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## 2023-2024 Officers

Chair – Matt Murray

Vice Chair – Stephanie  
Rectenwal

Secretary – Lisa Coughlin

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 Special Meeting

The following people requested a special meeting to consider a resolution to recognize Pete Hoekstra as chair of the MIGOP:

Valerie Gates  
Jerry Fennel  
Rhonda Bishop  
Bonnie Suttan  
Michelle Jorgensen

Steve Tanner  
Shayne Becher  
Glenda Neuenschwander  
Mary Nauta

Lisa Coughlin  
Sharon Davis  
Pat Outman  
Stephanie Rectenwal

Chairman Matt Murray called the special meeting for February 3rd @ 2:00pm. The email to all the Executive Committee was sent out on January 27th, 2024.

### **Roll Call Attendance:**

Pat Outman	Michelle Jorgensen	Steve Tanner	Stephanie Rectenwal
Rhonda Bishop	Ann Marie Wubbeling	Bonnie Suttan	Sharon Davis
Mary Nauta	Lisa Coughlin		

(A quorum was reached)

### **Invocation:**

Steve Tanner

### **Pledge:**

All

### **Discussion and Purpose for the meeting:**

\*Pat Outman spoke about reconsidering the resolution since our last meeting. He said after further research and information gathering, he came to the decision to support Pete Hoekstra as MIGOP chair. Although he didn't vote for Kristina, he supported her once she was chosen as the chair. He said he sadly could no longer support her due to lack of financial stability. The party has never had so little money in all his years of experience.

\*Stephanie Rectenwal shared a message sent to the state committee from RNC committeeman Rob Steele stating how they were planning to proceed on this matter. An independent and neutral committee will be selected. The committee will include a professional parliamentarian and committeemen/women from other states to review all the material from both sides of this issue to make a fair determination.

\*Stephanie Rectenwal also discussed Karamo's involvement in UnAuthorized per Pat Outman's inquiry about this organization. Although Karamo says that she has resigned, no resignation letter has been seen or documented. Stephanie also discussed the delay in Karamo's appointment of committees, while she had SC members willing to get down to work. She also mentioned her lack of transparency concerning the finances.

\*Rhonda Bishop discussed her concerns about this financial lack of transparency. She also mentioned the MRP financial report being tardy by three days, thus accruing fines in the process.

\*Stephanie Rectenwal called for discussion about the resolution. After reviewing the resolution, were there any changes the Executive Committee thought should be made. Steve Tanner wanted to replace three portions of the original with three statements he thought better represented the Montcalm GOP.

Steve Tanner made a motion to adopt the new language of the resolution. Rhonda Bishop seconded this motion. Stephanie Rectenwal called for discussion. Hearing no discussion, she called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken:

Pat Outman-yes	Michelle Jorgensen-yes	Steve Tanner-yes
Stephanie Rectenwal-yes	Rhonda Bishop-yes	Sharon Davis-yes
Mary Nauta-yes	Ann Marie Wubbeling-abstain	Bonnie Suttten-yes

Lisa Coughlin-yes

\*Motion Passed

Mary Nauta made a motion to pass the amended resolution including the signatures to show who supported this measure. Sharon Davis seconded this motion.

Stephanie Rectenwal called for discussion. Ann Marie Wubbeling wanted to make sure this document was signed by only those who supported it, so the record would show that she did not support this matter. Steve Tanner pointed out that a special meeting was called and all members had the opportunity to attend, voice their concerns, and vote. He also noted that since we have a quorum we are able to pass this motion as the Montcalm County GOP Executive Committee. He also noted that when a special meeting is called members should attend as part of our duties to this position we were elected to. The other members stated that they would not have any trouble signing the document, and were willing to show their support for the resolution. Stephanie Rectenwal asked for any more discussion, and hearing none she called for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken:

Pat Outman-yes	Michelle Jorgensen-yes	Steve Tanner-yes
Stephanie Rectenwal-yes	Rhonda Bishop-yes	Sharon Davis-yes
Mary Nauta-yes	Ann Marie Wubbeling-abstain	Bonnie Suttten-yes

Lisa Coughlin-yes

\*Motion passed

\*Signatures will be acquired either by DocuSign or at our next meeting. If there are any other Executive Committee members who would like to sign this document, they will be allowed to add their names at the February meeting.

Representative Pat Outman wanted to share that he and some of his fellow colleagues have sent letters to Governor Gretchen Whitmer imploring her to send the Michigan National Guard to Texas to help with the insurgency of illegal immigrants. It is becoming a problem in Michigan, as well as other states. He noted a large drug bust of fentanyl (large enough it could kill everyone in Michigan) that happened just recently. He urges everyone to join this messaging and send emails to Whitmer also. His letter was posted for review on the Telegram chat.

Steve Tanner made a motion to adjourn. Everyone seconded that motion.  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle Jorgenson

