



Clayton Trotter, Chair
Kelly Toth, Vice Chair
Joaquita Martin, Secretary
Vacant, Asst Secretary
Matt Hickey, Bonus Vote
Vacant, Communications Chair
Vacant, Treasurer

District 24

Chugiak
Chugach Park
Fire Lake
Downtown Eagle River
JBER/Centennial Park

September 11, 2024, 7:00 PM

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Chugiak Senior Center

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Clayton at 7:04 pm.
- 2) INVOCATION – Chair Clayton led the group in prayer.
- 3) PLEDGE – Matt Hickey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- 4) ROLL CALL
 - a) D24 District Officers/Voting Members present – Clayton Trotter, Matt Hickey, Kelli Toth, Ken McCarty (joined late via phone, proxy vote w/ Kelli Toth), Joaquita Martin, Bob Seitz, Elyce Santerre, Byron Matlock, Sen. Kelly Merrick (joined late via phone), Paul Schneider, Kim Collins, David Littleton
 - b) Also present – Joey Merrick, Jared Goerker, Donald Handeland (Region Rep), Theo Ransum (guest), Robert Coulter (guest)
 - c) Quorum – Established.
- 5) AGENDA APPROVAL – Approved by consensus
- 6) MINUTES APPROVAL – June, 2024 & August, 2024 – Both sets approved by consensus
- 7) REPORTS
 - a) Legislative – Tabled, elected officials not available at this time
 - b) Financial – Tabled
- 8) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Precinct Leader Training - Kim asked for updated information regarding precinct leader training. Joaquita reported she had reached out to Pam Raygor re: this subject but had not heard back. Donald stated that he could provide precinct leader training. Joaquita will reach out to him before the next meeting on this topic. Joey noted that he did not receive an email for this meeting and asked that his name be added to the contact list. He also noted that he wished to volunteer as precinct leader. Kelli asked if access to a list of “supervoters” is available from which additional contacts could be added to the contact list for meetings. Donald stated that he could provide that list also.
 - b) State Senate Seat L Candidate Forum – Chair Clayton recognized Theo Ransum and Robert Coulter to discuss Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) and upcoming candidate forums on the 19th & 24th of September. They reported that Senate Seat L incumbent Merrick had declined the 19th event but had not yet responded re: the event on the 24th, which was specifically for Eagle River candidates.

- c) New Rules – Discussion ensued re: new rules that have now been published, including those that pertain to sanctions for party officers as well as sanction or endorsement of candidates.
- d) Potential Censure of Elected Republican – Elyce moved to decline censure of any D24 candidate. Matt seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.
- e) Candidate Endorsements – Elyce moved to endorse Jarod Goerker, Senate Seat L Candidate. Kelli seconded the motion. Discussion ensued re: new endorsement rules. Following the new rules, Goerker’s credentials were vetted and the candidate was interviewed. After discussion, a vote was called, which passed 7/6 in favor of endorsement. Joey requested appointment as precinct leader for his home precinct 850, which was granted by Chair Clayton. Incumbent Senator Kelly Merrick was then contacted, credentials were vetted and she was interviewed in similar fashion. Joey moved to endorse Kelly Merrick. Vote passed 7/6 in favor of endorsement. Chair Clayton stated that all Republicans holding elected office will be under scrutiny for following and upholding the Republican party platform. Matt stated that the current division within the district is not healthy and requested that the winner of Senate Seat L needs to work to bring the party together. Vice-Chair Kelli began discussion for the district offering meaningful assistance to the endorsed candidates. After discussion, Kelli moved that D24 organize an unstructured candidate open house for community meet & greet of all candidates at Chugiak Senior Center without question/answer or debate. Joey seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

9) NEW BUSINESS - Tabled

10) NEXT MEETING – Tabled

11) ADJOURNMENT – [REDACTED] moved for adjournment, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.