

**BY-LAWS
SOUTH TEXAS ASSOCIATION
OF
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the organization shall be the South Texas Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (Association).

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the Association shall be to further the conservation of soil, water, plant, wildlife, and other renewable resources to improve our total environment to provide a better place to live, work and for recreation.

Section 2. To improve the program of the local soil and water conservation district and their directors.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The member districts of the South Texas Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts shall consist of the following: Atascosa County #307, Southmost #319, Dimmit County #320, Agua Poquita #321, Live Oak #323, San Patricio #324, Frio #325, Winter Garden #326, Loma Blanca #328, Copano Bay #329, Monte Mucho #331, Starr County #332, Zapata #335, Webb #337, Bee #344, Willacy #349, Hidalgo #350, McMullen County #353, LaSalle County #354, Jim Wells #355, Kleberg-Kenedy #356, and Nueces #357.

Section 2. Adjoining districts may become members on application at any regular meeting.

Section 3. Active members shall consist of all directors of member districts. Associate members shall consist of former directors and anyone else in the member districts interested in supporting soil and water conservation.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held in September and February.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at a regular meeting by the President, or by the request of five (5) districts. Meeting place and date shall be designated by the President.

Section 3. The directors shall meet twice **annually** – there shall be at least one **annual** meeting of all director members of the Association. This shall be a business meeting.

Section 4. Meetings may be rotated **amongst** the different districts. Local district shall be the host.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President and a Vice-President who are elective and a Secretary-Treasurer who shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. Only directors of member districts shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected at the September meeting and shall serve one year. The election shall be a convention type meeting. The President may be re-elected to serve a maximum of three years at which time he must retire from the presidency for at least one term before he is eligible to again be re-elected as President.

ARTICLE VI

VOTING

The voting members shall consist of elected directors of member districts. Each director present shall have one vote. The majority vote shall rule, and ties will be broken by the President.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Committees, either standing or special, may be appointed by the President as the need arises.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE

Section 1. **Dues shall be one hundred fifty dollars (Membership - \$25, Area III Wildlife Regional Contest contribution - \$25.00, NACD meeting support - \$50 and Kika de la Garza Plant Materials Center contribution - \$50) per district per calendar year which shall be from January 1st to December 31st.**

Section 2. The depository for Association funds shall be determined at the discretion of the President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to sign all checks from the Association account.

Section 4. Payment of bills shall be authorized by a majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the directors present and voting.

The By-Laws have been amended at the regular business meeting held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

President

Date

Vice-President

Date

Secretary

Date