OFFICIAL CALL

Mass Meeting Bland County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Bland County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Kenneth Adam Kidd, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at Bland County Courthouse, 612 Main Street, Bland, VA, 24315, starting at 6:30 PM local time (with registration opening at 5:30 PM) on Friday, March 1, 2024, for the following purposes:

- 1. Election of a unit chair and members of the unit committee,
- Electing Delegates and Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention, to be held on Friday, May 31, 2024 and Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr., Hampton VA 23666, or its alternate site, opening at 2:30 p.m. on May 31 for the purposes of:
 - a. electing a State Chairman,
 - b. nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman,
 - c. nominating 2 electors at-large to serve in the 2024 Electoral College, and
 - d. the transaction of other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per 250 Republican votes cast for Governor and President at their last election, so that Bland County is entitled to 21 Delegate Votes;

- Electing Delegates and Alternates to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention, to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, VA 24382, or its alternate site, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (with registration from 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.) for the purposes of:
 - a. electing a District Chairman,
 - b. electing 3 members to the State Central Committee,
 - c. nominating 1 elector to serve in the 2024 Electoral College, and
 - d. the transaction of other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per 250 Republican votes cast for Governor and President at their last election, so that Bland County is entitled to 21 Delegate Votes;

4. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Bland County under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

A single exception to this shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the forgoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

Filing Requirements

Candidates for election for unit chairman, precinct or at-large member for the unit committee, delegate/alternate delegate to the Ninth District Republican Committee Convention, and/or the Republican Party of Virginia Convention at said mass meeting shall file a written statement by mail or in person, to Kenneth Adam Kidd, Chairman, at 3773 Railroad Trail, Bastian, VA, 24314, which must be received not later than February 16, 2024, at 5:00 PM EST with applicable filing fees. Postmarks shall not govern.

Official filing forms are available online at blandgop.org, va9gop.org, virginia.gop or by contacting Kenneth Adam Kidd, 3773 Railroad Trail, Bastian, VA, 24314, <u>blandrepublicans@gmail.com</u>, 276-722-0770.

Candidate filing fees are as follows:

- Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention \$45.00 registration fee (mandatory).
- Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Ninth District Republican Convention \$10.00 registration fee (mandatory).

Checks should be made payable to "Bland County Republican Committee".

Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Mass Meeting

If no more than one candidate properly files and is found to be qualified for election to any office to be voted upon at the mass meeting, that candidate will be declared elected. If there are no contested offices to be voted upon at the mass meeting, then no mass meeting will be held.

Registration Fees for Mass Meeting & Convention

There will be no mandatory or voluntary registration fee(s) to participate in the Bland County Republican Committee Mass Meeting.

Paid for and authorized by the Bland County Republican Committee Kenneth Adam Kidd, Chairman 276-722-0770/ blandrepublicans@gmail.com blandgop.org