



Richland County Republican Party
2011 Convention
Saturday, April 16th, 2011

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

Following the posting of the colors, the National Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance, Scott Farmer led the convention in the Republican Creed.

Following Butch Bowers' appointment as Parliamentarian by Chairman Eric Davis, Temporary Convention Officers were nominated by Rep. Nathan Ballentine and were seconded by Andy Marion. The following temporary officers were elected by acclamation:

President- Kevin Hall
Chairman of Credentials Committee- Randy Grant
Members of Credentials Committee- Eric Barnes, Elizabeth Gillem, Jan Horvath,
Walter Pruitt
Secretary- Hal Stevenson

Convention Rules were adopted by acclamation (motion by Andy Marion, second by Shell Suber) and the Convention Agenda was approved by acclamation (motion by Shell Suber, unknown second)

Permanent Convention Officers were elected by acclamation (motion by Nathan Ballentine, second by Andy Marion)

President- Kevin Hall
Secretary- Hal Stevenson
Treasurer- Dolly Wells

The convention was addressed by State Republican Party Chairwoman Karen Floyd

Lou Nolan presented Karen with a Lifetime Achievement Award and Lifetime Honorary Membership from the RCGOP. Her assistant Angel Cox was also recognized.

The convention was addressed by the following speakers:

Henry McMaster
Senator Jim DeMint (via video)
Senator Lindsey Graham (via video)
Governor Haley Barbour
Mick Zais, SC Secretary of Education (made appeal to convention to support Charter School Bill, Teacher Protection Act and to get involved in local schools)
Bill Conner, candidate for State Party Chairman
Dana Connelly (on behalf of Chad Connelly, candidate for State Party Chairman)
Rep. Joe Wilson
Stephen Brown, candidate for State Party Chairman

Credentials Committee Report

191 delegates possible, 107 in attendance. Quorum was set at 96, 2/3 at 127.
Point of Order by JW Ragley resulted in quorum being reset 54, 2/3 at 72.

Election of County Officers

The following officers were elected by acclamation: Chairman- Eric Davis; State Executive Committeeman- Lou Nolan; Second Vice Chair- Celestine Parker; Third Vice Chair- Grace Rentiers; Fourth Vice Chair- Deb Marks; Secretary- Alan Ray; and Treasurer- Walda Wildman.

The First Vice Chair position was contested. Eddy Willard won over Sandra Bryan 72-36.

County Party bylaws were changed by voice vote.

Resolutions were taken up:

Energy Independence- passed by voice vote; Election Security- failed by voice vote; Organ Donation- passed by voice vote; Support for Governor Scott of Wisconsin- passed by voice vote; Statewide Initiative and Referendum- failed by voice vote; SC Fair Tax Act- passed 41-37; and Sound Money- failed by voice vote.

Election of State Convention delegates and alternates: results to be posted on the website.

The convention was recessed.