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DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HARDIN COUNTY, IOWA

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ARTICLE I.

Section 1. All previous bylaws of the Hardin County Democratic Party are hereby revoked, and the article herein shall be the bylaws of the Hardin County Democratic Party, hereafter referred to as "the party."

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ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The officers of the party (Constitution, Article V) shall be elected by a majority vote of the central committee. The term of office for each officer shall begin immediately upon election by the county central committee, and shall continue for two (2) years, or until their successor is elected and qualified, unless he or she is removed by the County Central Committee for: nonresidency; inattention to duty; incompetency; support of a candidate for public office who is running against a candidate nominated by the party; or fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid excuse.

Section 2. Central Committee members, consisting of two (2) members from each precinct, shall be elected every even numbered year at the caucus and shall serve for two (2) years or until a successor is chosen. Positions on the Central Committee not filled by election shall be filled by majority vote of the Central Committee.

Section 3. Officers need not be a central committee member. Any member is eligible to serve as an officer.

Section 4. Nominations for officers shall be by voice, and election of officers shall occur at the Central Committee meeting within ten (10) days of the county convention and plurality vote shall elect.

Section 5. Duties of the officers shall be:

A. Chairperson

- a. shall preside at all meetings
- b. shall authorize expenditures
- c. shall have power to appoint subcommittee members and subcommittee chairmen
- d. shall appoint Finance Chairman
- e. shall appoint ad hoc committees

B. Vice chairperson

- a. shall preside in the absence of the chairperson
- b. shall perform duties assigned by the chairperson to him or her from time to time or as designated by the Central Committee

C. Secretary

- a. shall preserve records and reports made to Central Committee
- b. shall keep complete records of proceedings in the form of minutes of the Central Committee meetings
- c. shall keep record of appointments and keep attendance record of Central Committee members
- d. shall send notices of Central Committee and/or special meetings

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D. Treasurer

- a. shall keep records of all money receipts and expenditures, including names of donors and list of items and services purchased by each expenditure
- b. shall issue payments for expenditures
- c. shall perform all state statutory duties

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The following committees shall be permanent, with committee chairpersons and committee members to be appointed by the party chairperson and shall perform the following duties:

A. Finance Committee

- a. audit party accounts and records once a year and whenever a treasurer leaves office
- b. develop ways and means of raising funds

B. Election Committee

- a. recruit candidates for public office
- b. coordinate campaigns of party candidates
- c. promote the registration of voters
- d. insure that party absentee votes are cast
- e. coordinate election day activities

C. Publicity Committee

- a. publish notices of party meetings and activities
- b. compose party election advertisements

Section 2. If a committee vacancy occurs, the vacancy must be announced at one(1) regular meeting of the Central Committee and shall be filled at the following regular meeting.

Section 3. All committees shall be accountable to the Central Committee Chair and/or vice chair who shall both be ex-officio members of all committees.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The chairperson shall be the presiding officer at all Central Committee and general meetings. In the absence of the chairperson, the presiding officer shall be in the following order; vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer. Committee chairpersons shall preside at committee meetings.

Section 2. A quorum of not less than one-third (1/3) shall be necessary to transact business.

Section 3. Meetings shall be conducted according to guidelines from the Iowa Democratic Party, the Hardin County Party Bylaws and Constitution and the Code of Iowa.

Section 4. Any conflict between procedures in section three (3) shall be decided by giving preference to the authority first named therein.

Section 5. All questions of procedures not resolved by section three (3) shall be resolved by reference to "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised."

Section 6. The chairperson or presiding officer shall decide questions of order.

ARTICLE V.

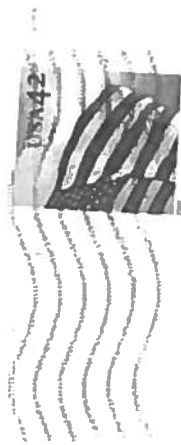
Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Central Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting and included with the notice of the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

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