.
 - f. Proof of identity by a person wishing to attend a precinct caucus shall be made by displaying photographic identification cards. Proof of registration shall be by the most recent County Clerk's voter list. Proof of residence within the precinct shall be made by displaying identification cards or by the signing of a sworn statement presented to the Caucus Chairman.
3. Conduct of Precinct Caucus:
- a. The Natrona County Executive Committee shall select the Chairman of the County Caucus and an alternate at least ten (10) days prior to the Natrona County Caucus.
 - b. Those assembled and qualified to vote in each precinct shall elect from among them a person to serve as Precinct Caucus Chairman.
 - c. The Precinct Caucus Chairman shall conduct the Precinct Caucus and shall call for any resolutions, platform planks, or Bylaw changes to come before the Caucus, which will be provided to the County Caucus Chairman at the conclusion of the meeting.
 - d. The County Caucus Chairman shall, within the next five (5) days, certify in writing to the County Party Chairman the Resolution, Platform Plank, and Bylaw revisions adopted by the County Caucus and the names of the County Convention delegates.
4. County Convention: The County Convention of the Natrona County Republican Party shall be held during even-number years.
5. Notice of County Convention: Notice of the County Convention shall be published in an official county newspaper(s) of the general county circulation, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the County Convention.
6. Powers: The delegates to the Natrona County Convention shall have, but not be limited to the following powers:
- a. To adopt or amend the bylaws of the county party.
 - b. To adopt resolutions and platform planks.
 - c. To elect the delegates and alternates to the State Convention and to determine the priority in which alternates shall serve. Each delegate and alternate shall be a registered Republican.
 - d. To elect the delegate and/or alternate to the Republican National Convention.

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Conduct of County Convention:

7. Conduct of County Convention:
 - a. Presiding Officer: The County Chairman properly elected at the prior March meeting of the County Central Committee, or his successor, shall serve as Chairman of the County Convention. If two (2) consecutive tie votes on a question occur, the County Chairman, at his discretion, shall either vote to break the tie or decide the vote by casting lots, whether or not he is a delegate to the County Convention.
 - b. Quorum: Those delegates attending a properly called County Convention shall constitute a quorum.
 - c. Proxy Votes: Vote by proxy shall not be allowed at a County Convention.
 - d. Unit Rule: The unit rule method of voting shall not be adopted by any County Convention.
8. Committees: The following committees shall act at the County Convention: Credentials, Bylaws, Platform and Resolutions, Nominating and Elections. The powers and duties of such committees shall be those customarily performed and as herein provided.
 - a. Credentials: The Credentials Committee shall consist of the County Secretary and such other members as the County Chairman shall appoint. The committee shall be responsible for examining credentials of all delegates to the County Convention.
 - b. Bylaws: The Bylaws Committee shall consist of such members as the County Chairman shall appoint. The committee shall receive written bylaw revisions to be coordinated and presented to the County Convention. Nothing herein, however, shall preclude any delegate from submitting additional bylaw revisions from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.
 - c. Platform and Resolutions: The Platform and Resolutions Committee shall consist of members appointed by the County Chairman. The committee shall meet prior to the County Convention to receive platform suggestions and written resolutions from the Precinct Caucuses to be coordinated and presented to the County Convention. Nothing herein, however, shall preclude any delegate from submitting additional resolutions or platform suggestions from the floor, in writing, at the County Convention.
 - d. Nominating: The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least five (5) members appointed by the County Chairman representing a broad base of party philosophy and individual candidate support. The committee shall receive and make nominations, contact nominees to see if they will attend the State Convention, and prepare a final list with nearly twice as many names as delegates to be elected. The list of nominees shall be published to the Central Committee at least four (4) days prior to County Convention in a manner reasonably calculated to reach the most number of committee members given

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restraints on time and cost. However, nothing shall preclude any delegate from submitting additional qualified nominations from the floor at the County Convention.

- e. Elections: The Elections Committee shall be responsible for preparing ballots, voting, counting ballots and listing those elected from first through last.
 - f. The Bylaws, Platforms, Resolutions, and Nominating Committees shall meet at least one week prior to the County Convention.
 - g. The County Chairman may appoint other committees as he deems necessary.
9. Order of Business:
- a. The order of business at the County Republican Convention shall be as follows:
 - (1) Call to Order by the County Chairman
 - (2) Report of the Credentials Committee
 - (3) Report of the Bylaws Committee
 - (4) Report of the Platform Committee
 - (5) Report of the Resolutions Committee
 - (6) Report of the Nominating Committee
 - (7) Elections
 - (8) Other Business
 - (9) Adjournment
 - b. The County Chairman, at his discretion, may change the order of business prior to convention. After the convention is convened, the order of business may be changed by a majority vote of the delegates.
10. Roll Call Votes:
- a. A roll call vote ("Yeas" and "Nays") or a secret ballot vote upon any question presented at the County Convention may be ordered by the County Chairman or can be compelled by a majority vote of the delegates.
 - b. A request for a roll call vote or a secret ballot vote must be sought before the question is first voted upon. The preceding in no way interferes with the right of a delegate to request a standing vote on questions presented to the County Convention.
11. Caucus of State Delegates:
- a. Following notification of election of delegates and alternates to the State Convention, the County Chairman shall call a Caucus of the Delegation at least two (2) weeks prior to the start of the State Convention for the following purposes:
 - (1) Election from their numbers those who will represent Natrona County on the various committees at the State Convention.
 - (2) Discussing any other plans or arrangements pertaining to the State Convention.
 - b. The County Chairman shall have authority to appoint another elected State Delegate to fill any vacancy from Natrona County in State Convention

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committee representation that may occur after the Caucus of State Delegates concludes.

Article V. Amendments

These Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or repealed by vote at a meeting of the Natrona County Republican Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the County Convention. Such action shall be certified by the County Chairman and Secretary of the Natrona County Central Committee.

Article VI. Severability

These Bylaws are severable, and if any portions be declared void, all other portions remain binding and effective.

Joseph McGinley, MD, PhD, Chairman

Leslie Hendry, Secretary