

By-Laws of the  
South Central Area VI Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Section 1. NAME

The name of the Association is the South Central Area VI Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Section 2. ACTIVITIES

The purpose of the Association is to improve and maintain the quality of the natural resource base and our environment. To carry out this purpose the Association will conduct educational, scientific, charitable, and religious work concerning the conservation, improvement, development, and use of land, soil, water, trees, vegetation, fish and wildlife, open space and other renewable natural resources.

Section 3. VOTING MEMBERS

Every Supervisor of a Soil and Water Conservation District designated by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be within the boundaries of the Association and who's District has paid the current year's dues, shall be deemed to be a voting member of this Association. Each Supervisor shall be entitled to one vote on every question put to a vote at an Association meeting.

Section 4 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Each District will pay annual dues prior to the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year to the Association of an amount to be determined. Any change in dues proposed shall be approved by the members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 5 ADVISORY MEMBERS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), University of Minnesota Extension, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the State Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) or others may be invited to provide advisory members to the Association.

Section 6. OFFICERS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the three elected officers. These are the Director, the Co-Director, and the Secretary-Treasurer. No Soil and Water Conservation District can have more than two of its Supervisors serving as officers. The Director shall appoint three supervisors to be the nominating committee during an Area meeting before the election meeting; the nominating committee shall select candidates for each office. Officers shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. Election shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for the office. The officers of the Association shall be elected at a meeting of the Association held before the annual meeting of the MASWCD. The officers shall serve in their office from the close of the annual Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts annual meeting.

Section 7. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this Association.

(1) The officers shall keep the members of the Association informed of the Association's affairs and activities.

(2) The officers shall maintain constructive working relations with all advisory agencies listed under Section 5 to render more effective service to the people within the boundaries of the Association.

(3) The Officers shall be authorized to transact all business of the Association during the interim between meetings of the Association.

(4) The Director shall preside at meetings of the Association and shall designate a presiding officer for any meeting at which neither he nor the Co-Director will be present.

(5) The Secretary-Treasurer shall deposit all funds that come into his possession in a bank approved by the Officers and in accordance with the approved budget or upon authorization by the Officers, make all disbursements by check for the necessary expenses of the Association. Checks shall be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit to the Officers at the first scheduled meeting statements showing the receipts and disbursements of the Association for the preceding year and its assets and liabilities.

(6) The Director shall be the MASWCD Director. The Co-Director shall be the first alternate and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the second alternate.

#### Section 8. MEETINGS

(1) Meetings for the supervisors of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts which are voting members of this Association, shall be held at a time and place suggested by the officers and supervisors present at the Area VI planning meeting in January.

(2) The Officers shall hold such additional meetings as may be called from time to time by the Director, at such time and place as the Director may designate with not less than 10 days notice to the Officers . In case of emergency, meetings may be called on shorter notice.

(3) Supervisors present from at least seven Districts shall constitute a quorum at any Association meeting.

(4) The officers may create any necessary committees and define their functions. The members of any such committee need not be members of the Association.

Section 9. BY-LAW CHANGES These by-laws or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, added to or repealed by two thirds of the members present and voting at any regular meeting or any special meeting when a notice of such meeting shall contain a list of proposed changes.

#### Section 10. RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Association meetings in all cases where they are applicable and where they are consistent with the bylaws of the Association.

Adopted by the Supervisors present and voting at the SC Area VI meeting June 3, 2010