

REPUBLICAN 5<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting  
May 5, 2020

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Melvin Adams issued an official Call for the Executive Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee, to convene a teleconference meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, beginning at 8pm. (The Recording Secretary had distributed this via email, on Melvin's behalf.) The Call contained the planned agenda.

The meeting was officially called to order at 8:02pm by Chairman Adams, with everyone participating via the Zoom platform.

**Committee Members Present**

The following 13 Executive Committee members participated: Melvin Adams, Carolyn Ley, Christian Raymond, Chris Shores, Aaron Moyer, Marian Dixon, Mike Hankins, Carlton Ballowe, Will Pace, Nancy Rodland, Renee Maxey, Ed Yensho, and Will Kirk. (Travis Witt was absent.) This constituted a quorum.

**Purpose of Teleconference Meeting**

The purpose of the teleconference meeting, per the distributed agenda, was to discuss options for carrying out the voting process for our postponed convention and make recommendations to our full CD5 Committee membership.

**Summary of Meeting**

Mike Hankins began the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes of Last EC Meeting**

The minutes of our last (3/16) CD5 Executive Committee meeting had been distributed with the Call to this meeting. There were no recommended changes, and Mike Hankins made a motion that these be approved as distributed. Following a second from Carolyn Ley, these were approved by a voice vote, without objection.

**Approval of Interim Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Marian Dixon had provided a current Treasurer's Report (see Attachment 1), and this had been distributed to all EC members on 5/4. It reflected all financial transactions as of that date. After Marian briefly summarized the amounts in our accounts, there were no questions. Therefore, Mike Hankins made a motion that the report be approved as distributed. Following a second from Ed Yensho, the report was approved by a voice vote, without objection.

### Consideration of Options for Convention Voting

Prior to our meeting, on 5/4, Melvin had distributed via email, to all CD5 Committee members, two draft documents of proposed Rules for an unassembled convention. One was for a single location, and the other was for multiple locations. He then reviewed these and led a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons afforded by each potential option.

Several people favored holding the unassembled convention by balloting in each unit's locality. Ed Yensho noted that he had initially supported that option; but he had recently changed his mind, because he now believed balloting in multiple locations would make it much more likely that we couldn't successfully complete the balloting process. Further discussion identified five primary reasons for NOT doing the balloting in each unit's locality:

- 1) It would be difficult to ensure that balloting was done the exact same way in all locations;
- 2) If problems/disputes arose, it would be difficult or impossible to get the necessary people there in a timely fashion to resolve the issue to the campaigns' satisfaction;
- 3) It would be burdensome on the campaigns, if not impossible, for them to provide enough observers to adequately cover 23 locations to make them comfortable that the balloting was done properly;
- 4) Having to transport the ballots to a central tabulation location would add additional risk to the cast ballots; and
- 5) Any/all of the above would make a legal challenge from one of the campaigns much more likely.

Assuming that we hold an unassembled convention, Reneé Maxey asked what the process would be for resolving any issues with those delegates who had been disqualified by their local unit. The consensus answer, which was expressed by several people, was that all disqualified delegates should be reviewed by our Convention Credentials Committee well in advance of our convention, since it would be difficult to adequately address those issues on the day of the convention, especially if the balloting was held in multiple locations.

During the discussion, Chairman Adams reported that he had gotten a quote for the issuance of a liability insurance policy for our event in a single location. The details of that were not reviewed. He had also met with both the Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff of Campbell County, and both were in full support of and committed to not interfering with our unassembled convention event, should we decide to go forward with that at the Tree of Life Ministries location. Melvin said

that they both acknowledged that this was “a necessary part of government”. Melvin also reported that the Sheriff was willing to supply off-duty deputies to provide security at our event; and a contract would have to be drawn up and signed for this support.

On a related issue, Mike Hankins said he thought it would be a good idea if we could facilitate an online debate between our congressional candidates. That way, our convention delegates would have an opportunity to hear directly from our candidates before casting their votes. Chairman Adams said he’d look into this possibility.

By the end of the discussion, a majority wanted to recommend that an unassembled convention be held in a single location, outside of the Tree of Life Ministries facility (the original location selected for our 4/25/20 convention) on Saturday, 5/30/20. A roll-call vote was then taken on each aspect of this recommendation. The results of those two votes are summarized below.

Shall we have our convention in one location (instead of multiple locations)?

Carolyn Ley – YES  
Christian Raymond – YES  
Chris Shores – YES  
Aaron Moyer – YES  
Marian Dixon – YES  
Mike Hankins – NO  
Carlton Ballowe – YES  
Will Pace – YES  
Nancy Rodland – YES  
Renee Maxey – NO  
Ed Yensho – YES  
Will Kirk – YES

Shall we hold our convention on 5/30/20, at the Tree of Life Ministries location?

Carolyn Ley – YES  
Christian Raymond – NO  
Chris Shores – YES  
Aaron Moyer – YES  
Marian Dixon – YES  
Mike Hankins – YES

Carlton Ballowe – YES  
Will Pace – NO  
Nancy Rodland – YES  
Renee Maxey – NO  
Ed Yensho – YES  
Will Kirk – YES

Those who voted against holding the convention on 5/30/20 did so because they believed we needed more time to prepare for the event. Thus, Chairman Adams agreed to find out what other dates the Tree of Life Ministries facility would be available during subsequent Saturdays in June, so those could be available for consideration at our upcoming full CD5 Committee meeting.

#### Recommendation to the full CD5 Committee

Based on all of the above, the CD5 EC recommends to the full CD5 Committee membership that we choose to hold an unassembled convention at the originally chosen Tree of Life Ministries location, to be held on Saturday, 5/30/20; or as soon thereafter as feasible.

#### Adjournement

With a motion by Will Pace and a second by Christian Raymond, the EC conference call meeting ended at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aaron Moyer - Recording Secretary  
5th Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee

## Attachment 1

<b>5th Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee</b>				
<b>Financial Report - February 8, 2020 - May 4, 2020</b>				
	<b>Beginning Balances</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balances</b>
<b><u>Federal Account</u></b>				
Beginning Balance:	<b>\$ 295.66</b>			
Federal Deposits:				
Filing Fees (Congressional)		\$13,920.00		
Filing Fees (National Delegate)		\$ 900.00		
Filing Fees (Nat'l Elect. College)		\$ 400.00		
<b>Federal Income</b>		<b>\$15,220.00</b>		
<b>Federal Expenses</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	
<b><i>FEDERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE</i></b>				<b>\$ 15,515.66</b>
<b><u>State Account</u></b>				
Beginning Balance:	<b>\$13,683.80</b>			
State Deposits:				
(4) EventBrite Test Deposits		\$ 80.00		
Filing Fees (Chairman)		\$1,380.00		
Filing Fees (SCC)		\$ 600.00		
REVV/Stripe Donation		\$ 25.00		
Delegate Fees		\$21,224.00		
<b>State Income</b>		<b>\$23,309.00</b>		
State Expenses:				
(4) EventBrite Test (Refunds)			\$ 91.40	
(2) Refunds not cashed			\$ (45.70)	
Venue Rental (Charley's)			\$ 30.00	
P. O. Box Rental			\$ 59.00	
Website Domain Name (3yrs)			\$ 84.96	
<b>State Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 219.66</b>	
<b><i>STATE ACCOUNT BALANCE</i></b>				<b>\$36,773.14</b>
<b>Total on Deposit in Federal &amp; State Accounts</b>				<b>\$52,288.80</b>