

#### Saginaw County Republican Party

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2023

#### I. Call to Order

a. Chairman Curt Tucker called meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with the official Call to Order at 6:13 p.m.

## Welcoming

Curt Tucker Chairman announced that the doors will be closed at 6:05 p.m. and will remain closed until 6:50 p.m. when they will re-open for our next meeting, which is our Membership meeting. We are trying to reduce disruptions in the middle of the meeting with latecomers.

### **Prayer**

Led by Duane Riha.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Kerry King.

#### II. Roll Call

a. Led by Korina Tucker.

Committee Member	<b>ers Present:</b> Mart	ha Avina	Jim Conger	Mike Curtiss	Debra Ell
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**Brian Forbes** Suzanne Hall Tony deBari Lynne Norman Vicki Kowaleski Colleen Ribble Eric Kowaleski Duane Riha Carol Storch Kathleen Vasold Warren Vasold Kathy Riha **Curt Tucker** Gary Ell Austin Smith Korina Tucker

Eric Gladwish Pam Nadzan

Committee Members Absent: Edward Town

## **III.** Treasurers Report

Eric Gladwish the Treasurer sent July 2023, and August 2023, reports to the Executive committee.
 Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented for July 2023, and August 2023.
 Motion by Jim Conger.

Motion seconded. Motion carried.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes

a. <u>Motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023, Executive Committee and Membership meeting.</u>

Motion by Korina Tucker.

Motion seconded. Motion carried.

#### V. Old Business

- a. Flag Day Event.
  - i. Debra Ell discussed the Flag Day Event at Gideon Christ Church.
  - ii. Helm Electric donated the flagpole.
  - iii. No meeting in July.
  - iv. Colleen Ribble was asked to give a brief history that led to the Flagpole donation to Gideon Christ Church.
- b. Gary Ell discussed Golf Scramble Fundraiser at Green Acres Golf Course.
  - i. Gary Ell gave a recap of the Golf Scramble.
  - ii. Gary Ell stated that he had a goal of \$7,000-\$9,000 for a golf outing.
  - iii. There was a total of 126 people/businesses that donated to the golf outing.
  - iv. A total of 120 businesses donated.
  - v. After paying the golf course and other event expenses, we raised over \$9,000 for the outing.
  - vi. No representation of Legislators and Commissioners were present at our golf outing.
  - vii. All Commissioners are up for re-election in 2024.
- c. Chairman Curt Tucker discussed Cease & Desist for the Fraudulent Facebook page.
  - i. At the June meeting, the EC approved a Cease & Desist letter for the former Vice Chairman Tom Roy.
  - ii. Tom Roy as of today has ignored all requests and formal actions to remove or hand over to us the SCRP Facebook page.
  - iii. Copies of this document was sent to local Legislators, MIGOP leadership, and Saginaw County Commissioners.
  - iv. An attorney has been contacted to give legal assistance when required.
- d. The MIGOP meeting in Clare where the Chairman Curt Tucker attended was discussed.
  - i. The event was a resemblance of our own convention in January.
  - ii. Anne DeLisle took part on what happened.
  - iii. Curt became aware of where individuals stood especially with our neighboring county, Bay City.
  - iv. Kristina Karamo brought to light, **The Good Neighbor Program**.
    - 1. Lesson 1 Develop a community spirit through connections.
    - 2. A program to engage communities, state, and federal governments.
    - 3. Know your precincts, and municipality.
    - 4. Gathering information such as townships, city, villages and get their names and contact information of their officials.
    - 5. List of school board official's names and contact information.
    - 6. Lesson 2 Know your county government.
    - 7. Know who the county commissioners, senators, and state representatives are.
    - 8. Know what district and/or precincts they represent.
    - 9. Learn local codes and ordinances.
    - 10. More lesson reviews to come.
- e. District 8 vacancies for Saginaw County discussion led by Curt Tucker Chairman.
  - i. Curt was not notified of vacancies.
  - ii. According to the current district (5) bylaws the County Chairman is given the opportunity to submit recommendations for district member replacements.

- iii. Replacements are to be chosen from within the county of the vacancy.
- iv. Curt still submitted his recommendations for nomination, which all three were rejected and a person from another county was installed.
- v. In the meantime, new bylaws were passed but this happened under the old district (5) bylaws.
- vi. Debra Ell Stated that the old bylaws were sent to her by the old district 5 chair, and it stated that if there is a vacancy in your county, you have to go to that county chair.
- vii. We sent copies of those bylaws to them, and our submissions were still denied.
- viii. We have requested the new bylaws but have had no response.
- ix. Mike Curtiss asked, "When do they meet again and is it a closed meeting"?
- x. Chairman Curt Tucker stated that the Website has no information.
- xi. Mike Curtiss stated that we should all show up at the meeting in a coordinated effort.
- xii. Curt Tucker Chairman stated that he submitted 3 names, and they rejected all three.
- xiii. The Saginaw person was replaced with a Midland person.
- xiv. Curt Tucker Chairman stated that we will investigate for further details.
- f. Duane stated that we need to send Anne DeLisle a strong message. He suggested we Censure Anne.
  - i. <u>Duane made a motion to Censure Anne DeLisle due to not using bylaws in replacement of vacancies and not going to Curt Tucker Chairman for nominations. Dereliction of Duties.</u>
    - Motion was seconded. Motion carried.
  - ii. A discussion by Gary Ell Vice Chairman suggesting a copy of the motion go to the MIGOP, attention Kristina Karamo. <u>Motion seconded. Motion passed.</u>
  - iii. Tony deBari stated that we should use proper terminology and use Vote of No Confidence.
  - iv. <u>Eric Gladwish made a Motion to nullify Duane Riha's motion and use different wording</u> such as Lack of Confidence. Motion Seconded. Motion Carried.
  - v. Suzanne Hall stated that we should have each of our points why we have no confidence in her leadership.
  - vi. Debra stated we can try to remove her using Robert's Rules.
  - vii. Gary Ell Vice Chairman stated that Anne DeLisle is asking for money from Saginaw. We need to add why we have lack of confidence, and we are not sending money because the lack of trust. Motion made. Motion seconded.

    Motion carried.
- g. Tony deBari read the Statement and Resolution.



# STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF OUR U.S. CONSTITUTION and AGAINST ELECTION INTERFERENCE BY A TWO-TIER JUSTICE SYSTEM

Two sets of laws now operate in an increasingly unrecognizable America.

The Democrats in America have weaponized the legal system for their political gain while ignoring the current Administration's faults and deficiencies. Out of pathological hatred or fear of Donald Trump, the Left has crafted one set of laws for themselves, and another for all other Americans. They smugly believe their own moral superiority grants them such a right to apply laws unequally—or to ignore them altogether.

To retain power at all cost, and to destroy a political rival, leftwing Democrats are systematically dismantling the constitutional foundations of the United States as we once knew them. The January 6 indictment contends that Trump's election challenges were a crime. His indictments and those of the 16 Michigan Trump electors are designed to intimidate any Republicans who might seek to challenge the outcome of the 2024 presidential election. Democrats are criminalizing political opposition before and after the upcoming election.

In our DOJ's pursuit of President Trump, they detail his speech on Jan. 6, 2021, before the riot while omitting the line where Trump told his supporters to go to the U.S. Capitol to "peacefully" protest the certification. While the indictment acknowledges that candidates are allowed to make false statements, Democrats have led the DOJ to proceed to charge Trump for making "knowingly false statements that create an intense national atmosphere of mistrust and anger, and erode public faith in the administration of the election."

Our U.S. Constitution protects our speech, whether we agree with it or not, and whether it is true or not. Citing U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in U.S. vs Alvarez in 2012 against a politician who fied about receiving the Medal of Honor: "The Nation well knows that one of the costs of the First Amendment is that it protects the speech we detest as well as the speech we embrace. Though few might find respondent's statements anything but contemptible, his right to make those statements is protected by the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech and expression. The Stolen Valor Act infringes upon speech protected by the First Amendment."

In charging President Trump in this way it sets up the dangerous Constitutional precedent of giving the government the power to determine what's true and what isn't and remove political opponents.

Be it Resolved, We the SCRP stand with our U.S. Constitution which protects the 1st Amendment rights of President Trump, the 16 Michigan Republican alternate 2020 electors, and all American citizens. If Democrats and our DOJ can succeed in this effort against President Trump and in silencing any citizen who challenges an election, America has a Constitutional crisis.

We urge all Republicans and <u>especially our elected legislators</u> to speak out against the Democrat's unconstitutional efforts to interfere in our 2024 election.

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h. <u>Vote for motion to pass the Statement and Resolution</u>.
 Motion seconded. Motion carried.

#### VI. Adjournment

a. Chairman Curt Tucker adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.