

23<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Republican Party of North Dakota  
February 10, 2022, 6-9pm | NDSU Extension Center, Hwy 2, Williston, ND 58801  
Organizational Meeting Minutes

59 attendees from District 23; 7 attendees from outside district

- Role Call
- Pledge
- Agenda- motion to approve agenda by Dan Kalil, seconded by Greg Katrell, no objections/discussion raised, motion carries
- Temp bylaws- motion to approve temp bylaws by Dan Kalil, seconded by Greg Katrell, no objections/discussion raised, motion carries
- Nominating Committee Report- GOP state chair appointed temporary chair, Brom Lutz. Dan Murphy reads nominating committee report. Brom selected by GOP. Steve Kemp chosen to lead nominating committee and selects Sarah Johnson and Pat Murphy as other two members of nominating committee. Nominating committee chose 4 other temporary chair members. Dan Murphy reads 5 committee positions: Brom Lutz as temporary appointed Chair, Dan Kalil as Vice Chair, Holand Neubauer as 2nd Vice Chair, Greg Katrell as Treasurer, and Laura Barnhart as Secretary.
- Steve Kemp asks for move to elect temporary chair. Dan Kalil make motion to elect and Greg Katrell seconds. Brom asks for any objections twice. Question posed from floor about when the voting will occur. Parliamentarian, Ann Kvande, explains that a motion was made to elect the five members selected by the nominating committee, as stated in the nominating committee report that was just read. If anyone opposes electing the five temporary members, then an objection should be made now.
- The individual in the crowd states raises an objection, Ann asks if anyone seconds the objection, another person in the crowd seconds. Ann announces that the election of officers proposed by the nominating committee has not passed and an election for the positions will now occur. Temporary committee is confused, looks to Ann for guidance. Ann instructs Laura Barnhart to pass out index cards as ballots to the district members.
- Index cards are distributed. Ann asks for nomination for District Chair. Dan Kalil nominates Brom Lutz and Greg Katrell seconds. A person from the crowd nominates Cole Kratochvil and other person in the crowd seconds. Brom gives a speech and Cole gives a speech. Ann writes both candidates names on white board and crowd is told to write their vote on index card. Crowd is given another color index card when the turn in their vote for chair to the bucket at the front. Votes are collected and counted by Eric Nelson and another lady.
- Cole Kratochvil elected as Chairman. Cole had 35 votes, Brom Lutz had 24 votes.
- Election for Vice Chair announced. Greg Katrell nominates Dan Kalil and Holand Neubauer seconds. Crowd member nominates Dennis Nehring and another crowd member seconds. Dan gives speech followed by speech from Dennis. Votes are written on index cards and turned in at the front again in exchange for a third index card. Votes are counted by Eric Nelson and the same lady assists.
- Dennis Nehring elected Vice Chair. Dennis had 30 votes, Dan Kalil had 26 votes.
- Election for 2nd Vice Chair announced. Holand Neubauer nominated by Brom, but subsequently retracted because he is chairing the meeting and not permitted to nominate individuals. Greg Katrell then nominates Holand and nomination is seconded by Dan Kalil. Call for additional nominations is made three times, none are made. Call for voice vote, all opposed say I, crowd says I, all opposed say nay, none oppose.
- Holand Neubauer elected as 2nd Vice Chair as uncontested nominee. Holand gives speech after being elected.

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- Election for Treasurer announced. Kim Wilson nominated from crowd member and nomination seconded by another crowd member. Call for additional nominations, Dan Kalil nominates Brom Lutz and Greg Katrell seconds. Brom is confused by the nomination because Greg Katrell was the temporary appointed Treasurer. Amidst the confusion, formal speeches are not given. Kim stands up and says vote for me. Brom declines a second speech. Votes are written on index cards and submitted up front. Another index card is handed out as votes are turned in. Votes are counted.
- Results for Treasurer vote are tied. Both Brom and Kim receive 27 votes each. Ann explains that another vote must occur. Eric Nelson says a coin toss can be done to break tie. Crowd member interjects to request that formal speeches occur. Kim stands and gives speech about growing up in Williston and wants to make things better in her home town. Brom makes short announcement and then asks to withdraw from the race.
- Kim Wilson is elected treasurer after tie vote when opponent, Brom Lutz, withdraws from the race voluntarily.
- Election for Secretary announced. Crowd member nominates Sam Arnold and another crowd member seconds. Dan Kalil nominates Laura Barnhart, Greg Katrell seconds nomination. Sam gives speech, then Laura gives speech. Attendees write vote on index card and turn in as done in previous rounds. Votes are counted.
- Laura Barnhart elected as Secretary. Laura had 32 votes, Sam had 23 votes.
- Cole makes a speech as newly elected District Chair. Announces another meeting must occur by 3/1. He encourages everyone to become delegates because District 23 has 74 delegate spots to fill for the convention.
- New committee members are called up front to take seats at the table in place of the temporary committee.
- Crowd member calls for thanks to the temporary chair and committee for organizing and running the meeting. Everyone agrees and applauds as temporary chair exits the front of the room.
- Some discussion about the flow of the meeting occurs. Very little guidance was given and the district is new so everyone fumbled through the event, but remained patient and understanding so it was a success.
- Cole makes calls to adjourn meeting, motion made by crowd and seconded by new committee member.
- Meeting Adjourned