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### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8 REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Legislative District 8 Republican Central Committee, hereinafter referred to as the District Committee.

#### ARTICLE II. MISSION

The mission of the Legislative District 8 Republican Central Committee is to promote adherence to the Republican Party platform, build and strengthen the Republican Party from the grassroots up, and elect Republican candidates.

#### ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY AND DOCUMENTS

Legislative District 8 Central Committee shall be the governing body of the organization, and these Bylaws of the District Committee, shall be the governing documents of the organization. The Bylaws and Rules shall be in compliance with the Idaho Republican Party Rules and the Election Laws of the State of Idaho.

#### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

The District Committee is composed of precinct committeemen of precincts within District 8, elected at the State Primary Election or duly elected at a County Central Committee meeting, and recorded at the respective County Clerk's Office. The legislative District Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and such other officers of the District are elected by the precinct committeemen of the District Committee.

Section 1. Voting - Only precinct committeemen from precincts within the legislative district may vote at regular and special meetings of the District Committee. Officers who are precinct committeemen shall have one vote.

Section 2. Proxy Voting shall be allowed except as limited by State Party Rules, and when voting for officers, delegates and alternates to the state convention, nominees for filling legislative vacancies, and bylaw amendments. Proxy votes shall be in writing, signed by the precinct committeeman assigning the proxy, and carried by a voting member of the District Committee.

Section 3. Quorum- Fifty-one percent (51%) of the precinct committeemen representing at least three counties in District 8 shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the District Committee. Quorum will be reached as specified in Article IV, Section 4. Proxies shall count for the purposes of a quorum.

Section 4. In the event a member of the District Committee shall be unable to attend a meeting in person, for any reason, such member may attend the meeting via phone, video conferencing, Internet conference, or any similar method or technology which permits two-way, real time communication between the members so attending and other members of the District Committee. Any member so attending shall be counted as "present" for the purpose of determining a quorum, and for all intents and purposes, said member's vote shall count in all matters that shall come before the District Committee, as though the member were personally present. Proxies for precinct committeemen not present, will have a vote provided the vote does not fall within the exceptions specified in Article IV, Section 2.

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The District Committee shall meet biennially at the organization meeting for the purpose of election of officers and election of voting delegates and alternates to the Idaho Republican Convention.

a. The organization meeting shall be called by the legislative District Chairman to be held upon seven (7) days notice and within eleven (11) days following each Primary Election at a location within the legislative district. Members unable to be present at a physical location may participate via electronic means as specified in Art. IV, Sec. 4 or by proxy.

Section 2. The District Committee shall meet for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill vacancies in the State Legislature.

a. The legislative District Chairman in which such vacancy occurs shall call a meeting of the District Committee within ten (10) days of occurrence of the vacancy and after giving seventy-two (72) hours notice, stating the purpose of the meeting, which is recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill said vacancy. In accordance with Idaho Code 34-715 in the event a Legislative District vacancy occurs between 10 days before the Primary Election and 10 days before the General Election, the District Committee shall select a candidate for the General Election.

b. At the meeting of the District Committee for the purpose of recommending to the Governor three (3) nominees to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, only precinct committeemen shall be entitled to nominate candidates and vote. All nominees must reside within the Legislative District. Precinct committeemen may vote for three (3) candidates in preferential order.

c. The legislative District Chairman shall submit the names of no more than three (3) nominees to the Governor within two (2) days of their selection by the District Committee. Said nominees shall be listed in order of preference.

d. The Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the list of no more than three (3) nominees within fifteen (15) days. If no appointment has been made within fifteen (15) days, the District Committee shall designate one (1) of the three nominees to fill the vacancy.

Section 3. Regular Meetings shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the Committee. Notice of meetings shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the meeting.

Section 4. Special Meetings - A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the District Chairman when deemed necessary to consider urgent business concerning the District Committee. Notice of special meetings of the District Committee shall be given not less than five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting, including date, time, and location, shall be provided to each member of the District Committee.

Section 5. Petition for Meeting - Upon receipt of a written petition signed by ten (10) of the voting members of the District Committee requesting a special meeting, the District Chairman shall, within 10 days, and upon not less than five (5) days notice, call a meeting of the District Committee as requested by the petition. The purpose of the meeting, including date, time, and location, shall be provided to each member of the District Committee.

## ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the District Committee shall consist of the District Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the Secretary, and such other officers of the District Committee as are elected by the qualified electors of the District Committee.

## Section 1. Election of Officers

a. All officers of the District Committee shall be elected by the precinct committeemen at an organization meeting called by the incumbent District Chairman to be held within eleven (11) days after the Primary Election and upon seven (7) days notice at a location within the legislative district.

b. Nominations - At the organizational meeting, all nominations for the election of officers shall come from the floor and only precinct committeemen shall be eligible to move such nominations.

c. Nominees - Any qualified resident of the district who is a qualified elector of Legislative District 8 and who is a bona-fide and recognized member of the Republican Party is eligible for nomination and election.

d. Balloting - When more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election to that office shall be by secret ballot, with the exception of a member participating via electronic means, in which case the member shall forfeit the right to a secret ballot.

e. Upon election of successor to the office of District Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary, all records pertaining to District Committee business shall be transferred immediately at the time of election.

## Section 2. Duties of Officers

a. District Chairman - In addition to the duties specifically provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho, the District Chairman shall preside at all District Committee meetings, and shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, if any, and serve as ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the District Committee. The District Chairman shall also be responsible to insure that District Committee members have the capability to participate remotely in any meetings of the District Committee.

b. Vice Chairman - In the absence of the District Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside at meetings of the District Committee, and assume those functions and duties of the District Chairman in the conduct of normal business. The Vice Chairman shall perform such other duties that may be delegated by the District Chairman.

c. Secretary - The Secretary shall maintain a current roster of all District Committee members, a permanent record of all regular, special, and executive meetings of the District Committee; shall take minutes of all District Committee meetings, maintain a permanent record of the minutes, and, within ten (10) days of a District Committee meeting, mail or electronically mail the minutes of District Committee meetings to all members and attendees of the meetings. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the official copy of the District Committee bylaws and make any changes to those bylaws. The Secretary shall perform such other duties that may be delegated by the District Chairman.

## Section 3. Vacancy in Officer Positions

a. Should a vacancy arise in the office of District Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the District Committee shall call a meeting for the purpose of electing a new District Chairman. This meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days notice.

b. Should a vacancy arise in the office of Vice Chairman or Secretary or other elected officer position of the District Committee, the District Chairman shall within thirty (30) days following the occurrence of the vacancy and upon giving seven (7) days notice, call a District Committee meeting for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

Section 4. Removal of Officers - Officers serve at the pleasure of the District Committee. They shall serve until their successors are elected pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho. Any officer deemed unwilling to perform the duties required by these bylaws and by the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the precinct committeemen present at a regular or special meeting of the District Committee. Proxies shall not be allowed for a vote on removal of an officer. No officer shall continue to serve if no longer a resident of the Legislative District.

#### ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Special and standing committees may be appointed by the District Chairman as may be necessary for the administration of the business of the District Committee. All such committees shall be subject to approval by majority membership of the District Committee upon request of a single member.

Section 2. Duties - The duties of all committees shall be designated by the District Chairman and subject to the review of said District Chairman.

Section 3. Appointment of Committee Members - When appointing committee members, the District Chairman will make every effort to insure that all counties are equally represented on each committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII. PLATFORM, RESOLUTIONS, AND RULES OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Proposed Platform changes/additions, Resolutions, and Rules for the Idaho Republican Party may be submitted to the District Chairman by any member of the District Committee. The District Committee may meet to consider or develop proposed Platform planks, Resolutions, and/or Rules for the Idaho Republican Party. Those Platform changes/additions, Resolutions, and Rules a District Committee member wishes to submit through the District Committee shall be submitted to the District Committee members by the District Committee Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposals will be voted upon. The Platform, Resolutions, and Rules shall be adopted by a majority vote of the District Committee and submitted to the Idaho Republican Party and received by the state party in accordance with the deadlines outlined in the State Central Committee bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the District Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, state statute, or State Party Rule.

#### ARTICLE X. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The bylaws of the District Committee may be amended, providing a quorum exists, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the precinct committeemen in attendance at any meeting of the District Committee at which amendments to these bylaws are to be considered.

Section 1. Only precinct committeemen may vote on proposed bylaw amendments.

Section 2. Notice of Amendment - Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be presented, in writing, to members of the District Committee by the precinct committeeman or District Committee Officer suggesting the bylaw amendment. At least thirty (30) days shall be provided for review and consideration of the amendment before a vote is scheduled by the District Chairman. Members of the District

Committee shall be notified of the vote to be taken on the proposed amendments at least ten (10) days prior to the vote on the amendment(s); such notice shall include a copy of the proposed amendments.

Section 3. All voting members shall be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) will be voted upon.

Section 4. Conflicts - Should changes occur in the laws of the State of Idaho or the rules or bylaws of the Idaho Republican Party, which create conflicts with these bylaws, the District Chairman shall call a meeting of the District Committee to review those changes and to develop amendments to conform with the laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules of the Idaho Republican Party. The provisions for amendment of these bylaws shall apply.

Section 5. Effective Date - All amendments shall become effective immediately upon approval, unless otherwise specified.

Bylaws for Legislative District 8 Republican Central Committee were adopted this 7th day of October, 2017.

/s/ Sandy Thomas  
Sandy Thomas, Legislative District #8 Chairman

Attest:

/s/ John Blattler  
John Blattler, Legislative District #8 Vice Chairman