

The Park County Republican Party
2026
HANDBOOK FOR
PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN



We the people of the Wyoming Republican Party believe that an American political party should clearly state those principles on which it relies for its purpose. Wyoming Republicans believe that the future of our nation depends on meeting the challenges of the current age by reaffirming our allegiance to those principles that the founding fathers of our republic enumerated when they said,

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights... That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...

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<https://parkcounty-wy.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Elected-Officials12.8.25.pdf> (page 3-4)

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The Successful Precinct Committeeman

The Precinct Committeeman (PC) is not just the most important elected official to our Republican Party – but the dedicated men and women who hold this position constitute the foundation of our grassroots in all our counties. A precinct committeeman is a party worker at the grassroots level.

Precinct committeemen are selected by voters in their precinct during the primary. If there is not a selected committeeman, the GOP county chairman can appoint a committeeman to fill a vacancy. He or she must still register to run at the next primary election.

A precinct committeeman's job is to deliver the maximum number of Republican votes from their precinct. As you can see, this is why we consider PCs to be the most important, most critical officials in our Party's structure!

Here are several hints on how to be a successful PC:

- During non-election years, PCs recruit new PCs build relationships with both Republican voters in their precinct and with their fellow PCs.
- Get to know your precinct by surveying registered voters about their voting preferences and opinions.
- Identify and register non-voters who may vote Republican.
- Get to know those voters and establish personal relationships.

Remember, the Republican Party believes in "Community." Take this opportunity to get to know yours better. Ask your neighbors their opinions on issues. Invite them to Republican Party events, town hall meetings with elected officials, and social gatherings with our Republican clubs. Ask people you meet to volunteer and get active in one or more organizations is a great way to help someone become a dedicated Republican voter! In election years, your efforts should focus on preparing to eventually get out the vote for Republican candidates on the ballot in your precinct!

There is no single recipe for success that works in every precinct, but it is not uncommon for active PCs to report spending 10 to 20 hours per month on PC-related activities. Remember, the more involved you are as a PC, the greater your impact will be in your precinct and your Party! Some of the activities PCs enjoy are:

- Distributing campaign literature in your precinct.
- Walking door-to-door with candidates.
- Finding yard sign locations within your precinct.
- Assisting your local candidates with mailings, phone calls and other campaign activities as needed.
- Helping to recruit volunteers to work with you in your precinct or work for local candidates.
- Motivating voters to go to the polls and vote for our Republican candidates.
- Participating in meetings, special events and fundraisers.

This list is just a start. As every precinct is different, so is every campaign, which means how each campaign may rely on PCs for help is likely to vary from race to race.

Being an effective PC takes both time and commitment, but the rewards are many.

You will have the satisfaction of working to elect Republican candidates to office who support our shared ideals and values and will lead our communities, our state and our nation to a brighter, stronger tomorrow. You will become a member of a dynamic and influential organization as an active part of the Wyoming Republican Party, the strongest political party in our state.

And, in addition to demonstrating a bit of your own leadership potential, you will make some great friends along the way that will last you a lifetime!

Precinct Committeemen are the bedrock of the Wyoming Republican Party! Thank you for the hard work you've done and thank you in advance for all the great achievements we'll realize in the days, weeks and months to come!

OBTAIN YOUR REGISTERED VOTER LIST FROM THE COUNTY CLERK.

The Importance of Registering Voters

With so much at stake at the local, state, and federal levels, registering new Republican voters is more important today than ever before. After the 2020 the Park County Census shows that there are about 23,541 (79.5%) eligible persons who could vote. In Dec 2025, Park County was estimated to have 17,056 registered voters. In the Aug Primary those voting Republican were 8536, Democrat 318 with 118 nonpartisan voters. 52% of those registered actually voted in our Primary.

PRIMARIES IN A ONE PARTY STATE CAN BE THE GENERAL ELECTION IN MANY CASES.

IN OUR PRIMARY IN AUGUST 2024 ~36% OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS VOTED.

IN OUR 2024 GENERAL ELECTION ~68% OF OUR ELIGIBLE VOTERS VOTED!!

Our work is cut out for us. Because most of our registered voters are Republicans do not get too comfortable. Almost sixty percent of our population is not voting. When you think of the eligible voters voting Republican, that should stir you up to get out there and talk up the importance of citizens participating in their governing. If you do not, someone else will.

Our goal should be to increase the number of registered voters each and every month.

To do so, we need to register every likely voter we find in each of our precincts. Not only do we have new individuals and families moving to our state every day, we have hundreds of potential voters to reach out to in our very own neighborhoods right now. These are the people we know as friends, people we know in our clubs, people we see and chat with at the grocery store. But for whatever reason, they are not voting. We can change this!

Contact the Elections office at 307-527-8620 800-786-2844 x8620 or email voterinfo@parkcounty-wy.gov

Online Voter Registration Form can be downloaded at: **(note oath must be done before an appropriate officer)**

<https://sos.wyo.gov/Forms/Elections/General/VoterRegistrationForm.pdf>

What qualifies someone to vote in Park County, Wyoming? According to County Clerk website to register to vote, an individual must: (see form for most current information)

- *be a citizen of the State of Wyoming;*
- *be a resident of Wyoming, and the county listed on your registration;*
- *be 18 years of age or more on or before the day of the next regular General Election;*
- *not be a convicted felon unless your civil rights have been restored;*

When registering to vote, they'll need to provide identification to prove residency and citizenship.

You will need to show *photo identification* to register. Additionally, you must provide a valid Wyoming driver's license number if one has been issued to you, or if you have not been issued a Wyoming driver's license, you must provide your social security number and another form of accepted ID.

For PCs it is the first step in a victory plan that will not just protect our majorities in the legislature, but will lay the foundation for critical victories in top-of-the-ticket races and beyond. Carrying our state in the presidential election is very important, as is defending our Republican Congressional seats and winning the new Congressional seat. Voter registration is the first critical battle of the election cycle. When we turn out our Republican base, we need that base to be as broad and strong as possible. That is why registration has become the first key aspect to our victory program for the election cycle—from the State House to the White House. ...**And it all begins at your house!**

Register before the election (see Election Statutes or the Election Code Book)

Register at the Elections Office or Town Hall. *Bring photo ID.*

Elections Office: 1002 Sheridan Avenue, Cody (307) 527-8620

Powell City Hall: 270 N Clark St., Powell (307) 754-5106

Meeteetse Town Hall: 910 Park Avenue, Meeteetse (307) 868-2278

Register and vote by absentee ballot at the Elections Office. *Bring photo ID.*

Register by Mail

Go to the Wyoming Secretary of State Web Page. See item 2 under 'How do I Register to Vote'. Remember to take photo ID to the Notary Public. Sign the voter Registration Application in front of a Notary Public. Enclose copies of the ID shown to the Notary with your completed Voter Registration Application. Be aware that Federal law requires a voter who has registered by mail to present photo ID prior to voting for the first time after registering.

I AM A REPUBLICAN BECAUSE...

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or disability.

I BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

The Principles of the Republican Party

The principles of our Republican Party include:

- Reducing the size of government
- Streamlining the bureaucracy
- Returning power to the states

These are all stances of the Republican Party, in opposition to the Democrat Party, adopted early in our history. The Republican Party, since its inception, has been at the forefront of the fight for individual rights against a large, bloated government.

We fight important battles and champion freedom because by expanding liberty, we make our nation more secure. These are values worthy of a great nation. And they are values worth fighting for.

Republicans have always been the party of fresh ideas and new thinking. As Republicans, we believe in...

Ensuring that **Americans remain safe**, terrorists are defeated, and freedom flourishes in the world.

Winning the War on Terror - because our government's most solemn duty is to keep its citizens safe.

Ushering in an **Ownership Era** - because a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit will keep our economy strong and provide more opportunities for workers and families.

Building an **Innovative Economy** to compete in the world because America can compete with anyone, anywhere, thanks to our entrepreneurs and risk-takers who keep us on the cutting-edge of technology and commerce.

Strengthening our Communities - because our children deserve to grow up in an America in which all their hopes and dreams can become true.

Protecting Our Families – because we respect the family's role as a touchstone of ability and strength in an ever-changing world.

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Is there a difference?

MYTH: “There’s not a dime’s worth of difference; both parties are exactly alike.”

Believe it or not, as a Precinct Committeeman out registering new voters, you’re likely to discover that a lot of fellow Wyomingites feel this way. Increasingly, voters are feeling a bit more independent, and are claiming to “vote for the candidate, not the party.”

However, ignoring a candidate’s party affiliation risks missing out on one of the great advantages of our nation’s political system: The very reason that a candidate is listed as Republican or Democrat is that he or she subscribes to the basic political philosophy for which the party stands. In a mostly one party state, as Wyoming is, many times the choosing is in the Primary Election of which unaffiliated voters have no voice.

KEY PRINCIPLES

The cornerstone of Republican philosophy is the belief that each person is responsible for his or her own place in society. Individuals are encouraged by the Republican Party to work to secure the benefits of society for themselves, their families, and for those who are unable to care for themselves.

Democrats are more willing to subordinate individual rights to the assumed needs of the group. They assume that society is collectively responsible for each of its members. They place less emphasis on individual enterprise and initiative.

GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNED

Republicans believe that government should be limited to doing for people those things which they cannot do for themselves. The right to determine individual destiny should lie in the hands of the individual. Similarly, Republicans believe governmental power and resources should be kept close to the people, through their state and community leaders, rather than centralized in distant big government.

Recent Democrat administrations have pushed for more and more centralized power in Washington D.C., with secondary consideration for the rights of individual citizens and communities. This has led to increasingly more federal controls and regulations, often in the hands of unelected bureaucrats unaware of the concerns and needs of local citizens – and causing a severe erosion of local government across the country.

ECONOMIC POLICY

Republicans believe in the competitive free-enterprise system. Individuals must be free to use their talents. This is the key to personal and national prosperity. Republicans believe that the only limits to an individual’s opportunity to succeed are the limits of his or her own initiative and enterprise.

Democrats say that the economy is too complicated to be left to free enterprise alone, and therefore must be subjected to ever-increasing controls by the federal government. They say that we are "entering an era of limitations" and therefore must lower our individual economic expectations.

FOREIGN POLICY

Republicans believe that peace and freedom can be protected only if America maintains a defense force strong enough to deter any aggressor. Republicans shun away from the paternalism of the 50’s and encourage other nations to shoulder responsibilities for their own problems. Republicans oppose unnecessary intervention in the internal affairs of other nations and stress helping our friends around the globe develop the skills and strengths necessary to protect themselves.

Democrats have vacillated between extreme isolationism, intervention, and confrontation tactics in cases like Vietnam, Cuba, and Korea. This inconsistent foreign policy has confused our allies and encouraged our potential enemies.

TAXES & SPENDING

Republicans consistently strive to cut governmental spending and to eliminate costly overlapping and unnecessary governmental programs. Because Republicans believe that the individual should control his or her own and the government’s pocketbook, they believe that tax increases should be voted on by the people.

The Democrat view is that the federal government knows how and where to spend money for local needs better than elected community leaders, and federal bureaucrats should continue to control the flow of funds to the states and localities and dictate how the taxpayers’ money will be spent.

YES, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!

America has prospered under the two-party system because one party has always served to check the excesses of the other. Often, both parties agree on the problems more than they agree on the solutions. The root of the differences between Republicans & Democrats is perspective. Democrats tend to stress a powerful, centralized bureaucracy aimed at solving local and national problems from the top down - a method which, after 40 years of trial is a proven failure. Republicans believe in solutions which are decided upon and implemented by the people themselves, through their locally elected representatives. Republicans believe that the solutions to America’s problems will spring forth from the greatness of the American people.

Visit us at www.parkcountyrepublicans.com

The Republican Party—A Brief History

The Republican Party was born in the early 1850's by anti-slavery activists and individuals who believed that government should grant western lands to settlers free of charge. The first informal meeting of the party took place in Ripon, Wisconsin, a small town northwest of Milwaukee. The first official Republican meeting took place on July 6th, 1854 in Jackson, Michigan. The name "Republican" was chosen because it alluded to equality and reminded individuals of Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republican Party. At the Jackson convention, the new party adopted a platform and nominated candidates for office in Michigan.

In 1856, the Republicans became a national party when John C. Fremont was nominated for President under the slogan: "Free soil, free labor, free speech, free men, Fremont." Even though they were considered a "third party" because the Democrats and Whigs represented the two-party system at the time, Fremont received 33% of the vote. Four years later, Abraham Lincoln became the first Republican to win the White House.

The War Between the States erupted in 1861 and lasted four grueling years. During the war, against the advice of his cabinet, Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation that freed the slaves. The Republicans of the day worked to pass the Thirteenth Amendment, which outlawed slavery, the Fourteenth, which guaranteed equal protection under the laws, and the Fifteenth, which helped secure voting rights for all Americans.

The Republican Party also played a leading role in securing women the right to vote. In 1896, Republicans were the first major party to favor women's suffrage. When the 19th Amendment finally was added to the Constitution, 26 of 36 state legislatures that had voted to ratify it were under Republican control. The first woman elected to Congress was a Republican, Jeanette Rankin from Montana in 1917.

Presidents during most of the late nineteenth century and the early part of the twentieth century were Republicans. The White House was in Republican hands under Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush and Donald J Trump.

Behind all the elected officials and the candidates of any political party are thousands of hard-working staff and volunteers who raise money, stuff the envelopes, and make the phone calls that every winning campaign must have. The national structure of our party starts with the Republican National Committee. Each state has its own Republican State Committee with a Chairman and staff. The Republican structure goes right down to the neighborhoods, where a Republican precinct captain every Election Day organizes Republican workers to get out the vote.

Most states ask voters when they register to express party preference. Voters don't have to do so, but registration lists let the parties know exactly which voters they want to be sure vote on Election Day. Just because voters register as a Republican, it does not mean they need to vote that way - many voters split their tickets, voting for candidates in both parties. But the national party is made up of all registered Republicans in all 50 states. They are the heart and soul of the party. Republicans have a long and rich history with basic principles: Individuals, not government, can make the best decisions; all people are entitled to equal rights; and decisions are best made close to home.

The symbol of the Republican Party is the elephant. During the midterm elections way back in 1874, Democrats tried to scare voters into thinking President Grant would seek to run for an unprecedented third term. Thomas Nast, a cartoonist for Harper's Weekly, depicted a Democrat jackass trying to scare a Republican elephant - and both symbols stuck. For a long time Republicans have been known as the "G.O.P." And party faithful thought it meant the "Grand Old Party." But apparently the original meaning (in 1875) was "gallant old party." And when automobiles were invented it also came to mean, "get out and push."

That's still a pretty good slogan for Republicans who depend every campaign year on the hard work of hundreds of thousands of volunteers to get out and vote and push people to support the causes of the Republican Party.

Platform Park County Republican Party (2022)

We believe there are Timeless Truths that will always inform and direct our party and our country regardless of current events and circumstances, changing strategies, goals, and leadership. These Truths, put into action, maintain, protect, and defend our unalienable rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

1. We recognize that our Creator, Almighty God, not government, has endowed all mankind "with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness", as stated in the Declaration of Independence and secured by the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The primary purpose of government is to secure these rights for all, from conception to natural death.
2. Every legal citizen, public and private, is equally protected by, and subject to, the law. All citizens are equal before the law. Laws must apply to all, equally.
3. Individuals must always be allowed to defend the lives and liberty of themselves and their family and their property if threatened unlawfully. We support the second amendment as written.
4. The right of an individual to keep and enjoy his own property is foundational. Every individual has the right to develop his own potential, to use and enjoy his own property, tangible or intellectual, and pursue his own interests, free from the restrictions of arbitrary force. Individuals are always presumed to be the best stewards of their property. Therefore, we oppose the abuse of eminent domain and hold that it should only be used as a last resort to protect the public good.
5. The freedom to practice one's faith is a fundamental right secured by our Constitution. We support the first amendment as written.
6. The family is the best institution to provide children with the training to develop their potential and prepare them to participate in our government which is of, by, and for the People. We believe that parents should be allowed to educate their children the way that best meets their needs, including home schools, private schools, publicly funded charter schools, public schools, and a voucher system.
7. Marriage is defined as the union of one man and one woman.
8. We support capitalism. We support free and fair trade and markets by standing for the elimination of government regulations that impede, restrict, or interfere with the growth of business and jobs.
9. The legal citizens of the United States are the ultimate authority.
10. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. We support the separation of powers stated therein, namely that Congress shall legislate, the Supreme Court shall judge, and the President shall enforce. No branch of government shall usurp another branch's power. The judiciary may not effectively change laws or the Constitution via its decisions. They may only be altered by the processes of correction provided within them. Our constitutional representative republic remains the best political system, derived from history and knowledge of human nature, to prohibit tyranny, assure equality, and protect our individual rights. The keystone of this is stated in the U. S. Constitution 10 Amendment which retains our sovereignty as a state and as individuals.
11. The United States has a responsibility to treat our allies with respect and justice. Above all, the United States must maintain its national sovereignty free from foreign influence that would infringe on the rights of the American People guaranteed by the Constitution. Relationships with international entities, and our general foreign policy, must serve the just interests of the United States.
12. We affirm the inalienable right and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Finally, having thus set forth our distinctive principles and views, we invite the cooperation of all citizens, however differing on other questions, who substantially agree with us, to offer their affirmation and support.

HELP US RECRUIT FOR THE FUTURE.

All of the precincts in Park County need caring involved individuals to get the word out about candidates, REGISTER NEW REPUBLICAN VOTERS, to recruit GOP candidates, to help candidates meet their constituents, raise money for the county GOP to facilitate these events, and to GET OUT THE VOTE.

Do you know someone in Park County who wants to make a difference?

Are they of like mind with the PCGOP?

Are they registered to vote in Park County?

Are they a good fit with the Park County Central Committee?

We are looking for energetic, eager to work, young, old, working, retired, breathing individuals. See the form below.

Thank you!

On behalf of the County Committee, the staff, and volunteers of the Park County Wyoming Republican Party, I'd like to offer my sincerest thanks to every Wyoming Republican who takes the time and energy to become a Republican Precinct Committeeman.

We are one in goal therefore we must be one in action. Thank you for being the heart and soul of our party.

Thank you.

Wyoming Park County Republican Party Chairman.

Additional References

Wyoming Citizen Handbook

<https://wyoleg.gov/docs/CitizenGuidebook.pdf>

CALENDAR FOR 2026 Key Dates

https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/Docs/2026/2026_Election_Calendar.pdf

Legislative Session begins Feb 2026

Purge and Update Voter Registration lists in Feb post General Election

Referendum Filing Deadline 90 days after the adjournment of the legislative session

Political Party Deadline (ck with your County Clerk) May 2026

Candidate Filing Period (WS 22-5-209) May 14-29 2024

NEW VOTER REGISTRATION RULES SEE WY SS 22-3-102

Voter Registration Closes:

Primary Aug 5, 2024 (with exceptions)

General Election Oct 21, 2024 (with exceptions)

Primary (WS 22-2-104) Aug 18, 2026

NEW VOTER REGISTRATION RULES SEE WY SS 22-3-102

General Election (WS 22-2-104) Nov 03, 2026

NEW VOTER REGISTRATION RULES SEE WY SS 22-3-102

More at <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections>

2026 Wyoming State Convention April 22-26 2026

Douglas WY

<https://www.wyoming.gop/calendar>

2026 RNC National Convention TBA 2026

PRECINCT CAUCUS MEETINGS

THE PRECINCT GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL CAUCUS

WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

"Caucus" is a fancy word for a political meeting of a group of like-minded people. Every two years, Republican Precinct Committee members host meetings for voters living in their respective voting precinct or neighborhood. At the Caucus, they put into words issues and concerns they have for our county, state and nation.

* **Platform Planks.** Statements addressing issues important for the time are considered. See our county platform at <https://www.parkcountyrepublicans.com>

* **Resolutions.** Statements addressing particular situations in the short term as direction to our elected officials are considered. www.ParkCountyRepublicans.com

* Caucus attendees also choose who will attend the County Republican Convention as **delegates and alternates** representing that Precinct.

WHERE your Caucus is held is determined by the Precinct Committee members who were selected to be in that position. However in precincts where there is no representation, one may be appointed to fill a term by the County Party Chairman until the next election.

WHEN DOES MY PRECINCT CAUCUS MEET?

When your Caucus is held is determined by the County Convention which is determined by the State Convention. The State Republican Leadership along with the leaders of your county party follow the guidance written in the State Statutes to establish the timing of the Precinct Caucus meetings and the County Convention. (Usually in March even years.)

The date, time and place will be advertised the local paper of wide distribution. Also, your Precinct Committee members will be notified by mail of the timing.

LOCATION: As Precinct Committee member it is your choice where you to hold your Precinct meeting. It is important that you notify Republicans in your precinct where your meeting will be held.

WHO CAN ATTEND A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

The only qualifications for attending your precinct's Caucus are...

- You must be 18 years of age by the November Election this year
- You must reside in the precinct
- You must be registered as a Republican by the deadline in order to participate.

It's easy to register, just go to the County Clerk's office and ask to Register...as a Republican of course!

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

The precinct caucus is grassroots of the government in action. Too many times, Americans feel they have no input into how their government works. This is partly because our great country is spread over such a large area with so many different communities and points of view. That is why precincts are so important. Many times, issues that concern you also concern your neighbors. When you put your voices together and express your opinion a ripple effect is sent up throughout the entire system. Your voice won't be heard if you don't express it and the best place to begin is your precinct caucus.

Precinct Caucus Sample Agenda

- I. Call to Order by Precinct Committee member
- II. Welcome, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Announcements:
Directions or other correspondence from County Central Committee etc. are read
- IV. Selection of Chairman of the Precinct Caucus
Either a Precinct Committee member in attendance at the Precinct Caucus shall be selected Caucus Chairman or any registered Republican attending the Caucus who resides in the precinct in the absence of a PC
- V. Review precinct registration list for any necessary corrections etc. "All Republicans who have registered within the precinct at the dates of the call of the Precinct Caucus shall be entitled to participate and vote at the Precinct Caucus. Proof of such residence and registration shall be either by the most recent County Clerk's voter list or by the signing of a sworn statement presented to the Caucus Chairman."
- VI. Selection of Delegates to attend County Convention.
Each Precinct shall select delegates and alternates to attend the County Convention in March of even years. The exact number will be given to the Precinct prior to the caucus. (this is a mathematical calculation that is made each year of caucus meetings OR as dictated by Bylaws)
- VII. Consideration of Resolutions & Platforms
Please be sure to write down your Resolutions & Platforms and email or send the hard copy to Platform Committee Chairman.
- VIII. Adjournment: If there is no more business ask for a motion to adjourn. With a motion the meeting can be adjourned.

Be sure to give a copy of your notes, delegates, alternatives, and copy of your platform and resolution suggestions if any to the Executive committee.

Congratulations! You have completed your Precinct Caucus!

Have on hand a copy of our current Bylaws, Platform and Resolutions. This can be downloaded and printed from the internet at:

www.ParkCountyRepublicans.com

It is not necessary to change the platforms if you are in agreement with them. A Platform Plank is a "timeless truth" that has broad applicability. There is no set format for a Platform, however many times in the past people have used as an intro:

"The Republican Party believes...."

An example of a Plank would be as follows:

Under Jobs and Economy:

The Republican Party believes we must pro-actively develop, maintain, and improve a supportive climate for private enterprise.

An example of a Resolution would be as follows:

Under Energy:

Where as The Republican Party understands secure energy sources are best that are local and under our own jurisdiction;

Be it resolved that the abolition of restrictive regulations should occur so that all sources of energy can be developed responsibly thereby eliminating the department of energy and the EPA.

All suggestions for Resolutions and Platform planks will be organized in the following categories for easy reference and to be delivered to the State Republican Party for further consideration at the State Convention: (these are general categories)

- Jobs and the Economy
- Crime and Law
- Land, Agriculture, and Environment
- Government and Budgets
- Education
- Health and Society
- Immigration and (Illegal) Immigrants
- Energy
- Foreign Policy and Defense