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**MINUTES OF THE MOORE COUNTY NC REPUBLICAN PARTY ANNUAL
CONVENTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023**

The Moore County NC Republican Party conducted its 2023 Convention at the Pinehurst Village Hall on Saturday, March 4, 2023. The precincts of North Southern Pines, Pinehurst B2 and Robbins met at 10:45 AM, prior to the scheduled meeting, to elect delegates to the Convention as they did not have a quorum during regular precinct meetings in February. Registration began at 10:30 AM. Sandwiches and snacks were served to the delegates, observers and guests. The Convention was called to order by Tom Beddow, Chairman, Moore County Republican Party, at 12:00 PM.

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Jim Thyne.

Tom Schroeder led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Chair Tom Beddow provided a review of the Convention agenda and Rules.

Those present were asked to participate in a straw poll to indicate their Presidential preference for the 2024 election.

The following precincts were represented at the Convention:

Bensalem, Cameron, Carthage, DHR, East Aberdeen, East Knollwood, Eastwood, Eureka, Little River, North Southern Pines, Pinedene, Pinehurst A1, Pinehurst A2, Pinehurst B1, Pinehurst B2, Pinehurst C, Robbins, Seven Lakes, South Southern Pines, Vass, West Aberdeen, West End, West Knollwood and Westmoore.

During the welcome by Tom Beddow, he advised the State Convention would be held in Greensboro on June 8 thru 11. The District Convention will be determined once the Legislature has completed redistricting, which is required this year. This event is anticipated to be after the State Convention.

Tom announced the appointments of the Convention: Tom Beddow, Chairman; Carol Wheeldon, Recording Secretary; Cliff Sumrall, Parliamentarian; Tom Schroeder, Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Demastus, Timekeeper.

The opening video reported the speech of Soviet Chair Nikita Khrushchev made in 1969 where he promised to turn the United States into a Communist state without firing a shot. He listed the 9 areas where, when completed, would result in a Communist state. Most of the nine have been completed, and the remaining are very close to completion. The video showed the need to return to conservative values.

Chairman Beddow introduced Anton Sadovnikov and announced he is chairing a committee to seek qualified municipal candidates for 2023. He next showed and commented on web sites available to rate current candidates; one from Heritage Action, heritageaction.com/scorecard; and one from Civitas, civitasaction.org/rankings. Those present were urged to step up and volunteer to be poll workers in the 2023 and 2024 elections.

Prior to our Keynote speaker, the following candidates were invited to speak so that they could leave to attend other county conventions:

Hal Weatherman	Lt. Governor
Jon Hardister	Secretary of Labor
Michael Whatley	Current General Council RNC; Chair NCRP
Addul Ali	Vice Chair, NCRP
Susan Mills	Vice Chair, NCRP
Valerie Zachary	NC Court of Appeals*
Jessica Locklear	NC Court of Appeals*
*Also spoke for NC Supreme Court candidate Jefferson Griffin	
Ben Moss	Secretary of Labor
Neal Jackson	NC House of Representatives, District 78

Cleta Mitchell, Election Integrity advocate to local, state and national groups presented a slide lesson on how the election process has changed over the past ten years. She pointed out specific issues that had been brewing and culminated in the 2020 election. She called the opposition LLP's (Liberal Left Progressives). She pointed out the introduction and effect of "Zuckerberg Bucks" in the 2020 election and how, while that door has been closed, another, with Bill Gates, looms over future elections. She urges those in attendance to step up and get involved in voter integrity.

Following the feature presentation, the following candidates who have announced their intentions to run in the 2023 or 2024 elections, plus special guests, were invited to speak to those in attendance. Those speaking were:

Tom Murry	NC Attorney General
Tom McInnis	Not present, but intent to run announced
Rev. Allen Mashburn	Lt. Governor
Jessica Felch	For Richard Hudson, US House of Representatives
Skipper Creed	Chief District Court Judge
Warren McSweeney	District Court Judge/Superior Court Judge
Steve Bibey	District Court Judge
Mike Hardin	District Attorney

Teresa Beavers	Aberdeen Council
Dan Bonillo	Carthage Commissioner
Brandon Phillips	Robbins City Council
Angela Vacek	Vass Mayor
Rick Smith	9 th District Chairman

Official Convention business began at 1:50 PM with the Credentials Committee Report presented by Laura Sumrall. She advised that all delegates and alternates who signed up for the convention are eligible to be seated. Three precincts who did not have a quorum for a meeting but had members in attendance were approved to vote as one vote per precinct. Those precincts are Little River, Vass and West End. After taking into account these delegates , there were a total of 121 delegates vetted and approved, as follows:

BEN	4	LTR	1	RBN	2
CAM	8	NSP	1	SLS	14
CAR	6	PDN	3	SSP	8
DHR	3	PHA1	9	VSS	1
EAB	2	PHA2	12	WAB	2
EKWD	4	PHB1	3	WKWD	3
EWD	8	PHB2	3	WEM	7
EUR	8	PHC	8	WND	1

Laura Sumrall moved that the report of the Credentials Committee be approved. Wayne Boyles seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

Following the Credentials Committee Report, Charli Thyne, Chair of the Rules Committee, advised there were no changes to the rules. There being no further discussion, Charli moved that the Rules be accepted as written. Jane Waldemar seconded the motion. There was no discussion, the motion passed.

At the request of Tom Beddow, Kay Wildt moved that the Convention Agenda be approved. Marc Philips seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bill Scholtes with Kay Wildt and Emily Stack, announced their nominations for officers to the Moore County Republican Party effective 2023. The nominations are:

Chair	Tom Beddow
Vice Chair	Bill Demastus
Secretary	Maureen Zumwalt
Treasurer	Carol Wheeldon
At Large	Tom Adams, Mike Freidel, Josh Lowry, Bill Scholtes and Emily Stack

Bill Scholtes moved that the nominees be considered for a vote. The motion was seconded by Wayne Boyles. It was advised that each officer candidate would be voted on individually, at which time nominations would be accepted from the floor. The Motion passed

Tom Beddow was elected Chair by unanimous acclamation.
 Bill Demastus was elected Vice Chair by unanimous acclamation.

Maureen Krueger was challenged with a floor nomination by Robert Nunnery who nominated Mike Freidel to be Secretary. Mike spoke to those present. Bill Scholtes advised those present that when a nomination is made from the floor, the subsequent vote must be done by precinct. Precincts gathered to prepare their votes. The resulting vote was:

Maureen Zumwalt	100
Mike Freidel	13

Maureen Zumwalt was elected to be Secretary
Carol Wheeldon was elected to be Treasurer by unanimous acclamation.

The At Large Candidates: Tom Adams, Mike Freidel, Josh Lowery, Bill Scholtes and Emily Stock were elected by unanimous acclamation.

The next order of business was Resolutions. A Resolution regarding Medicaid was received from Steve Woodward. However, it was announced at the meeting that the NC Legislature had already approved the Medicaid bill (revised). Resolution withdrawn. No other resolutions were received.

Bill Demastus advised that there were no required changes to the Plan of Organization Report. Changes typically occur when the NCGOP State Convention makes changes to the State Plan of Organization which then must be addressed by the local county parties within 60 days. No changes have been made since our last update.

Bill Scholtes conducted the election of Delegates to the NCGOP State Convention. He explained that those elected as State Delegates were automatically elected as Delegates to their respective Congressional District Conventions. Delegates cannot represent Moore County at a District Convention without also being elected as a Delegate to the State Convention. Delegates are free to attend either or both of the District and State Conventions. He advised that 126 Delegates have been allotted to Moore County. 86 eligible Members of the Moore County Republican Party had nominated themselves to be Delegates prior to the Convention being called to order. Following the reading of the names of the nominees, 1 withdrew, 7 additional delegates nominated themselves, 3 non-delegates to the convention nominated themselves and 11 Republicans not present who nominated themselves prior to the convention, resulting in a total of 106 nominees. Bill Scholtes requested the attendees to approve the 106 individuals to be Delegates to the NCGOP State Convention. The request was approved by unanimous acclamation.

Trump won the straw poll with 89 votes, followed by DeSantis with 42 and Haley with 7.

Laura Sumrall announced that the GOP would not participate in the Pinehurst St Patrick's Day parade this year due to rule changes by the village.

A patriotic video ended the meeting. Hal Mendelson moved for the meeting to adjourn...Wayne Boyles seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous acclamation at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, March 4, 2023

Carol Wheeldon
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Tom Beddow, County Chair 2023
Laura Sumrall, Chair Credentials Committee