

# BYLAWS OF THE ALABAMA'S MOUNTAINS, RIVERS AND VALLEYS RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## PREAMBLE

The purpose of the organization is to provide local leadership required for developing and carrying out a plan for orderly conservation, improvement, development, and wise use of natural and human resources thereby improving quality of life opportunities for people within the Alabama's Mountains, Rivers, and Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Project area comprising of Cullman, Dekalb, Jackson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, and Morgan Counties.

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

Sec. 1 The name of the organization shall be the Alabama's Mountains, Rivers, and Valleys Resource Conservation and Development Council, hereinafter called the Council.

Sec. 2 The Council is an independent, non-partisan, incorporated group having as its primary concern the acceleration of the conservation, development and proper use of the natural and human resources within the project area.

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## ARTICLE III COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

At the RC&D county committee level there will be four (4) different categories of membership. They are as follows:

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| 1) General                            | 1 vote/member |
| 2) County Commission                  | 1 vote        |
| 3) Soil & Water Conservation District | 1 vote        |
| 4) Member @ Large                     | 1 vote        |

## ARTICLE III

### COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Every dues-paying member will have voting rights at the county level.

Any member not identified as County Commission, Soil and Water Conservation District, or Member at Large is identified as a general member.

Member at Large will be jointly chosen by County Commission and Soil and Water Conservation District members of respective county.

At quarterly, special, and Annual RC&D Council Meetings, voting rights will remain as identified in Article III, Membership, section 1 of these Bylaws.

Dues for each category will be annually established by the RC&D Council Board.

Vacancies at the county level will be filled by the existing RC&D County Committee.

Sec. 2: Membership dues will be paid annually.

## ARTICLE IV OFFICIAL BODIES

Sec. 1 There will be a Board of Directors, called the Board.

The Board will be composed of one member from each county, and may include up to five at-large Board of Director members from the general membership, and one Board of Director who is the immediate past Chairman.

The RC&D County Committee Membership will annually nominate a Board Member from the County Membership, to represent their county at RC&D Board Meetings. The nominees will be approved or disapproved by the currently sitting Board.

The Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer of the council and the at-large Board members shall be elected at the annual RC&D council meeting by a majority vote of council members.

Board of Directors will serve one-year terms, with no limit on number of terms.

Vacancies of County-Representative Board Members during the year will be filled by nomination from respective county committee and approval by board in appropriate time.

Vacancies of Chairman, Vice-chair, and Secretary-Treasurer during the year will be filled by a recommendation from the Board and voted on by general membership at a quarterly meeting in appropriate time.

Vacancies of At-Large Board Members during the year will be filled by a vote of the membership at a quarterly meeting in appropriate time.

Sec. 2 Resource conservation and development committees and such standing or special committees may be authorized by the chair.

Appointed Committees will be composed of individuals in the various areas of resource development as selected by the Committee Chairman.