

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 Newsletter**

### **State Central Committee Meeting & 2<sup>nd</sup> District Updates**

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Republican Party of Iowa Headquarters

621 E 9th St, Des Moines, Iowa

#### **Chair and Co-Chair Report:**

- The Corridor Reception with Rand Paul in Cedar Rapids on May 29<sup>th</sup> was sold out.
- The Rick Scott event in Davenport on May 30<sup>th</sup> was well attended.
- RPI is looking at doing more regional events, possibly in Dubuque, Clear Lake, maybe Council Bluffs.
- One of the Elephants that have been bequeathed to the party is completed and we expect that 3 more will be ready by the end of the summer. The one that is completed will be in Des Moines.
- The Chairman says that winning the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional races are critical as Democrats are targeting those seats.

#### **Auxiliary Reports**

##### **Iowa Federation of Young Republicans**

- The Young Republicans membership has grown to 260 members, and they are looking to recruit more. They are challenging each District to recruit as many new recruits as possible. The district with the most recruits will win a table at their Hoover Dinner on October 4th in Coralville. Additional details to come.
- They had their Day on the Hill on April 16 where they heard from Governor Reynolds, Secretary of State Paul Pate, Attorney General Brenna Bird, Secretary of Ag Mike Naig and State Treasurer Roby Smith.
- The Young Republicans held their State Convention at RPI headquarters where our very own Addie Lavis was voted in as National Committee Woman!

##### **Iowa Federation of Republican Women**

- Iowa FRW leaders Gwen Ecklund and Heather Boustead represented Iowa at the National Federation of Republican Women board of directors meeting in Washington DC.
- They held their Legislative3 Dat in the Rotunda of the Iowa Capitol on March 24<sup>th</sup>. 90 members from across the state came to rally and support our Republican leaders.
- They held their spring conference where they learned that Governor Reynolds would not run for another term.

-Their biennial Convention and Board meeting is set for Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Organization Committee**

Caucus to Convention dates were approved:

Caucus: 2/2/2026

County Convention: 3/7/2026

District Committee Meetings: 3/28/2026

District Convention: 4/25/2026

State Committee Meetings: 5/9/2026

State Convention: 6/13/2026 - Horizon Events Center - Clive

\*Note: Primaries are 6/2/2026

A discussion was held on how we can make the conventions more streamlined and enjoyable for everyone without infringing on people's ability to speak and exchange ideas. No ideas were put forth at this time.

Bylaws are still being collected. If you haven't sent in your bylaws, you can send them to [erik@iowagop.org](mailto:erik@iowagop.org).

### **Communications Committee:**

-Committee is discussing how they can be an avenue for getting counties connected with yard signs, pocket Constitutions, non-profit organization material and materials from our auxiliaries. Sometimes, those items, especially yard signs, are hard to find in the thick of an election.

### **In Case You Missed It**

A press release was sent out by RPI stating the State Central Committee passed the following resolution the evening of May 21<sup>st</sup>.

“Whereas, The United States and Iowa Constitutions should be interpreted as allowing eminent domain only for public use projects; and

Whereas Item 6 in the Property section of the 2024 Iowa State Republican Platform states:

“We oppose government using eminent domain to take private property away from the owner for the use of another private party, or for-profit entity.”

Therefore, be it resolved by the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Iowa that we urge our congressional delegation in Washington DC to be mindful of the Constitutional requirements for eminent domain and the property provision of the Platform as they carry out their legislative duties.”

#### EVENTS:

1. RPI Lincoln Dinner will be held on Thursday 7/17 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. The speaker will be Virginia Governor Glenn Younkin. You can get tickets here <https://secure.winred.com/republican-party-of-iowa/july17?qr=true>
2. Addie Lavis has reported that Ashley Hinson’s BBQ Bash is scheduled for 8/23 in Cedar Rapids. More details to come from the Hinson Campaign.
3. There is a multi-county event that is happening on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. This is not an RPI event. Several Counties have joined together for a 2nd Annual Big Red Poli-Palooza. They hope to continue to grow this event in the future. The event is family friendly so kids get in free and there will be fun things for them to do. Tickets are \$25 and will be held at the Mitchell County fairgrounds in Osage. You can buy tickets at <https://www.bigredpalooza.com>
4. Eldora Sweet Corn Feed will be held on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Shed, 1813 3<sup>rd</sup> St Place. Serving starts at 5:30.

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