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3 NEZ PERCE COUNTY
4 REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
5 BYLAWS
6 (Revised December 29, 2011)

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8 **ARTICLE I**
9 **Name**

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11 **Section 1** Name

12 The name of this organization shall be NEZ PERCE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL
13 COMMITTEE, hereinafter referred to as “Central Committee”.

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15 **ARTICLE II**
16 **Legal Authority and Purpose**

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18 **Section 1** Legal Authority

19 Central Committee was formed pursuant to Idaho Code 34-502- and 34-505 and the rules of the
20 Republican Party of the State of Idaho. Central Committee shall have all the powers and duties prescribed by state
21 law and current rules and regulations promulgated and adopted by the Idaho Republican Party. Central Committee
22 is the governing body of the Republican Party in Nez Perce County, Idaho.

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24 **Section 2** Purpose

25 The purpose of Central Committee shall be to promote good government through support of the national
26 Republican Party, the Idaho Republican Party, Republican candidates, and Republicans who are elected to office.
27 Grassroots support includes recruiting local candidates who reflect, support and uphold Republican values.

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29 **ARTICLE III**
30 **Membership**

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32 **Section 1** Central Committee Membership

33 Central Committee membership shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho and the Idaho
34 State Republican Party and consist of the following persons and any Executive Committee members not
35 specifically included in this list:

- 36 a. Duly elected Republican Precinct Committeemen/Committeewomen for each election precinct
- 37 established by the Nez Perce County Board of County Commissioners. Said persons are elected
- 38 during the State Primary election held in every even numbered year.
- 39 b. Chairman, hereinafter referred to as “Chair”;
- 40 c. Vice Chairman, hereinafter referred to as “Vice Chair”;
- 41 d. Secretary;
- 42 e. Treasurer;
- 43 f. State Committeeman;
- 44 g. State Committeewoman;
- 45 h. State Youth Committeeperson;

- i. Legislative Chairman;
- j. Information Technology Representative; and
- k. Republican Women Chairperson (President) (accepted through their organization voting process).

Section 2 Officers

The officers shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, State Youth Committeeperson, and Information Technology Representative.

Section 3 Executive Committee Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman, State Committeewoman, Legislative Chairman, Republican Women Chairperson (President), Information Technology Representative, and State Youth Committeeperson. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) voting members. Executive Committee members may vote at regular meetings (exception: some such votes are reserved for precinct committeemen).

Section 4 Terms of Office

The term of office for precinct committeemen/committeewomen shall be from the eighth day following the primary election until the eighth day following the next succeeding primary election, as set forth in Idaho Code Section 34-624(1) or its successor.

All officers shall enter upon their official duties immediately upon election and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, or until their successors are elected.

All standing committee chairs shall enter upon their official duties upon their appointment and confirmation and shall hold office at the pleasure of Central Committee or until their successors are appointed and confirmed.

Section 5 Duties of Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and Members

Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and members notify the Chair upon a change of residence to a location outside the boundaries of Nez Perce County, no later than seven (7) days after the effective date of such a change of residence. The duties of Central Committee officers, standing committee chairs, and members shall be as follows:

- a. **Chair** – The Chair shall be the Central Committee chief executive officer. The Chair shall:
 - 1) perform such duties as usually pertain to the officer with executive authority or as set forth in the Bylaws of the Idaho Republican Party and/or the Idaho Code.
 - 2) call and preside over all Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings.
 - 3) uphold the Bylaws and see that a copy same are presented to all members within sixty days of their election or appointment/confirmation.
 - 4) appoint a Parliamentarian.
 - 5) see that the other officers perform the functions of their respective offices.
 - 6) be an *ex-officio* member of all standing and special committees.
 - 7) serve as “point” person for recruiting local candidates to run for county positions.
 - 8) represent the views of Central Committee to, and shall attend meetings of, the Republican State Central Committee, as a member of that body.
 - 9) for Presidential election years, prepare for and hold the Nez Perce County Idaho Republican Presidential Nomination Caucus, following the Idaho Republican Party Rules and/or the Idaho Code.
 - 10) certify to the County Clerk the names and addresses of the Precinct Republican Committeemen/Committeewomen on or before February 1, of each year in which a general election is held.
 - 11) when authorized by the Central Committee, designate a person or persons to be polling place watcher or challengers. Such designation shall be provided in writing to the County Clerk in a manner set forth in Idaho Code Section 34-304 or its successor.

- 97 12) have the ability to sign or co-sign checks.
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99 b. **Vice Chair** - The Vice Chair shall:
100 1) in absence of the Chair, preside at all Central Committee and Executive Committee meetings.
101 The Chair shall be considered absent whenever outside the boundaries of Nez Perce County
102 for more than seventy-two (72) hours, or when notice of intended absence is given to the Vice
103 Chair.
104 2) maintain a file of current precinct boundary descriptions and such other associated records as
105 directed by the Chair.
106 3) facilitate the filling of vacant Precincts (Committeemen/Committeewomen).
107 4) see that Lincoln Day preparations are made, accomplished and reported on to the Chair and
108 Central Committee.
109 5) perform such other duties as usually pertain to the Vice Chair office, or as may be assigned
110 by the Chair and/or Central Committee.
111 6) have the ability to sign or co-sign checks.
112 c. **Secretary** - The Secretary shall:
113 1) maintain permanent paper (hard copy) and electronic records of membership including
114 contact information; maintain attendance, correspondence, and the minutes of all meetings of
115 the Central Committee and Executive Committee.
116 2) provide appropriate notice of all meetings, upon the direction of the Chair.
117 3) provide an annual updated membership roster for the entire membership.
118 d. **Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall:
119 1) receive all funds paid to Central Committee and shall deposit same in the official depository
120 designated by Executive Committee.
121 2) disburse funds on order of the Central Committee.
122 3) maintain accounts and books that are at all times open to the inspection of the Chair, the
123 Executive Committee, precinct committeemen, and any authorized auditors.
124 4) provide a final status report at each Central Committee meeting and at such other times as the
125 Chair or Executive Committee may require.
126 5) be authorized to expend funds for such items that are part of a current Central Committee
127 approved budget. Other normal, minor Central Committee business expenses and supplies in
128 the amount not to exceed \$30.00 may be expended, without prior approval of the Central
129 Committee or Executive Committee.
130 6) countersign all checks. In absence of the Treasurer, the Vice Chair may countersign with the
131 Chair. The Treasurer shall be considered absent whenever outside the boundaries of Nez
132 Perce County for more than seventy-two (72) hours, or when notice of intended absence is
133 given to the Chair.
134 e. **State Committee Persons** - The State Committeeman, Committeewoman and Youth
135 Committeeperson shall perform those duties specified by the laws of the State of Idaho and the Rules
136 and Bylaws of the Idaho State Republican party, attend meetings of the State Republican Party
137 Central Committee and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair.
138 f. **Precinct Committeemen/Committeewomen** - Precinct Committeemen/Committeewomen shall:
139 1) perform all necessary and appropriate activities to encourage registration and exercise of the
140 franchise by all qualified electors residing within the precinct.
141 2) support and promote the candidacy of Republican candidates for public office.
142 3) attend and vote at Central Committee meetings.
143 4) recommend persons for appointment to precinct election boards in the manner prescribed by
144 Idaho Code 34-303 or its successor.
145 5) remain a qualified elector of the precinct; notify the Secretary upon a change of residence to a
146 location that remains inside the boundaries of the precinct; and notify the Chair upon a
147 change of residence to a location outside the boundaries of the precinct, no later than seven
(7) days after the effective date of such a change of residence.

- 148 g. **Standing Committee Chairs** - Standing Committee Chairs shall perform such duties as usually
149 pertain to the assigned committee, and/or as may be assigned by the Chair and/or Central Committee.
150 h. **Information Technology Representative** – The Information Technology (IT) Representative shall:
151 1) provide expertise and work toward continuous improvement of the Central Committee digital
152 presence.
153 2) work with Sister County IT Representatives, sharing skills needed to work efficiently,
154 including teaching and assisting them as may be requested and *vice versa*.
155 3) assist in forming a Web presence, email, webhosting, computers, and communication needs
156 and determining ways that IT sharing can take place among Sister Counties.
157 4) provide knowledge and expertise regarding any major IT expenditures that may require
158 assistance from Sister Counties.
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160 **Section 6** Removal of Officers

161 Officers serve at the pleasure of the Central Committee or until their successors are duly elected. Said
162 officers, if found unwilling or unable to perform the duties of their office as described herein, may be removed
163 from office by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the duly elected precinct committeemen/committeewomen present
164 and voting (no proxy voting allowed), wherein a quorum of seven (7) is present. Officers who are no longer *bona*
165 *fide* residents of Nez Perce County shall be deemed to have resigned their office as of the date of their change of
166 residence.
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168 **ARTICLE IV**
169 **Meetings**

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171 **Section 1** Meetings

172 Central Committee meetings shall be held monthly on a chosen day except when State Law specifies
173 otherwise (or if a particular meeting is cancelled or changed). Notice of such meetings shall be provided in
174 writing to each member and officer by the Secretary, mailed, faxed or emailed, at least five (5) days in advance of
175 each meeting. Said notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and include the proposed Agenda for the
176 meeting, as determined by the Chair and/or Executive Committee. This will allow members adequate time to
177 research issues and be prepared to discuss any resolutions. Regular meetings are preferred; that is, single official
178 gatherings in one room or area. Electronic meetings may be called by the Chair, including specified begin and end
179 dates and times (RONR, “Additional Rules for the Conduct of Electronic Meetings” shall apply).

180 As Central Committee is a private organization and not subject to open meeting laws, any time a member
181 of the media is present, in their function as a member of the media, Central Committee may enter an executive
182 session, without media present. The function of the executive session will be to vote on whether to allow the
183 media to remain at the meeting. The vote must be unanimous in the affirmative for the media to be allowed to
184 remain at the meeting upon again taking up normal business.

185 Executive Committee shall meet at such times, places and frequency as may be determined by the Chair.
186 When a member of the media is present, in their function as a member of the media, the same voting process may
187 be used for the media as for Central Committee.
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189 **Section 2** Special Meetings

190 A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the Chair when deemed necessary to consider urgent
191 business of the Central Committee, or upon a written petition, signed by one-third (1/3) of the Central Committee
192 members. All such meetings will be preceded by forty-eight (48) hours written or telephonic notice, to all
193 members of the Central Committee. Said notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and include the
194 purpose for the meeting. A special meeting initiated by petition shall be held within one (1) week following
195 receipt of the petition by the Chair.
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197 **Section 3** Suspension of Regular Meetings

198 Regular meetings may be suspended for a specific period of time upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the
199 members in attendance at a Central Committee meeting. Notice of suspension shall be given to all Central
200 Committee members no less than five (5) days in advance of the commencement of the period of suspension.
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202 **Section 4** Voting

203 Only those persons holding membership as indicated in Section 1 of Article III herein shall have the right
204 to originate motions and make nominations. The Chair has discretion to recognize non-members to speak. The
205 Chair shall vote only in the case of a tie, unless also a Precinct Committeeman. If the Chair is also a Precinct
206 Committeeman and there is a tie, a short discussion period shall be held, followed by another vote. If the vote
207 ends in a second tie, then a coin will be tossed to determine the vote. Proxy voting may take place in accordance
208 with the rules of the Idaho Republican Party. Proxy votes shall be retained by the Secretary as part of the official
209 documentation (unless the voting body directs to destroy ballots).
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211 **Section 5** Quorum

212 A quorum for a Central Committee meeting shall be seven (7) voting members, including the presence of
213 the Chairman, or Vice Chairman if presiding in the absence of the Chairman.
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216 **ARTICLE V**

217 **Nomination and Election of Officers**

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219 **Section 1** Reorganization

220 The election of Central Committee officers shall be held in compliance with the rules of the Idaho
221 Republican Party and current Idaho Code.
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223 **Section 2** Qualification and Nomination

224 Any person who is officially affiliated (*bone fide*) with the Idaho Republican Party with the Nez Perce
225 County Auditor Recorder's Office and a registered Nez Perce County elector may be nominated and elected as an
226 officer of Central Committee. Such persons need not have been elected as Precinct
227 Committeeman/Committeewoman prior to being elected to Central Committee office. Nominations of such
228 persons must be made by a duly elected Precinct Committeeman/Committeewoman from the floor at the
229 Reorganization meeting.
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231 **Section 3** Balloting

232 If more than one candidate is nominated for an office, election to that office shall be by secret ballot,
233 which shall be counted by the secretary and two members appointed by the Chair. After elections are formally
234 announced, and no recount requested, a motion to destroy the ballots shall be in order.
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236 **ARTICLE VI**

237 **Vacancies in Office**

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239 **Section 1** Vacancy – Chair

240 Should a vacancy arise in the office of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall, within thirty (30) days of the
241 occurrence of such vacancy, and after giving seven (7) days' notice, call a special Central Committee meeting for
242 the purpose of electing a new Chair. If such meeting is not called within thirty (30) days following the occurrence
243 of the vacancy, the Regional Chairman may convene the Central Committee for the purpose of filling such
244 vacancy.
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246 **Section 2** Vacancy – Other Offices

247 Should a vacancy arise in any other office, the Chair shall, within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of
248 such vacancy, and after giving seven (7) days' notice call a special Central Committee meeting for the purpose of

249 filling the vacancy. Such vacancies may also be filled at any regular meeting, provided it is held within thirty (30)
250 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. Whenever possible, the election shall take place at the meeting following
251 introduction of the candidate(s) for a vacant position.
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253 **Section 3** Vacancies – Precinct Committeemen/Committeewomen

254 When a Precinct Committeeman/Committeewoman position is vacant, the Committee may fill such
255 vacancy by election at the next regular Central Committee meeting. Election shall be by simple majority vote of
256 the voting members in attendance at the meeting, wherein a quorum is present, and shall constitute appointment
257 within the meaning of Idaho Code 34-502. Precinct Committeemen/Committeewomen shall be qualified electors
258 of the precinct for which they are elected or appointed.
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260 **ARTICLE VII**
261 **Personal Expenses**
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263 No personal expense by any Central Committee member shall be allowed for treasury payment or
264 reimbursement unless it is an authorized expense that is part of a current Central Committee approved budget.
265 Otherwise, such expense shall be allowed for treasury payment or reimbursement only by a vote authorizing same
266 in a Central Committee meeting.
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268 **ARTICLE VIII**
269 **Public Activities**
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271 **Section 1** Public Importance and Proposed Legislation

272 Central Committee shall seek by fair discussion at its meetings and in other ways, to keep its members
273 informed on all questions of public importance and any proposed legislation affecting the County, the State or the
274 Nation.
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276 **Section 2** Expression by Proper Means

277 Central Committee shall have the right, from time to time, to give expression by proper means to its
278 attitude on such public questions and such proposed legislation, and may determine the political affiliation of
279 candidates filing or declaring an intent to file as Republican candidates for County political offices or Precinct
280 Committeeman/Committeewoman and may endorse Republican Candidates for said offices. Central Committee
281 shall recruit, nominate, and support candidates for elected offices, and maintain liaison with such persons after
282 election to office.
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284 **ARTICLE IX**
285 **Dissolution**
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287 In the event that Central Committee is dissolved, or otherwise ceases operations, and there are funds or
288 other assets remaining after obligations are paid, then the Treasurer shall pay over such funds or donate such
289 assets to the Idaho Republican Party.
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291 **ARTICLE X**
292 **Parliamentary Authority**
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294 The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR) shall be the parliamentary
295 authority for all matters of procedures not specifically covered by these Bylaws.
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**ARTICLE XI
Amending Bylaws**

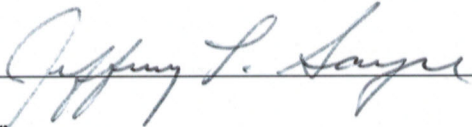
Any Amendment or a Full Revision of these Bylaws, if in conformity with the laws of the State of Idaho and the rules of the Republican Party of the State of Idaho, may be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present at any Central Committee meeting, provided written notice of the proposed amendment or revision shall have been given to the total voting membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE XII
Prior Bylaws**

These Bylaws supersede and replace, in their entirety, any and all Bylaws heretofore adopted by the Nez Perce County Republican Central Committee, including, but not limited to those Bylaws adopted with the date of September 29, 2009, as subsequently fully revised.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Bylaws of the Nez Perce County Republican Central Committee, were adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total voting membership present at the Central Committee regular meeting held on the 29th day of December, 2011.


ATTEST:



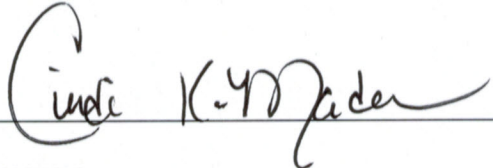
Chair



Vice Chair



Secretary



Treasurer