

Here is the latest news relevant to decisions made by the 5th District Republican Committee that affect our 2020 Convention. This information will be posted to our website soon along with an audio recording of the meeting. NOTE: Our sincerest apologies to everyone who tried to listen in on the meeting and struggled with poor connection or noise that made the experience frustrating or impossible. We will work to ensure that future listening experiences will be more positive.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Republican Committee met via a Zoom conference call on Sunday evening, 4/12, beginning at 7pm. All members of the Committee were present.

A summary of the decisions made during the meeting follows:

Chairman Adams requested that two items be added to our published agenda:

- Consider filing a lawsuit, similar to the one filed in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, that would force the Virginia State Board of Elections to extend the deadline by which nominations must be chosen
- Consider whether the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Committee would join Congressman Denver Riggleman's lawsuit that would give the option of placing our congressional candidates on the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Primary Election ballot

During the discussion of the proposal that we file a lawsuit to force the Virginia State Board of Elections to extend the deadline by which nominations must be chosen, attorney Rick Boyer answered questions. (Rick has offered to file this suit pro-bono, on behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Committee.) Afterward, a motion was made by Prince Edward GOP Chairman Daniel Bradshaw to file two separate lawsuits. The first would be filed against the Virginia State Board of Elections, to extend the deadline by which we must notify them of our party's congressional nominee. The second would be filed against Governor Ralph Northam, to prevent him from extending his current prohibition of public gatherings, as they apply to political party nomination processes. Daniel's motion passed without objection.

Concerning the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Committee possibly joining Congressman Denver Riggleman's lawsuit, Brunswick GOP Chairman Eric Brazeal made a motion that we do that; and the suit's Prayer for Relief (requested results) was read by Albemarle GOP Chairman George Urban.

SCC Representative Will Kirk made a substitute motion that the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Committee not join any lawsuit that would change our method of nomination to a Primary Election. A 10-minute time limit was set, during which committee members spoke for or against the motion. A roll-call vote was then taken, and Will's motion passed by a vote of 20 to 16.

The final item on the agenda concerned the postponement of our April 25<sup>th</sup> convention. After a short discussion, a motion was made to postpone the April 25<sup>th</sup> convention; and the entire 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Committee membership would reconvene later to set a new date for the convention. This motion passed without objection. The first reason for not setting a new date now was because the possible range of available dates won't be known until after a decision is rendered on the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's lawsuit and/or the one that the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Committee may soon file. The second reason is that the Republican Party of Virginia's State Central Committee (governing board) is considering proposed changes to the RPV *Plan of Organization* at its upcoming meeting on April 18 which could provide various options for Districts to carry out their conventions during this time of State of Emergency.

Recording Secretary Aaron Moyer made a motion that a summary of all decisions made in our 4/12 meeting be distributed to all convention delegates; and posted on our website and related social media pages. This motion passed without objection.