

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY
SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

Amended: January 16, 2016
Effective February 15, 2016

1. Party Name

- A. The Republican Party organization in Lincoln County, New Mexico, shall be known as "The Republican Party of Lincoln County" and henceforth may be referred to in these supplemental rules as the RPLC.

2. Organization and Government

- A. The rules and regulations for the basic organization and government of the RPLC shall be the uniform state rules of the Republican Party of New Mexico as they may be properly amended from time to time; and these county supplementary rules where not in conflict with said uniform state rules or applicable law, and when
- i. Delivered by certified mail to the following:
 - 1) New Mexico Secretary of State,
 - 2) Lincoln County Clerk, and
 - 3) The Republican Party of New Mexico
- B. The administration of the RPLC shall be precinct-based.
- C. The fiscal year for the RPLC shall begin on January 1, and end on December 31.
- D. When the county Central Committee is not in session, the authority under which it operates is delegated to the county Executive Committee.

3. Proper "Call" by RPLC Chairman

- A. If the county Chair shall fail to call a meeting of the county Central Committee when such meeting is provided for by state rules, or is duly ordered by the state Chairman, then the elected officer next in line and present shall make such proper "call" with approval by a majority vote of the county Executive Committee within the time frame outlined by the state Chairman.
- B. When such action is taken, the state Chairman shall be promptly notified.

4. Method of Delivery For Required Correspondence - Official Calls and Notices:

- A. Delivery shall be made to the RPLC Central Committee members no less than 14 days and no more than 45 days prior to the date of the event.

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- B. Required notices shall be delivered by electronic mail to the last known email address provided by the member to the county Secretary
 - i. When a member does not have an electronic mailing address, and notifies the county Secretary in writing, then the notice shall be delivered to the last known U.S. Postal address provided to the RPLC by the member.

5. Certification Criteria: RPLC Officers - State Convention Delegates - State Central Committee Members

- A. All candidates or nominees for any position representing the RPLC at the state or national level including but not limited to, the Officers, State Convention Delegates, their Alternates and State Central Committee Members, must
 - i. Registered as a Lincoln County Republican voter a minimum of six [6] months and one day prior to any election or appointment where submitted for consideration.
 - ii. Residing full time in Lincoln County, New Mexico.
 - iii. Remain current with their RPLC dues.
- B. Failure to maintain any of the criteria listed in (5.A.) above shall immediately constitute a vacant position.

6. State Central Committee County Contingent - Members

- A. Membership in the State Central Committee County Contingent shall consist of:
 - i. The five (5) elected county RPLC Officers.
 - ii. President of the FRWLC, and
 - iii. All additional memberships allowed by the Uniform State Rules of the Republican Party of New Mexico, and elected at-large from properly registered and certified county Republicans.

7. State Convention County Contingent - Delegates

- A. The State Convention Delegates County Contingent shall consist of:
 - i. The five (5) elected county RPLC Officers, and

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- ii. All additional Delegates and their Alternates allowed by the Uniform State Rules of the Republican Party of New Mexico, and elected at-large from properly registered and certified county Republicans.

8. State Central Committee County Contingent - Vacancies

- A. The county Central Committee may vote to fill open positions on the state Central Committee during any scheduled meeting.
 - i. The county Chair may temporarily fill vacancies occurring in the State Central Committee County Contingent with approval by the county Executive Committee.
 - 1) The county Central Committee may approve or reject these appointments at their next scheduled meeting.

9. RPLC Central Committee Membership: Allocations - Vacancies

- A. Membership in the county Central Committee shall consist of:
 - i. Elected Precinct Members:
 - 1) The number of elected memberships for the county Central Committee shall be
 - a. One member per precinct, plus
 - b. One member for each eighty (80) votes, plus any major fraction thereof, cast for the New Mexico Republican Governor Candidate in the last preceding gubernatorial election for which official election canvas records are available
 - ii. Ex-officio Members:
 - 1) The five (5) elected county RPLC Officers,
 - 2) Each Republican Precinct Chair,
 - 3) Up to five Officers of the FRWLC,
 - 4) Up to three Officers of the county Young Republicans,
 - 5) Up to three Officers of the County College Republicans.
- B. When at-large members become ex-officio members of the county Central Committee than the at-large position shall be immediately vacated and may be filled with a new at-large member.

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- C. Members may hold multiple positions but in no event shall any member be entitled to more than one vote on any action.
- D. The county Central Committee shall fill vacancies on the committee by a majority vote of its members in attendance at any duly called meeting.
- E. Only properly certified county Republicans that have submitted a written self-nominating form agreeing to committee membership (if elected/appointed) may be listed and considered by Convention Delegates, members of the county Central Committee, or the county Chairman.

10. RPLC Executive Committee

- A. The county Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - i. The five elected RPLC Officers,
 - ii. The President of the FRWLC,
 - iii. The Chairman of the county Young Republicans,
 - iv. The Chairman of the county College Republicans,
 - v. The elected State Central Committee County Contingent Members, and
 - vi. Up to five additional RPLC members appointed by the county Chair and confirmed by the county Executive Committee.
- B. Additional positions on the county Executive Committee may be defined by the county Central Committee, which shall be filled by appointment from the Chair and confirmed by the county Central Committee.
- C. The county Executive Committee shall select an individual or a business with competent accounting experience to audit the financial books of the RPLC each calendar year. This audit should be completed prior to April 1, of the year following the audit period.

11. Treasurer

- A. Legally accepted and proper accounting practices in accordance with NM State laws shall be used by the Treasurer to manage all finances of the RPLC.
- B. The Treasurer, Chairman, and First Vice Chairman may sign the signature cards at all financial institutions where funds are maintained by the RPLC.
- C. There may be one credit and one debit card used by the RPLC and both shall reside in the possession of the county Treasurer.

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- i. When unavailable, the Treasurer may make arrangements for another RPLC Member to use the card or check(s).
- D. Reports required by the NM Secretary of State's office and/or the FEC (if federal funds are involved) shall be maintained in accordance with the NM campaign reporting act, the FEC reporting requirements, or for seven years, whichever is longer.

12. Conventions - Precinct Caucuses - Mass Meetings

- A. All RPLC Conventions shall be “mass meetings” [a combination of precinct caucuses held during the same day as the convention].
- B. The RPLC Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and Secretary shall act as Convention Officers of all county Mass Meetings provided they are available and there is no conflict.
- C. All properly registered and certified Lincoln County Republicans present shall act as Delegates to RPLC Conventions.
- D. Nominations for all elected positions of the RPLC **will not be accepted** from the floor. All nominations shall be executed in writing (by the nominee) and received by the RPLC no later than the close of business one (1) day prior to any Convention or Central Committee meeting of the RPLC.
 - i. Exception - In the case of a failure of the self-nomination process to obtain the allocated number of open elected positions (officers, committee members, delegates or alternate delegates), nominations may be accepted from the floor for those offices or positions without nominees.

13. RPLC Proxies - Quantity and Recognition

- A. Any properly registered and certified Lincoln County Republican may carry and exercise one (1) certified proxy to any RPLC event where recognized.
- B. Recognition of Proxies:
 - i. Proxies **are** recognized at all county Central Committee meetings.
 - ii. Proxies **are not** recognized at any county Precinct Caucus or Convention.

*** END OF SUPPLEMENTARY COUNTY RULES ***

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The above listed Supplementary Rules supersede any and all previous Republican Party of Lincoln County Supplementary Rules along with any addendums thereto. I, **Joe Eby**, the Republican Party of Lincoln County Chairman, and **Diana Billingsley**, the Republican Party of Lincoln County Secretary, hereby

CERTIFY: that these rules disclose a complete, true, and accurate set of "**The Republican Party of Lincoln County Supplementary Rules**" as amended on **January 16, 2016**, at a duly called Republican Party of Lincoln County Central Committee Meeting and approved by a majority of the members in attendance.

RPLC Chair - Joe Eby

RPLC Secretary - Diana Billingsley