



Saginaw County Republican Party
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2023

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Curt Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- b. Gave opening thanks for those attending.

Prayer

Led by Bishop Chet Atkins

Pledge of Allegiance/Preamble

Led by Kerry King

II. Roll Call

Led by Korina Tucker

Committee Members Present:

Martha Avina	Mike Curtiss	Debra Ell
Brian Forbes	Kerry King	Pam Nadzan
Eric Kowalewski	Vicki Kowalewski	Colleen Ribble
Duane Riha	Kathy Riha	Carol Storch
Ed Town	Kathleen Vasold	Warren Vasold
Curt Tucker	Korina Tucker	Gary Ell
Austin Smith	Eric Gladwish	

Committee Members Excused Absent:

Jim Conger Suzanne Hall Lynn Norman

Statutory Members Present:

Mark Piotrowski Rich Spitzer Andrea Paschall

III. Quorum

- a. Has been established.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2023, Executive/Membership Committee meeting.**
Motion by Chairman Curt Tucker. Motion seconded.
Motion carried.

V. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- a. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as sent out in an email to all EC members.**
Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report as sent out. Motion Seconded.
Motion Carried.

VI. Bylaws Report

- a. Gary Ell stated that the bylaws passed unanimously at our last special meeting on May 28, 2023.
- b. Copies are available tonight for EC members.
- c. A special thanks to the bylaws committee, Chair Jim Conger, and Curt Tucker.
- d. They spent many hours in crafting a full revision of our bylaws after many years.
- e. Robert's Rules were followed for the process of rewriting the bylaws.
- f. There were many revisions with feedback from EC members.
- g. A total of 18 revisions were made and the 18th being the final that passed.

VII. Old Business

- a. At the May 28, 2023, Special EC meeting, two new members were unanimously approved.
- b. They are Vicki Kowalewski and Ed Town.
- c. Vicki Kowalewski gave an introduction of herself.
- d. Chairman Curt Tucker gave an introduction on Ed Town as he was on his way.
- e. Chairman Curt Tucker made a statement on the numerous confusing emails that have been going around for the last 6 months.
- f. They have been accusing us, your SCRP elected leaders, of many things and offering you another group to join.
- g. This group of Saginaw County Delegates, now calling themselves the Saginaw County Republican Party Caucus is complete with their own bylaws and officers.
- h. Since this group formed, they have threatened us with many unfounded legal actions.
- i. We have received threatening emails from anonymous Gmail accounts saying we should be "exterminated", and we should all resign.
- j. According to a member, the goal of this Caucus is to replace us with their own Executive Committee members and force us to resign by getting a majority of delegates.
- k. Anyone can join any group they desire but when your role is entrusted as a SCRP EC member, you have given your oath to grow and support the SCRP not work against us.

- l. Our bylaws state in Article XV that Robert's Rules of Order will govern the conduct of our Executive Committee.
- m. In Article 3, Section 2, it states that any officer or Executive Committee member that is working against the official SCRP has breached their duty and should resign.
- n. Not resigning will cause for written censure or removal.
- o. Action was taken by our EC on May 23, 2023, using our authority to protect the SCRP following Robert's Rules of Order to hold a disciplinary hearing to remove two (2) EC members from their roles for "actively undermining the good name of the SCRP, disturbing it's well-being and hampering in its work" (Robert's Rules of Order 61:3)

VIII. New Business

- a. We lost a precious patriot and friend last week, Rick Riebschleger who went to be with the Lord suddenly. The EC members decided to purchase a wind chime with a message from our SCRP and offered it to the family at Rick's showing tonight at the Funeral Home. The Funeral is tomorrow at Case's Funeral Home on N. Miller Road at 11:00 a.m.
- b. Tonight, we need to accept the resignation of one of the EC members, Kerry King, who has decided to step away for personal reasons from her EC role only.
- c. Kerry King will still be our flagbearer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. We will be voting tonight by ballot on replacing Kerry King's EC seat.
- e. Only EC members may vote.
- f. The Chairman Curt Tucker will vote as it is a ballot vote.
- g. Colleen Ribble asked to talk about the candidates before voting.
- h. Gary Ell made a quick statement that the bylaws have been uploaded to the www.saginawgop.com website.
- i. Chairman Curt Tucker introduced the members that are on the ballot.
- j. Point of information from Kerry King to give more information than just the names of the candidates.
- k. Each member gave a statement from Tony deBari, Kurt Deming, Earnest Dugan. Earnest Dugan was not yet present at the meeting.
- l. Mike Curtiss gave a note to those that were nominated for the EC and thanked them for their willingness to be involved. Every member is important to the SCRP, and we want to let everyone know that if they are not elected to the EC that they are still just as important as the ones that are.
- m. Members were given time to vote.
- n. Treasurer Eric Gladwish stated that there was a total of 24 ballots handed out.
- o. Tony deBari won the special EC member election with 15 votes.
- p. Chairman Curt Tucker appointed a Finance Committee.
 - 1. Eric Gladwish, Chair
 - 2. Bing Yang
 - 3. Korina Tucker
 - 4. Ed Town
- q. Chairman Curt Tucker appointed Nominations Committee as Chair Duane Riha.
- r. Martha Avina shared a Cease & Desist letter with the EC body.

1. Cease & Desist Letter to Administrators of Fraudulent SCRP Facebook page.
 2. Saginaw County Republican Delegates who were officers in the previous SCRP administration continue to privately operate a public Facebook group using the name "The Saginaw County Republican Party". The admins of the group are Tom Roy, Janet Stoney, and R Scott Gilmore. We, the elected EC of SCRP have sent multiple requests to these three individuals to either delete the group, change the name of the group or to turn over the admin function of the group to us. They refuse to make the changes.
 3. This Facebook group continues to falsely represent the official SCRP in a public forum. The group's information still shares the old party details including email addresses and listing an invalid PO Box to send in dues or donations. It also describes how their State Street office will re-open in 2024 for the election season. This is obviously being done to attract and control Saginaw County delegates and provide a platform of sour grapes to spread disinformation about the official SCRP as we head into a big Presidential year, to create division and undermine unity of the SCRP.
 4. All our elected SCRP members have been blocked from the page. At least two of our Saginaw County Commissioners who said that they have also attempted to ask them to remove the page said to us in a recent email, "I have reached out to them to take it down, but I can't repeat the responses I received due to the language that was used".
 5. BE IT RESOLVED, we the elected SCRP Executive Committee of the official Saginaw County Republican Party are asking that all members of this EC as well as all delegates join us in asking for Tom Roy, Janet Stoney, and R Scott Gilmore to cease and desist operating the former Facebook page.
 6. Failure to respond by removing this Facebook page within one week by June 15, 2023, will prove their intent to cause damage to a legal organization called the SCRP, and to intentionally commit libel and identity theft. If legal recourse must be taken after that time, they personally will be required to pay all legal fees". (End of Letter).
- i. We remember the night of our County Convention of November 26, 2022, when these same former leaders of the SCRP walked out on all of us, removed all our needed convention credential information and ballots and locked them in the trunk of their cars. Sending out emails to all delegates of their resignation and refusal to work with "America First". One even threw his credential in the face of our Tellers on their way out.
 - ii. How will we gain the strength we need to build the army we need to defeat Democrats next year unless we expose the actions of those within our SCRP who only want to divide and conquer?

- iii. Mr. Chairman, I Martha Avina move that this letter be sent to Administrators of the Facebook page Tom Roy, Janet Stoney, and Scott Gilmore, signed by all SCRP EC Committee and delegates who are present tonight.
Motion by Martha Avina. Motion seconded.
Motion carried.
- iv. A copy will go out in an email to all our delegates giving them an opportunity to add their name. Our Saginaw County Commissioners and our 8th District Chair will be given the opportunity to also sign and support it before June 15, 2023.
- v. Copies will be sent to MIGOP Chair Kristina Karamo, 8th District Republican Chair Anne DeLisle and our Republican Commissioners. A copy will be available on the handout table for everyone to sign tonight.
- s. Eric Gladwish raised to be recognized by the Chairman Curt Tucker.
 - i. I Eric Gladwish move this body to censure Statutory Executive Committee member Mr. Jason Wise for two counts of disrupting the unity of the SCRP.
 1. The first count occurred at our January 26, 2023, Convention where Mr. Wise used his authority as a law enforcement officer to threaten and intimidate voting delegates with arrest. The use of a member's status as a law enforcement officer to threaten and intimidate fellow members of society must never be allowed and must be condemned.
 2. The second count occurred when Mr. Wise filed a civil complaint with the Saginaw County Circuit Court for a FOIA request to obtain private information. That being the name of Gary and Debra Ell's personal attorney. The defendants listed on the complaint were our Chairman Curt Tucker, Vice Chairman Gary Ell, and Treasurer me Eric Gladwish.
 - ii. Vice Chair Gary Ell, first responded to Mr. Wise's FOIA request in an email and denied it based upon SCRP not being subject to FOIA and for attorney client privilege in a private matter.
 - iii. Mr. Wise's appeal for the same request was also denied.
 - iv. After being denied his request, Mr. Wise Chairman of the Saginaw Republican Caucus crashed our Delegate Appreciation Night featuring MIGOP Chair Kristina Karamo in order to serve a court summons to our Chairman Curt Tucker and Vice Chairman Gary Ell.
 - v. As I the Treasurer Eric Gladwish was not in attendance, Mr. Wise sent another delegate, Carol Ewing, to my home in order to try and serve a summons to me. As Carol Ewing was unable to serve me the summons, she proceeded to throw the papers into my garage. Shame on Carol Ewing for going along with Mr. Wise's despicable FOIA quest.
 - vi. Chairman Curt Tucker, Vice Chair Gary Ell and I Eric Gladwish all mailed our responses to the Civil Complaint Circuit Court with duplicates mailed to Mr. Wise.

- vii. We asked Mr. Wise to withdraw his complaint due to the fact that the SCRP is not subject to FOIA. We provided Mr. Wise with ample evidence to show that we are not subject to FOIA. Mr. Wise refused to withdraw the complaint in order to drag out the disruptive dog and pony show.
- viii. On May 22, 2023, the case was dismissed without even a hearing by the Saginaw County Circuit Judge. In the ruling, the Judge stated that Mr. Wise's actions against us were, and I quote and quote the pleading filed in this matter was entirely Frivolous as it was devoid of arguable legal merit and that Mr. Wise did not even attempt to set forth facts in his complaint to support his legal position. Not to mention a waste of time and taxpayer's money.
- ix. To add to my motion, according to our bylaws, Mr. Wise would have his duties as an EC member at SCRP EC meetings suspended for the balance of his term for attempting to "undermine the good name of the SCRP, disturbing it's well-being, and hampering in its work". (Robert's Rules of Order 63:1)
- t. Andrea asked what it means to be censured?
- u. Vice Chair Gary Ell stated that the March 2023 Membership Meeting was turned into a Town Hall Meeting. It was an opportunity to clear the air. Jason Wise showed up and asked the same question. The same answer was given that night as was given to the judge.
- v. Treasurer Eric Gladwish stated that Jason Wise broke Robert's Rules of Order. A censure relieves duties of the remainder of his term. **Vote was taken. One Nay. Ayes have it. Motion passed.**
- w. Andrea stated point of information that she did not receive the information present tonight. She stated that she was told that there was a September court date.
- x. Vice Chair Gary Ell shared the Official Court Document with Andrea. There is no September court date. Case has been dismissed.
- y. Treasurer Eric Gladwish stated that there was a hearing on May 22, 2023. That morning the Judge had dismissed the case. A letter was sent to Curt, Gary and Eric stating that the case was dismissed.
- z. Vice Chair Gary Ell stated a point of information that Curt Tucker, Eric Gladwish and Gary Ell replied to the FOIA.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Chairman Curt Tucker adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.