RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Minutes for Monthly Meeting of February 2, 2023

Chairman Kris Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Marvin Keener, Sr., offered prayer and Joe Gryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kris Bancroft welcomed the large number of attendees and encouraged everyone to continue attending our meetings.

(Treasurer Ted Engel submitted a written report to the Secretary.)

REORGANIZATION The election process was explained and instructions were given by Kris Bancroft.

The names for the nominees chosen by the Nominating Committee were written on a whiteboard at the front of the room:

Chairperson: Ted Engle

Vice-Chairperson: Bonnie Doss

Secretary: Charles Riggs

Treasurer: Marvin Keener, Jr.

Vice-Treasurer: Jennifer Keener

Vice-Treasurer There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Bill Bastenbeck to elect Jennifer Keener by acclamation. The acclamation ayes carried; there were no nays.

Treasurer There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Bill Bastenbeck and seconded by Marvin Keener, Sr., to elect Marvin Keener, Jr., by acclamation. The acclamation ayes carried; there were no nays.

Secretary There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Jim Vincent and seconded by Mark Cashman to elect Charles Riggs by acclamation. The acclamation ayes carried; there were no nays.

Chairperson There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Charles Riggs to elect Ted Engel by acclamation. The acclamation ayes carried; there were no nays.

Vice-Chairperson Tina Pearce was nominated from the floor. Tina Pearce and Bonnie Doss each spoke to the members about their background, qualifications and vision in seeking the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Ballots were distributed to all persons verified to be bona fide Republicans. Members of the Nominating Committee counted the ballots and the results were:

Tina Pearce 10 votes

Bonnie Doss 32 votes

Bonnie Doss was declared the winner.

Remarks by Outgoing Chairperson Kris Bancroft encouraged everyone to support and help make the Rhea County Republican Party a dynamic organization that is effective locally, at the State level, and nationally. He welcomes the vision, youth, energy and “smarts” that the newly-elected Executive Committee brings. Kris is willing to act as an advisor and invites the other members to do so, also. He also spoke of the need to bring younger people into our organization: “They are our future! We need to mentor them, as well as share our friendship, trust and what we have learned.”

Swearing In The newly-elected officers of the Rhea County Republican Party were sworn in to office by Republican State Executive Committeeman John Stanbery and Committeewoman Emily Beaty.

Remarks by Newly-Elected Chairperson Ted Engel thanked outgoing Executive Committee members Kris Bancroft, Marvin Keener, Sr. and Judy Bancroft for their service. Ted spoke about current Republican goals for Tennessee, in view of the fact that Rhea County and Tennessee are now heavily Republican. He stated that getting voters excited and involved is part of that.

Andrew Guffee, Southeast Tennessee representative for Senator Marsha Blackburn, was recognized. Mr. Guffee conveyed greetings from Senator Blackburn and that she is looking forward to visiting Rhea County again. He also announced that the Senator was appointed to the Senate Finance Committee today.

John Stanbery gave updates on upcoming legislation which State Senator Adam Lowe and State Representative Ron Travis are especially supporting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary