
DISTRICT 16 NATURAL RESOURCES ASSISTANCE COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council and shall be composed of an eleven-member Board.

Article II PURPOSE

The purpose of the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council shall be the evaluation and selection of projects for funding from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund in the eight counties comprising District 16.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council will be selected by the Executive Committee of the District 16 Integrating Committee.

Section 2. The composition of the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council will conform to the standards established for the Council by the State of Ohio. At its inception, these standards required the following representation:

A. One (1) member selected from among the membership of the District 16 Integrating Committee.

B. One (1) member representing the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in District 16.

C. Nine (9) additional members, with at least one from each of the following categories:

1. A county, municipal corporation, township, conservancy district, regional or joint district or unit of local government, or regional or joint political subdivision that is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the

appointing integrating committee.

2. A conservation organization, an environmental advocacy organization, an organization with a primary interest in watershed protection and restoration, the department of natural resources, the environmental protection agency, or the United States natural resources conservation service.

3. A city park system or metropolitan park system or a board of park commissioners from a county that is located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee, a statewide parks and recreation organization, or the United States national park service.

4. A statewide organization representing agriculture, an organization representing forestry interests, the department of agriculture, or the United States department of agriculture.

5. An organization representing business, local Realtors, or a planning agency, including a port authority, located within the geographical jurisdiction of the appointing integrating committee.

Article IV COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP TERMS OF SERVICE

Section 1. Of the eleven members of the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council four (4) shall be appointed for an initial term of one year, four (4) shall be appointed for an initial term of two years, and three (3) shall be appointed for an initial term of three years. The term of all initial appointments shall be determined by random drawing at an open meeting of the District 16 Integrating Committee.

Section 2. Any member the Council who misses three consecutive meetings, without obtaining an excused absence, may be removed from the Council by a two-thirds vote of the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council. The District 16 Executive Committee will appoint a replacement in conformance with the representation requirements outlined in Article III, Section 2.

Article V B MEETINGS

- Section 1. At least one general membership meeting open to members and nonmembers shall be held during the funding fiscal year B July 1 to June 30.
- Section 2. Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Council Chairperson or a simple majority of the membership.
- Section 3. Eight (8) members of the Council shall constitute a quorum. Quorums must conform to the requirements of Chapter 164, O.R.C.

Article VI OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson.
- Section 2. These officers shall be elected to serve for one year. They will be elected from among the Council membership, at the annual re-organizational meeting.
- Section 3. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers and as are in accordance with parliamentary authority as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or Special Rules of Order of District 16, Or the Ohio Revised Code.
- Section 4. The Chairperson, with the approval of the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council, shall appoint the Chair of any Standing or Special Committees. The Chairperson may appoint a Parliamentarian. The Chairperson shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.
- Section 5. In case of the death or resignation of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall immediately become Chairperson and serve for the remainder of the term of his or her immediate predecessor. If there is a vacancy in the offices of both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council shall elect a Chairperson.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Standing Committees of District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council shall vary according to the discretion of the Council.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of District 16 Natural Resources Assistance Council by a two-thirds vote of those present provided that the proposed amendment has been:

1. Presented to the membership at least one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.
2. Is not in violation with any provision of the Ohio Revised Code.

Approved by the District 16, Natural Resources Assistance Council
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