

2021-2023

Precinct

CommitteeMan/Woman Guide

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Wyoming Republican Party

Role of the Wyoming Republican Party (WRP):

- To recruit citizens to join the Republican Party;
- To establish the Platform of the WRP;
- To achieve the election of Republican candidates who substantially uphold the Platform of the WRP; and
- To conduct the business of the WRP.

POWERS OF THE FREMONT COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

As Precinct Committeemen/Women, you are the voting members of the Fremont County Republican Party (FCGOP) Central Committee, along with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman, wen duly elected as Precinct officials.

Precinct Committeemen/women are elected at even numbered year Primary elections, and each holds office for a term of two years beginning in Jan. of the following year. In the event there is a vacancy of a Committeeman/woman in the Precinct, the County Executive Committee shall appoint a registered Republican who resides in the precinct in which the vacancy exists. Art. III 5.B FCGOP Bylaws 3.10.2018.

THE FCGOP Central Committee is empowered to determine policy, make rules, settle disputes and perform all of the functions necessary to further the interest of the FCGOP and Wyoming Republican Party, including, but not limited to, passing resolutions, motions of censure and any other actions necessary to further the Party Platform and ensure the integrity of the Party. This includes furthering the interest of the Wyoming Republican Party. Art III 8C FCGOP Bylaws 3.10.2018

THE POWER OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS LIES IN THE PRECINCT

The office of Precinct Committeeman/woman has been called the **Most Powerful Office in the World** because Precinct Committeemen and women are the closest structured political officeholder TO THE VOTER. Names are on the ballot so “applications” must be submitted, this year, before the May 31, 2022 deadline. Please verify this date!

FREMONT COUNTY PRECINCT REPRESENTATIVES

GRASSROOTS IN ACTION!

*Precinct Committeemen/women are **the only** party officials elected directly by Republican voters.* Within the precinct, Precinct Committeemen/women represent the Republican Party to the People. **You** are the link between the voters, the candidates and our elected officials. As Precinct Committeemen/women, you should establish neighbor-to-neighbor rapport with the Republicans in your precinct. These people can then seek your counsel as they make their election decisions.

****Precinct Committeemen/women who work their districts and are accessible to their constituents are the Party's most valuable assets. There is absolutely no substitute for Precinct Representatives knocking on doors, visiting neighbors at the mailbox, or whenever you see them. Asking for a voters' support of our Republican candidates is a major action of a Precinct Committeeman/woman. ****

COUNTY PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN/WOMEN RESPONSIBILITIES

The position of Precinct Committeeman/woman includes, but is not limited to, the following specific responsibilities:

1. As a Precinct Committeeman/woman, your primary duty is to attend official FCGOP Central Committee meetings, and vote in a manner that supports the wishes of your precinct's citizens on all issues brought before the FCGOP Central Committee (governing body consists of all Precinct Committeemen/women plus elected officers of the FCGOP).
2. We also count on you to provide guidance to the Executive Committee (see bylaws on Exec. Comm. Members) on any issues that affect your precinct, so that the leadership is up to date on any developments in your precinct.
3. During election periods, Precinct Committeemen/women assist with:
 - a. Attending FCGOP Central Committee meetings and fundraising events throughout the election cycle
 - b. Identifying and ensuring Republican voters in your precinct are registered.
 - c. Helping identify voter trends and opinions that could affect Republican candidates and their elections
 - d. Assisting people in your precinct with voter registration, if requested, and being knowledgeable of the process
 - e. Assisting with pre-election activities such as providing literature in door-to-door visits and turn-out-the-vote phone activities in your precinct

- f. Attending the County Caucus and acting as Chairman for your precinct's delegate elections to the County Convention
 - g. Supporting ballot security and integrity on Election Day as poll watchers, if needed and Election Judges, if possible.
4. Finally, we hope you will serve as an advocate for the Republican Party by staying up-to-date with current political activities/events, attending Republican events/activities, writing letters to the Editor of your local newspaper on important issues and providing information to interested Republicans in your precinct and Fremont County.

We hope this handbook will help you in working your precinct in the most effective way possible.

Thank you for your commitment.

FCGOP County Chairman and Executive Committee

www.fremontcountygop.org or on Facebook at:

2019 FremontCountyRepublicanParty

Vote for the Party of the Person?

We hear these words more and more – *I vote for the man, not the party*. People saying tis seem to be attempting to show that they are above party politics. They are more thoughtful and considerate in casting their vote when compared to those who vote the party ticket. More than ever before a higher percentage of voters are shunning party affiliation to register as independents, or conservatives, or are declining to state their party preference at all.

So why then do political parties exist? Fundamentally, the purpose of a political party is to bring together a group of individuals who share a common set of beliefs. A group who believes in a similar fundamental philosophy. A group that looks beyond the smaller disagreements between them to work together to elect its members to public office so that their philosophy can prevail in public policy.

The FCGOP and Wyoming Republican Party exist for that purpose. Our purpose is to help elect individuals to public office who advocate and promote the principles we all agree are important to national, state and local government.

***It is important to remember that the first day a government body, such as the Wyoming Legislature, convenes, **the group with 51% membership controls every piece of legislation** for the entire session. Without that 51%, Republican principles and programs will not be enacted.

****The political system of this country was designed so that voting for the “man” or the “individual” is best employed in the Primary Election when multiple candidates compete for nomination to run in the general election. This is where we must ensure our candidates share our beliefs and will further our principles!!!****

The general election is the election that tests the philosophy of parties. The general election is when the philosophy that will prevail in the coming term is decided. If members of political parties do not band together to win with their philosophy, they will suffer the frustration of not seeing their fundamental beliefs applied.

Voter Registration

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN WYOMING

In order to register to vote, you must meet the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age on Election Day
- U.S. Citizen
- Resident of Wyoming and precinct in which you register
- Present a valid Wyoming Driver’s License, if not; provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (if you have neither, indicate this on the Voter Registration Application form)
- Not convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had civil or voting rights restored
- Not adjudicated mentally incompetent.

DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER TO VOTE EVERY ELECTION?

You do not need to re-register to vote in the upcoming General Election if you voted in the last General Election.

No need to re-register if:

- You moved to a different county, or

- If you moved within the county to another precinct or changed your name, you must notify the Election Office Dept. of the County Clerk’s Office. 307-332-1088 or 307-332-1089
- If you have moved, the County Clerk office will automatically terminate previous voter registration.
- Email: elections@fremontcountywy.gov
- Fremont County Government Website:
 - <http://www.fremontcountywy.org>

WYOMING VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

There are three ways to register to vote in Wyoming.

1. Register in person at the Fremont County Clerk’s office
2. Register by mail
3. Register at the polls on Election Day

See the Wyoming Voter Registration form for details.

NOTE: Wyoming is exempt from the federal “Motor Voter” law and DOES NOT offer voter registration at Wyoming Driver License Offices.

ABSENTEE VOTING

In Wyoming, any qualified elector may apply for an absentee ballot at any time during a calendar year in which the election is held, but not on the day of the election.

Voters can vote an absentee ballot in person at the Fremont County Clerk’s Office or by mail 45 days before an election. Check for updates with the office on the number of days.

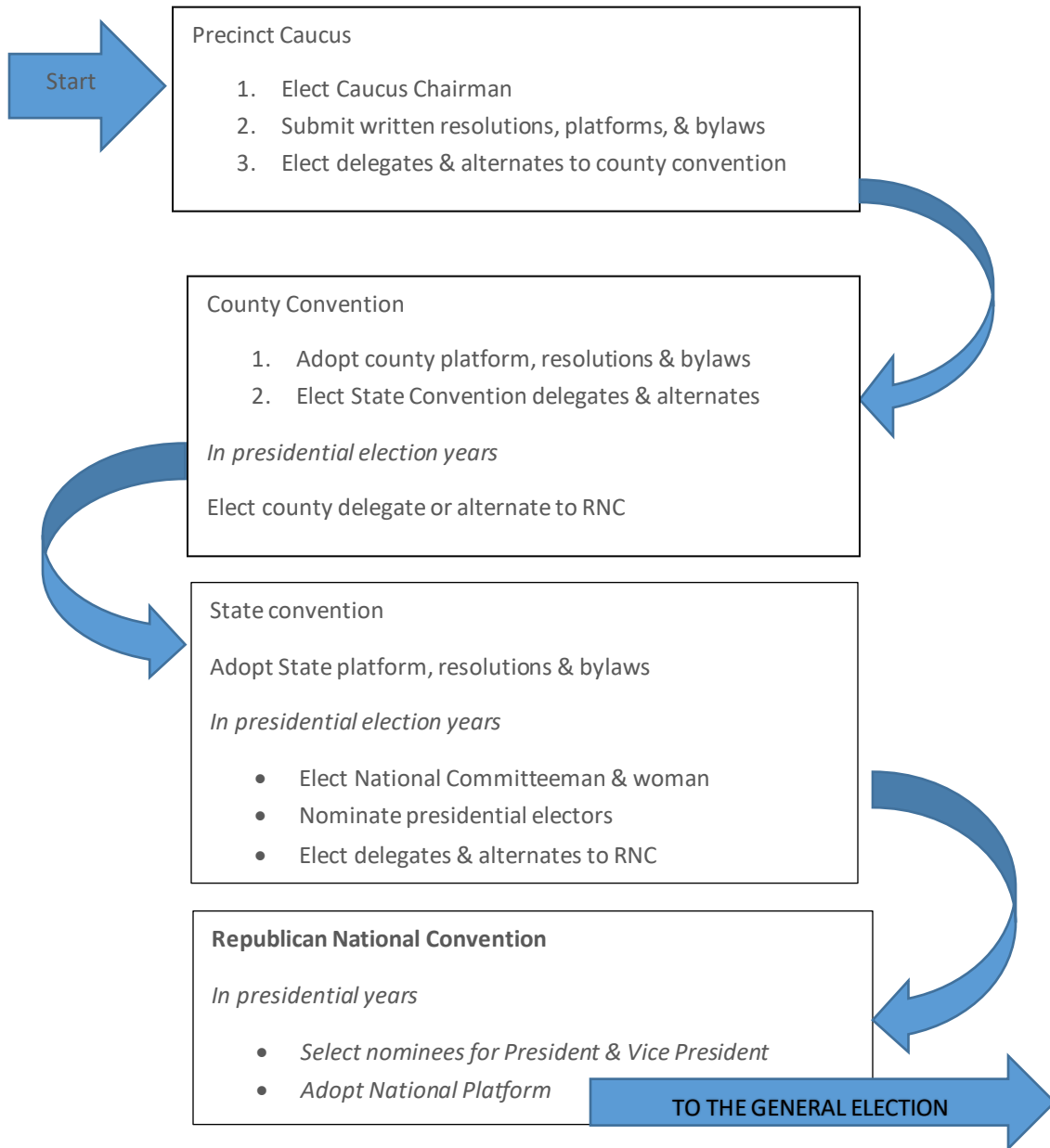
To request an absentee ballot, contact the Fremont County Clerk at 307-332-1088 and 307-332-1089.

Courthouse 450 N. 2nd St Lander, WY 82520

Absentee ballots must **be received in the Lander office** of the Fremont County Clerk **no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day**. Absentee ballots can be returned in person or by mail.

Primary Election: August 16, 2022 Last day to file May 31, 2022

General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 **Please verify this date!**



Precinct Caucus Information

WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

A caucus is a meeting of a group of persons belonging to the same political party to select candidates for offices and/or to decide on policy.

Every two years, Republican Precinct Committeemen/women host meetings for others living in their respective voting precinct. At the County Caucus, they put into words issues and concerns that they have for the county, state and nation, in the form of:

- **Platforms:** Platforms are timeless statements of our broad principles. The Platform is not something that changes with the current issues of the day of by political whim.
- **Resolutions:** Resolutions address the issues of the day. Individual resolutions deal with specific events and specific issues, and often propose specific actions to solve a problem, as well as providing relevant facts and principles, based on our values expressed in the party platform as the two are inextricably linked.

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In many neighborhoods, anywhere from two to six people may attend a precinct caucus, while some areas have mass meetings where people from many precincts get together at the same location.

Fremont County has previously held caucus' in areas where precincts are combined and were thought best. In 2020, FCGOP had one for the county. FC GOP bylaws Art. IV 2C. 3.30.2018. We had a lot of new members and they learned and gained insight from longtime members and dedicated Republicans. This is always an exceptionally important year for our state and nation so understanding the system and knowing how to be effective as the FCGOP Central committee and as republicans is a top priority!

Precinct Caucus Information

WHEN DOES THE CAUCUS MEET?

The state Republican leadership, along with the leaders of our county party follow the Wyoming state statute to establish the timing of the precinct caucus meetings and the county convention in even numbered years.

The county caucus is held not more than 25 days or less than 10 days prior to the county convention, which is held in March.

Information about the county caucuses will be advertise in the Riverton Ranger, Lander Journal, Wind River News, and Dubois paper if possible, and each precinct committeeman/woman will be notified by email and/or US PS mail.

WHO MAY ATTEND A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

The only qualifications for attending a Precinct Caucus are:

- Be registered as a member of the Republican Party in order to participate (speak or vote) at the meeting
- Reside in the precinct; proof of such residence and registration shall be by the Fremont County Clerk's voter list as of the date of the call. FCGOP Bylaws Ar. IV 2D 3.10.2018. A sworn statement presented to the Caucus Chairman.
- Be 18 years of age by the November general election.

Sample Caucus Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome**
- 3. Invocation**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Caucus Chairman Election**
- 6. Election of Delegates/Alternates to County Convention**
If there are vacancies among precinct representatives in your precinct, then your precinct can elect delegates equal in number to the vacancies plus the number shown on the Delegate Report Sheet for your precinct. Art. IV 2F
- 7. Application for election - Precinct Committeeman & Precinct Committee Woman**
Persons interested in running for Precinct person in the 2022 Primary Election may complete an application at the Caucus, County Convention, or apply in person at the Fremont County Courthouse before the May 31 deadline for filing. Please verify that date.
- 8. Bylaws and Platforms and Resolutions Review for Convention**

We will accept any additions/alterations to The Proposed Bylaws and Platforms and Resolutions documents until 10 days prior to county convention.

9. Adjourn

Platform Planks & Resolutions

The Fremont County Republican party platform is a document that consist of three sections: (1) Preface, (2) Platform, (3) Appendix of Resolutions.

Due to the relationship between the platform and the resolutions, they are organized in parallel, with identical chapter headings. This makes a clear connection between the principles that guide their creation. The chapters are as follows:

- A. Jobs and the Economy
- B. Crime and Law
- C. Land, Agriculture and Environment
- D. Government and Budgets
- E. Education
- F. Health and Society
- G. Immigration and (Illegal) Immigrants
- H. Energy
- I. Foreign Policy and Defense

SAMPLE PLATFORM PLANK

The Fremont County republican party believes that all taxes collected must be used for the constitutional purposes of government. It is irresponsible to run up debts that are passed on to our children and grandchildren. Texas should never be more than necessary.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

Get resolved that The FCGOP calls for the state of Wyoming to pursue the export of Wyoming call through ports to foreign consumers under the federal interstate commerce clause. Land and water number 10

HOW TO DEVELOP A PLATFORM PLANK

Begin your platform by clearly stating your beliefs. For example, your platform might start out, "I believe that the purpose of legislation and regulation should be to improve liberty and promote prosperity for citizens."

Once your beliefs have been stated, prepare to offer a defense of your platform with documented facts, not opinions. Continue the beginning of the Platform statement by outlining the various points that you will use in your presentation to the Fremont County convention.

HOW TO DEVELOP A RESOLUTION

Resolutions express consensus on matters of public policy, delivering criticism or support on a broad range of social issues, legal rights, court opinions and even decisions by governmental bodies.

As a spontaneous expression of opinion, a resolution is intended to be timely and to have a temporary effect. A resolution should address a specific current event, court case, piece of legislation or some other type of act or occurrence. Although a resolution does not have to be tied to a specific platform plank, in many cases relevant platform planks already exist.

A resolution merely asserts an opinion that the FCGOP Central Committee wants to emphasize. For example, state and federal laws already criminalize illicit drugs, but lawmakers have frequently passed resolutions decrying illegal drug use. Political frustration sometimes leads us to declare opposition to laws that we cannot change.

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You can find information on the Wyoming Legislature and follow bill information during legislative sessions at wyoleg.gov

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I AM A REPUBLICAN BECAUSE...

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race creed, sex, age or disability.

I BELIEVE that free enterprise, individual initiative, and our natural resources have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individual so private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is a government closest to the people. We the People grant powers to our governments – local, state and national – not the other way around.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.