

PROPOSED RULES FOR THE POLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

MARCH 6, 2010

1. This biennial Convention of the Polk County Republican Party shall be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Polk County Republican Party and Roberts Rules of Order, newly Revised, as amended by the rules listed below.
2. Delegate seating. Republicans arriving at the convention will be credentialed as voting delegates in the following order:
 1. Delegates
 2. Alternates promoted into any vacancies in their home precinct.
3. These rules may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of the Convention who are present and voting. The rulings of the Chair shall be considered final unless upon appeal, such ruling is overturned by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention.
4. Convention speakers: Federal, state, and county elected officials and candidates or their official representatives may be recognized and allowed to speak for the time defined by the Chair. The Chair is authorized to recognize such other speakers as are necessary to transact the business of the Convention. The Chair is authorized to request any speaker to suspend remarks for the purpose of maintaining the order or decorum of the Convention. Any literature posted or distributed at the Convention shall be subject to approval of the Chair, Co-Chair or their designee.
5. Those delegates and/or alternates duly certified to and credentialed at the County Convention represent maximum number of votes per precinct throughout the convention.
6. Persons elected to serve on committees for the District convention must be delegates to the District/State Conventions.
7. Voting:

Voting by proxy will not be permitted.

Voting rules for amendments to rules and platform: First, the chair will conduct a voice vote. If the chair is uncertain as to the result of the voice vote, or if a division is requested, then a standing vote will be conducted.

Voting for district committee elections: If the number of delegates nominated to any District Convention committee is equal to or less than five, then those nominated shall be deemed elected and the Polk County Republican Executive Committee may fill any remaining positions. If the number of delegates nominated to any district convention committee is greater than five, then a ballot vote shall be conducted. Each delegate shall be allowed to vote for up to five candidates. Ballots which contain more than 5 candidate names will not be counted. Ballots which contain the same candidate's name more than once will not be counted. The winners shall be the 5 candidates with the greatest number of votes.

In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the Polk County Republican Party shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

8. Any roll call votes will be taken in alphabetical order by precinct.
9. To vote on any issue, there must be present thirty-five percent (35%) of the certified and authorized delegates. At the point a quorum no longer exists, the remaining platform planks as submitted shall be forwarded as approved and the report of the junior delegates shall be accepted.
10. There shall be no change in the vote of any precinct after such vote has been cast, except that any delegate may challenge the correctness of the recorded vote of his or her precinct before the result of the ballot is announced by the convention. In case of a challenge, the Chair shall immediately direct a new polling of that precinct's delegation.
11. Any amendment to the reports of either the Committee on the Platform or the Committee on the Rules (including new planks or provisions, amendments to insert or to substitute or delete, in whole or in part) must be in legible writing or typed, and each amendment must be signed by no fewer than ten (10) credentialed delegates from at least three (3) different precincts. Each amendment must be on a separate sheet of paper and must clearly indicate the numbered section in the Platform or Rules Committee Report to which it pertains. It also must indicate the precincts of any signatories and must have the signatory's precinct printed or typed as well as signed. Amendments to the Rules must be given to the Rules Committee Chair or the Secretary of the Convention not later than 10:00 a.m. on March 6, 2010. Amendments must be given to the Platform Committee Chair or the Secretary of the Convention before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on March 6, 2010. The amendments will be marked with the time and date when received by the Secretary of the Convention. Any proposed amendments that comply with the foregoing requirements will be read by the Rules Committee Chair or the Platform Committee Chair and will be debated and voted upon at the appropriate point during the process of adopting the rules or the platform. The Rules Committee Chair and the Platform Committee Chair may, if there is no objection, combine proposed changes to the rules or platform that are substantially the same in intent.
12. Motions to reconsider any vote on any part of the platform or rules require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting delegates.
13. In debate on the rules, the platform, or any other issue, the debate on each amendment shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) persons to each side, with no more than one (1) minute per speaker. The Chair shall alternate time between pro/con speakers, to the extent such speakers exist, with the proposer of the amendment going first. If either pro or con does not take their turn, that turn shall be forfeited. No delegate may speak more than once during the debate on the section, plank, rule or any amendment thereto. Prior to debating, speakers shall identify themselves by name and precinct. Consideration of the platform shall be by section. There shall be no debate or separate vote on any individual plank of the platform unless an amendment has been properly filed. If platform clarification is needed, the Platform Chair shall give official committee comment. The Platform Chair and Committee shall edit the final platform, including all amendments adopted. They may shorten, clarify, and/or rearrange the order of planks but shall not change the substance or intent of any plank or amendment. The number required to pass an amendment to the

report of the County Platform Committee shall be a majority, which is one (1) more than half of the number of delegates present and voting.

14. The agenda submitted shall be a part of these rules but may be altered by the Chair to expedite the business of the Convention. A ruling of the Chair regarding the agenda shall not be subject to an appeal to the floor of the Convention unless the appeal to the floor is supported by two-thirds of the voting delegates.
15. Polk County shall elect five (5) persons to serve on each of the following committees for the District Convention: Platform; Rules; Credentials; and Permanent Organization. No one person can serve on more than one District committee. Nominations for a person already elected to a District Committee for service on a second District Committee shall be out of order. Seconds are required but no nominating or seconding speech is allowed. Prior to the initial vote, each candidate shall be allowed not more than one (1) minute to speak to the Convention.
16. Polk County shall seat a total of 263 delegates and 263 alternate delegates at the District Convention and State Convention. A delegate selected for the District Convention shall automatically be qualified for the State Convention. At-large delegates to the District and State Conventions are designated in the At-large Delegate Table attached hereto as Exhibit 'A', which delegate table shall be incorporated with and become a part of these rules upon adoption of these rules. No substitutions will be allowed in the At-Large Delegate slate set out in Exhibit 'A'. At-large delegates shall be approved and qualified for service in said office as specified in the At-Large Delegate Table upon adoption of these rules. The remaining delegates to the District Convention and State Convention shall be selected on a precinct-by-precinct basis.

The number of delegates each precinct gets to elect to the District and State Conventions will be posted and is based on the number of elected County Convention delegates for that precinct. Each precinct shall determine its delegates and sign its precinct delegation form certifying the delegation from that precinct. Any remaining District/State Delegate slots shall be filled at random from those who sign up on a list for these slots during the County Convention. Those who sign up and are not selected as District/State Delegates shall be named Alternates. If more than 263 names remain on the list, 263 names will be chosen at random. Alternate delegates shall be assigned an alternate delegate number at random, sequentially from 1 to 263 and shall be seated at the District Convention and/or State Convention in sequential order from lowest to highest number, to the extent there are absences among delegates. Having been once seated as a full delegate shall not disqualify or impair that alternate's ability to be seated at a subsequent Convention should a subsequent vacancy exist in the Polk County delegation for that Convention. Delegate fees for the District and State Convention shall be a total of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each full delegate. If a Delegate has not paid their fee by April 1, the Polk County Republican Party will begin contacting Alternates in sequential order to promote them to full Delegate until all slots are filled and paid for. Alternates shall pay the forty-dollar (\$40.00) fee to the Polk County Republican Party if and when they are upgraded to a Delegate or upon being seated as a Delegate at the District Convention and/or State Convention.

EXHIBIT A – At Large Delegates to the District and State Conventions (Draft)
 (Final version will be submitted at the Convention on March 6)

Convention Officers	John Bloom, Chair
	Will Rogers, Co-Chair & Org. Chair
	Patricia Wright, Treasurer/Auditor
	Marvis Landon, Secretary
	Arthur Smith, Communications Director
	Cleon Babcock, Parliamentarian
	David Fischer, Rules Cmt. Chair
	Norm Pawlewski, Platform Chair
	Joseph Heuertz, Credentials Chair
Elected Republicans	Auditor of State, David Vaudt
	Supervisor Robert Brownell
	Supervisor E.J. Giovannetti, Esq.
	Sen. Larry Noble
	Sen. Pat Ward
	Sen. Brad Zaun
	Rep. Peter Cownie
	Rep. Chris Hagenow
	Rep. Erik Helland
	Rep. Kevin Koester
	Rep. Scott Raecker
Party Officials	Matt Strawn, State Chairman
	Kim Lehman, National Committeewoman
	Steven Scheffler, National Committeeman
	Wes Enos, Third District Central Committee
	Gopal Krishna, Third District Central Committee
Honorary Delegates	Gov. Robert D. Ray
	Lt. Gov. Joy Corning
	Auditor of State Richard Johnson