RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2022

Prior to the beginning of this meeting, the Executive Committee members approved the minutes for the Executive Committee meeting of May 5, 2022, and for the general, monthly meeting of May 5, 2022.

Chairman Elizabeth Gryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Marvin Keener offered prayer and Ted Engel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elizabeth Gryder announced the approval of the minutes as stated above. A copy of the minutes and Treasurer’s report were made available at the meeting for members to review. In addition, the minutes will be posted on our website.

Also, printed information from the Rhea County Election Commission was provided, which includes the July 5th deadline for registering to vote in the August election and the July 15th date on which early voting begins for that election.

The watermelon cutting provided tonight was sponsored by the Rhea County Republican Party.

Candidates for County Executive All County Executive candidates had been extended an invitation to address the group at tonight’s meeting. Candidates who participated were:

Dustin Henderson

Adam McRorie

Rusty Rogers

Jim Vincent

(Brittany Fisher Dean had communicated that, regretfully, she would be unable to participate tonight, as she had been called in to work.)

Candidates spoke about their background, qualifications and plans for addressing county concerns, if elected. They were also asked to specifically talk about their plans for addressing county debt.

Other Discussion At this time, Elizabeth Gryder opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak. Several candidates for other offices and members spoke about topics such as the importance of supporting the NRA and similar organizations, closed and open primaries, recently-sponsored legislation, role of the State GOP committee, family values, protecting Constitutional and God-given rights, teaching gun safety and the importance of getting out the vote in the August and November elections.

Meet ‘n’ Greet Attendees were reminded of the Meet ‘n’ Greet for candidates for all offices to be held at the Dayton Welcome Center on June 18th from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. Elizabeth Gryder made a motion to authorize a $200 expenditure from PAC funds to cover food expenses for the event. Kris Bancroft seconded the motion and the motion carried.

State Senatorial Debate Kris Bancroft has been the primary planner for the upcoming debate, to be held at our next meeting. He provided 3x5 cards for members to write down (signed) questions they would like asked of the candidates.

Fuel Receipts Kris Bancroft announced that Cyril Ostiguy, Chairman of Carroll County Republican Party and past speaker at one of our meetings, recommends that we save and send our fuel receipts to the White House with a note to “Drill Now!”

Elizabeth Gryder extended a warm welcome to Keith Flatness, past Chairman of the Rhea County Republican Party, who was able to join us tonight.

Elizabeth Gryder announced that our next meeting will be July 7th at 7:00 pm at the Sheriff’s training center. Our August meeting will be postponed to the 2nd Thursday, August 11th, because of the election on August 4th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary