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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE
PROMOTION OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
CHERRY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Cherry County Extension Service of Cherry County, Nebraska.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to establish, maintain, and direct extension work in Cherry County, in order to aid in diffusing among the people of the County, useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture, home economics and rural life, and to encourage the application of same. Said extension work shall be carried on in cooperation with the University of Nebraska, College of Agriculture, and the United States Department of Agriculture as provided in state and national legislation authorizing such extension work.

ARTICLE III: SCOPE

Cooperative agricultural extension work shall consist of the giving of practical demonstrations in agriculture and home economics, and imparting information on said subjects through field and home demonstrations, 4-H clubs, public meetings, publications and otherwise. This work shall be carried on in each county under the direction of the board of directors of the extension organization in the county in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the board of directors of such county provided for in Section 2-1603, and the regents of the University of Nebraska, College of Agriculture, through their duly appointed agricultural extension representatives.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Any legal voter shall be deemed a member of this organization.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ELECTION - DUTIES

SECTION 1. Board of Directors:

The governing power of this organization shall be vested in a board of nine (9) directors elected from the membership at the organization or annual meeting in a manner hereinafter provided. The chairmen of the County Home Extension Council, and 4-H Club Committee shall be ex-officio members of this governing board with voting privileges.

SECTION 2. Method of Election:

For purposes of this organization, this County shall be divided into nine (9) districts. One director shall be elected from each district and one elected at large. At least two candidates shall be named by a nominating committee for each position.

SECTION 3. Term of Office:

The term of office shall be for three (3) years. An elected director shall not succeed himself. EACH member shall be elected for a three (3) year term; three members being elected each year.

SECTION 4. Officers and Responsibilities:

The members of the Board of Directors shall at their first regular meeting, following the annual meeting, choose from the elected members, a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers shall serve until their successors are elected.

The duties of officers shall be such as usually pertain to such offices..

SECTION 5. Duties:

The Board of Directors shall have power to execute contracts as are necessary to the furtherance of the purposes of this organization.

The Board of Directors shall hold monthly meetings to audit accounts, approve and allow claims, discuss, plan, and direct in counsel with the agents, the extension work in the county. Time and place of the meetings shall be determined by the Board. Special meetings may be called by the Board.

SECTION 6. Executive Committee;

An Executive Committee may be named by the Board of Directors from the elected members to meet and approve claims and to perform such other duties as delegated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: ANNUAL MEETING AND NOTICE

There shall be an annual meeting held at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. A notice shall be placed in a newspaper, with general circulation in the county, ten (10) days in advance of the meeting, giving date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII: QUORUM FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: DIRECTION OF WORK

The direction of the work of the county extension agents employed by this organization shall rest cooperatively with the Board of Directors and the Extension Service of the Nebraska College of Agriculture.

ARTICLE IX: LOCATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

The office of the County Extension Service shall be located at Valentine, *Nebr.*

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of the votes cast on the question; and any such amendment shall be in force and effect after approval thereof by the Director of the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: METHOD OF ELECTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each of the nine (9) elective directors shall reside within and represent one of the districts herein described by precincts with expiration of term as indicated.

District I: Merriman, Jensen, Lavaca, Irwin, Russell & Enlow.
Term expires in 1955

District II: Cody, Barley, Gillespie & Eli.
Term expires in 1955

District III: Nenzel, Georgia, German & Crookston.
Term expires in 1954

District IV: Table, Military, Valentine, Schlagle, River, Kewanee & Sparks. Term expires in 1953

District V: Buffalo Lake, Steen, Calf Creek, Lackey, Middle Prong, King and Mother Lake. Term expires in 1955

District VI: Cleveland, Kennedy & Fern. Term expires in 1953

District VII: Wood Lake & Green. Term expires in 1953

District VIII: Goose Creek, Elsmere, Pleasant Hill, Loup & Wilson.
Term expires in 1954

At large - one member to be elected at large - Term expires in 1955

In District 4, and for the member at large, board members will be elected at the annual meeting.

In all other districts, board member will be elected by mail ballot. One ballot will be mailed to each person whose name appears on the most recent tax rolls. Such elections shall be conducted prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE II: TERM OF SERVICE

The term of service for each elected director shall be three years. No elected director shall serve consecutive terms except as stated in Article III.

ARTICLE III: VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

Vacancies in the elected membership of the Board shall be filled through appointment by the Board of Directors. Appointed members shall serve until the term expires and are eligible to become candidates for the succeeding term.

ARTICLE IV: SECRETARY

The Secretary of this organization shall keep on file in the county extension office copies of all contracts executed, report same to annual meeting of organization and send copies of such contracts to the Extension Service, Nebraska College of Agriculture. He shall keep minutes of all meetings and perform such other work as is usually incident to the office of the Secretary.

ARTICLE V: TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds on the order of the Board of Directors and shall report to the Board each month the financial standing of the organization. A financial report of all funds shall be made at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI: ORDER OF BUSINESS

At regular meetings of the Board of Directors, the following Order of Business shall be observed:

1. Read and act upon minutes of prior meetings.
2. Secretary's report.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. President's report.
5. Extension Agent's report.
6. Committee reports.
7. Bills and communications.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Suggestions by agents and members.
11. Adjournment.

At annual meetings the following order shall be observed:

1. Opening statement by president.
2. Secretary's report.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Unfinished business.
5. New business.
6. Election.
7. Extension Agent's report.
8. Other speakers on program.
9. Minutes of current meeting.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority of votes cast on the question provided that any amendment shall be in force and effect after approval thereof by the Director of the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska.

This constitution and these by-laws were adopted at a meeting of the Cherry County Extension Service Board held at Valentine, Nebraska, on January 13, 1954.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY