

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WARD COUNTY AGRICULTUREAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this association shall be the Ward County Agricultural Improvement Association.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this non-profit association shall be:

- First: To provide an organization through which farmers of Ward County can carry out an active county agricultural improvement program, singly as an association, or in cooperation with the Extension Service, the Experiment Station, United States Department of Agricultural Agencies, or other non-political crop and livestock improvement organizations.
- Second: To promote every legitimate interest of the livestock and crop producers in the county and to maintain the standing and reputation of the association members as reliable stock breeders and growers.
- Third: To promote general farm improvement and farm living practices in Ward County.
- Fourth: To aid with education and promotion in control of insects, crop and animal diseases that may be of benefit of Ward County Agent.
- Fifth: To encourage and promote youth activities in agriculture.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

Any person engaged or interested in crops and or livestock improvement work in Ward County may become a member of the this association upon payment of a \$15.00 membership fee per calendar year and shall be entitled to one vote in person at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICE:

The Association records shall be retained at the office of the Secretary which shall be the principal office of the Association.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually associated with the respective offices. All officers shall continue the Executive Committee of the Association, having general administrative powers. The officers shall be elected as provided in the by-laws of this association.

ARTICLE VI

DIRECTORS:

This association shall be governed by a fifteen member Board of Directors. Specifically two directs from each of the following districts:

- District I: (Denmark, Elmdale, Kenmare, Sauk Prairie, Spencer, Baden, Greenbush, Carbondale.)
- District II: (Ree, Carpio, Mayland, St. Marys, Passport, Berthold, Foxholm, Kirkelie.)
- District III: (Waterford, Tatman, Margaret, Eureka, McKinley, Maryland, Nedrose, Surrey.)
- District IV: (Evergreen, Des Lacs, Burlington, Rolling Green, Mandan, Shealy, Tolgen, Burt.)
- District V: (Harrison, Afton, Sundre, Sawyer, New Prairie, Freedom, Torning, Willis.)
- District VI: (Lund, Linton, Vang, Orlien, Anna, Rice Lake, Hiddenwood, Ryder, Cameron.)
- District VII: (Hilton, Gasman, Newman, Brillian, Spring Lake, Rushville, Iota Flat, Greely.)
- At Large: One Director.

The County Extension Agent shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors but shall have no vote.

The directors shall be elected as provided in the bylaws of this association.

ARTICLE VII

DEBT:

No debts shall be contracted or liabilities incurred by this association in excess of the cash in the hands of the association treasurer, unless approved by the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII

RULES OF ORDER:

The general procedure of meetings of this association shall be in harmony with the principles set forth in Roberts Rules of Order – Revised, in so far as they do not conflict with any provisions of this association’s constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE IX

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT:

This constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Association by a two thirds vote, a quorum being present. Said amendment must be proposed in writing to the Executive Board and sent to each member seven days in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken on said amendment.

ARTICLE X

QUORUM:

- Section 1: A quorum of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of members.
- Section 2: Ten members present any at general or special meeting of which notice has been given in writing to each member seven days in advance, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI

BYLAWS:

Bylaws not in contravention of this constitution may be adopted at any regular or called meeting by a two-thirds vote of those voting, a quorum being present.

BYLAWS OF WARD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

- Section 1: The president shall preside at all meetings of the association, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee. The president shall appoint all committees and have general supervision of the work of the association.
- Section 2: It shall be the duty of the vice president to aid the president, and in their absence to assume their powers and discharge their duties.
- Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, to keep correct minutes of the same, to have charge of all correspondence.
- Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money paid into the Association, to give receipt for same, to keep an accurate account thereof, and to pay all orders approved by the Executive Committee. All moneys of the Association shall be placed on deposit in the name of the Association in a bank within the county. The Treasurer shall make an annual report to the membership.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Section 1: The Board of Directors meetings shall be subject to the call of the President.
- Section 2: The Board of Directors may appoint or employ such assistance as they deem necessary to effectively conduct the business of the Association. They shall arrange an annual meeting in January for the benefit of the members at a place to be decided by the directors.
- Section 3: The Board of Directors shall enact such measures as they deem necessary for the success for the organization and shall look after the Association's general interest. It shall have power to appoint all subordinate committees. It shall fill all vacancies on the board by appointment upon majority vote of the board in favor of the appointee, a quorum being present.
- Section 4: Any director failing to attend three consecutive regular board meetings shall be construed as unfaithful to the office of the director of the association and may be dismissed from the board of directors by majority vote of the board of directors.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS:

- Section 1: Each director shall be elected for a two year term. No director may serve more than three consecutive terms. Each year at the annual meeting one director from each district shall be elected. Candidates for directorship shall have been members of the Association for the immediate past year. All directors shall be elected at large.
- Section 2: The Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three members prior to the annual meeting.
- Section 3: The directors shall elect from their own numbers annually a President, Vice President, and from the membership a Treasurer. The County Extension Agent shall serve as Secretary.

ARTICLE V

- Section 1: We hereby place the organization under the guiding and protective influence of divine providence.

ARTICLE VI

- Section 1: These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members, a quorum being present. Such amendment must be proposed in writing and sent to each member seven days in advance of the meeting at which time action is to be taken on said amendment.