

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 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 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 seven (7) different categories of membership. They are as follows:

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| 1) Individual | 1 vote |
| 2) Corporate | 1 vote |
| 3) Cities & Municipalities | 1 vote |
| 4) Educator | 1 vote |
| 5) County Commission | 1 vote |
| 6) Soil & Water Conservation
District | 1 vote |
| 7) Member @ Large | 1 vote |

(Chosen jointly by the SWCD & County Commission)

ARTICLE III
COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

One (1) dues-paying member representing each category will have voting rights at the county level.

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.

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

This selected Board Member's name will be submitted to the entire council at the annual meeting for approval. Vacancies will be filled at the next RC&D quarterly or board meeting.

RC&D Council will have an unlimited number of non-voting members who will serve as advisors to the RC&D Council members at the county and council level. The dues for this category of membership will be established annually by the Board.

Addition to Section 1 as amended and approved July 26, 2007.

Sec. 2 Membership dues will be paid annually.

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

ARTICLE IV
OFFICIAL BODIES

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

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

ARTICLE V
COMPOSITION OF OFFICIAL BODIES

Sec. 1 The Board of Directors will be composed of the Council Chairman plus one (1) member from each county as nominated by their respective county Council membership at the annual RC&D Council meeting.

Up to Five Board of Director members, chosen at-large from the general membership categories. (INDIVIDUAL, TOWN, BUSINESS, EDUCATOR and AMERICAN INDIAN), by vote of the membership at the quarterly meeting, may be added to the current Board of Directors composition. Vacancies during the year will be filled by a vote of the membership at the next quarterly meeting.

The immediate past Chairperson may serve on the Board.

Sec. 2 Appointed Committees will be composed of individuals in the various areas of resource development as selected by the Chairman.

ARTICLE VI
TERM OF OFFICE

Sec 1 The Chairman, Vice-chairman, 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.

Sec. 2 Members of the Council will serve one year terms. If the respective appointing body does not state otherwise, their member is appointed for another year.