

BY-LAWS
OF
HARFORD COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is:

Harford County Farm Bureau, Inc.
hereinafter referred to in these By-Laws as, Corporation.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. The regular or voting membership of the Corporation shall be composed of individuals, partnerships, corporations and associations, who are: actively engaged, or actively interested in agricultural pursuits, primarily for the production of agricultural products, as an owner, tenant, lessor or lessee; other individuals, partnerships, corporations, or associations interested in the organizations basic objectives may join as an associate member with all the rights and privileges of membership as set forth, except they shall not be entitled to vote or hold the office of President or Vice-President, conditioned upon payment of the annual membership dues when due and owing.

Section 2. The annual membership dues, shall be established by the Board of Directors, at their May meeting and any change shall be announced at the annual meeting of the Corporation preceding the commencement of the membership year in which the change shall become effective.

Section 3. The holder of each regular or voting membership shall be entitled to one vote only, and an individual membership shall include husband, wife, and their minor children. Partnerships, corporate and association members shall designate one person to represent the membership interest in all matters relating to the corporate business.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. The government and business management of the Corporation shall be vested solely in a Board of Directors, the designation, qualification, term and election of which shall be as follows:

(a) The Chairman of the Women's Committee, the Chairman of the Young Farmers Committee, and the immediate Past-President (for the term immediately following the election of a successor) shall be directors.

(b) The elected Directors shall be residents of Harford County.
An attempt shall be made to get representation from each of the six councilmanic

election districts. If not directors will be elected from the county at large.

(c) The elected membership of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Corporation and have terms of three (3) years from the date of their election, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, or until the terms of those first elected shall be divided into terms of one, two, and three years. An elected Director, upon serving a three year term, shall not be eligible for re-election to fill the vacancy thus created. Any existing vacancy, except by expiration of a term, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board by electing, for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.

Section 2. A nominating committee composed of one elected Director from each Election District, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. Said committee shall make its report to the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting and to the membership at the annual meeting, nominating at least One person for each vacancy to be filled at said meeting. Additional nominations for Directors may be made by any member in good standing at the annual meeting, and before the election is conducted.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may adopt rules and regulations for the governing and proper business conduct of the Corporation, which rules and regulations shall be in harmony with these By-Laws and policies of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Maryland Farm Bureau, Incorporated.

Section 4. The regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as the said Board shall determine and a special meeting may be held on call by the President or a majority of the Board.

Section 5. The Board of Directors may remove, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, any officer or Director who fails or refuses to perform the duties of his office. Failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings shall constitute cause for removal.

ARTICLE IV

Quorum

Section 1. Ten percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the members of the Corporation. Fifty percent of the Directors shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President,

and Past President.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Corporation between meetings of the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the said Board and may make contracts, and supervise the collection of dues and disbursements of funds and transact any and all business for the good of the Corporation.

Section 3. The Executive Committee is authorized to employ all necessary assistance in the administration of the Corporation's affairs and the evaluation, extension or termination of employees.

Section 4. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as needed, and at such time and place as shall be determined by the President.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be elected from among the Corporate membership by the Directors at and immediately following the annual meeting of the Corporation. The above-named officers, if not members of the Board of Directors, shall be ex-officio members of the Board and the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The President shall perform such duties as usually pertain to that office; shall preside at all meetings of members, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors; shall countersign all checks with the Treasurer.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President.

Section 4. The President and, if the Corporation is entitled to a second Director, the Vice-President shall serve as State Director of Maryland Farm Bureau, Incorporated; in the event that either of said State Directors are unable to attend a State Directors Meeting, they shall designate an alternate in their place instead.

Section 5. The duties of the Secretary shall be those which usually pertain to that office, and such other duties as may be determined by the Executive Committee, including the keeping of records of all meetings and transactions of the Corporation; give notice of all meetings of the Corporation, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and special

committees, and shall issue all orders on the treasury for the disbursement of funds.

Section 6. The duties of the Treasurer shall be those which usually pertain to such office, and in charge of all the funds of the Corporation; The Treasurer shall deposit said funds in such bank or banks as the Executive Committee shall direct; shall remit to the Maryland Farm Bureau, Incorporated, such funds as are due it; shall disburse all funds on order of the Secretary, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. All checks shall be countersigned by the President or Vice-President. The treasurer shall keep a record of all membership dues and shall make at least one detailed report a year showing the true financial condition of the Corporation, and shall submit a book and a report for audit by a competent auditing committee or public accountant.

Section 7. Any officer or director of the Corporation who shall become a salaried elective or salaried appointive County, State, or National governmental official shall automatically create a vacancy in the office held.

ARTICLE VII

Membership Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held on or before December 31st of each year hereafter, at such time and place as may be set by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special meetings of the members of the Corporation shall be called by the President, when requested, in writing by ten percent of the members, or by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Notice of all meetings of the Corporation's members shall be made available to each member by the Secretary at least ONE week prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 4. The conduct of business at all regular meetings, special meetings and annual meetings of members shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Reading and approval of Minutes
3. Report of officers and standing committees
4. Report of special committees
5. Unfinished business
6. New Business
7. Program
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, all committees provided for by the Directors or Executive Committee, and may from time to time appoint such special committees as may be deemed necessary. All appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Directors or of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Should any committee fail to discharge the duties assigned to it, said committee may be discharged by the President, who shall report the same to the Executive Committee and appoint a new committee in its place and stead.

ARTICLE IX

Compensations

Section 1. The compensation of any officer, and all other help as may be needed in conducting the work of this organization shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Officers, Directors and Executive Committee shall be entitled to all necessary expenses in connection with all regular Farm Bureau work upon presentation of an itemized bill approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Delegates

Section 1. Delegate or delegates and alternates to the annual and other meetings of the Maryland Farm Bureau, Incorporated, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors or selected by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Delegates, so appointed, shall be allowed such expenses as are determined or approved by the Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any annual or special meeting of the Corporation. Any amendments shall be proposed by a majority vote of the Directors, or by a member at an annual meeting of the members. Notice, together with a copy of the proposed amendment, shall be made available to members of the Corporation with the notice of the

meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon. Amendments, so provided for, shall not become effective until approved by the Maryland Farm Bureau, Incorporated.