

**THE S.C. REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SECOND QUARTER MEETING  
MAY 3, 2014  
CLARION HOTEL  
COLUMBIA, SC**

Chairman Matt Moore called the Second Quarter Executive Committee meeting to order on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10:04 A.M.

Pastor Max Kaster, Chairman of Calhoun County, gave the invocation and Mrs. JoAnn Burroughs, Executive Committeeman from Greenwood County, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jim Davis, First District Chairman, led the Republican Creed.

**Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Guests**

Chairman Moore recognized dignitaries and special guests: State Treasurer Curtis Loftis; Secretary of State Mark Hammond; Adjutant General Bob Livingston; Mr. Mike Campbell and Mr. Pat McKinney – candidates for Lieutenant Governor; Mr. Brian Adams, candidate for State Treasurer; Mrs. Molly Spearman, Mrs. Sally Atwater and Mrs. Meka Childs – candidates for Superintendent of Education; Rodney Ashcraft – Executive Committeeman and candidate for Edgefield County Council District 2; and Tyler Roper, a student at the University of South Carolina.

**Roll Call**

Reading Secretary Nikki Trawick reported that the body had achieved a quorum, with 40 voting members present.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. K.T. Ruthven, Chairman from Aiken County and seconded by Mr. Moye Graham, Chairman of Clarendon County, the meeting agenda was approved without objection. On a motion by Mr. Terry Hardesty, Chairman of Berkeley County, and seconded by Mrs. Sandy McGarry, Chairman of Lancaster County, the minutes from the February 8, 2014 meeting were approved without objection.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Moore gave an update on the general state of the state party and its strategic initiatives, including ramping up the party's grassroots ground game and an update on election polling. Chairman Moore discussed the upcoming June 10 primary elections and the state party's plans to stay positive and neutral. He reminded the State Executive Committee of his vision for the state party, to be the "best state party in the nation in terms of engagement, enthusiasm, and results." Chairman Moore announced the June 6 Annual Silver Elephant Dinner with Governor Bobby Jindal of Louisiana. He also announced that the 2016 "First in the South" presidential primary is tentatively scheduled for mid-February 2016. Chairman Moore also announced that four new College Republican chapters and three new Teenage Republican chapters have formed since his election.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Chairman Moore then announced the committee was in order to consider the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Glenn McCall, National Committeeman from York County, moved for the committee to enter Executive Session with staff allowed to remain in the room. Mr. Jordan Bryngelson, Chairman of Dorchester County, seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote. The committee entered Executive Session at 10:20 A.M.

During Executive Session, Treasurer Sharon Thomson updated committee members on the State Party's current financial position.

The committee exited Executive Session at 10:36 A.M. following a motion by Mrs. McGarry and seconded by Mrs. Shery Smith, Chairman of Sumter County. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mr. Buck Griffin, Chairman of Greenwood County, moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Tony Piscatella, Executive Committeeman from Dorchester County, seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote.

## **National Committeeman's Report**

Chairman Moore then recognized Mr. Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman. Mr. McCall talked about the Republican National Committee's "Growth and Opportunity Project" initiatives and the work that Chad Connelly, Director of Faith Engagement, is doing. Mr. McCall stated that the South Carolina Republican Party will keep its "First in the South" presidential primary and that he would be attending the Republican National Committee meeting in Memphis, Tennessee the following week with Cindy Costa, National Committeewoman from Charleston County, and Chairman Moore. Mr. McCall highlighted the RNC's efforts in Memphis to engage with the African-American community. He also highlighted the College Republican Chapter at S.C. State University.

## **Old Business**

Miss Hope Walker, RNC State Director, gave an update on two "National Day of Action" events and what is happening around the state with "get out the vote" (GOTV) efforts. She mentioned that pay as you go cell phones are available if a county needs them to make GOTV calls. Miss Walker asked the county chairmen to please make sure to inform the state party of any events happening in their counties to engage grassroots volunteers. She discussed GOP Data Center updates available including the new Neighborhood Walk App for cell phones and tablets to be used in GOTV efforts. Miss Walker also spoke about the upcoming Silver Elephant Dinner on May 6. World War II veterans and their families were invited to attend free to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. She announced staff updates and recognized the Regional Field Directors, Kristen Beckham and Jordan Kay.

Mr. Terry Hardesty, Chairman of Resolutions Committee, presented three resolutions that passed the Resolutions Committee: Supporting Passage of Legislation Protecting South Carolina Families From Obamacare (H.4979 and S.1164), Support of Integrity, Openness, and Fairness in the Primary Process, and Supporting Teaching the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and Federalist Papers in Public Schools. A fourth resolution regarding censure was defeated in the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Bill Rentiers, Chairman of Lexington County, expressed support for Support of Integrity, Openness, and Fairness in the Primary Process.

Mr. Philip Bowers, Chairman of Pickens County, expressed concerns about how county parties review potential candidates.

The three resolutions passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Announcements**

Mr. Bowers stated that H. 3893 is coming up for debate in the Senate. The bill would require that the Education Oversight Committee and General Assembly approve state educational content standards with notification to the governor.

Mrs. Trawick invited members and candidates to join S.C. Federation of Republican Women for their Legislative Day on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the State House.

Mr. Bryngelson announced that Dorchester County is having an event with Governor Rick Perry on July 1.

The 6<sup>th</sup> District and Awards Committee will meet after the Executive Committee meeting.

Upon a motion by Mrs. McGarry and seconded by Mr. Bryngelson, without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bryan, Recording Secretary  
South Carolina Republican Party

*Approved by the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee – August 16, 2014*