

# Dutchess County Farm Bureau



## Constitution



### Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Dutchess County Farm Bureau of the State of New York.

### Objects.

The objects of this organization are to develop the agricultural resources and to foster the best commercial, social and material interests of the county.

### Membership.

All persons are eligible to membership by paying the membership fee and subscribing to the constitution and by-laws.

### Fees and Dues.

A minimum annual fee of \$1.00 shall be charged for active membership in this Bureau, but there shall be no restriction on voluntary subscriptions raised by the Finance Committee for special purposes.

### Officers.

The officers of this Bureau shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and County Agricultural Agent, all of whom, except the County

Agent, shall be elected for a period of one year and shall serve without compensation until their successors shall be elected and qualified. The County Agent shall be appointed for such a time and be given such compensation as the Executive Committee may determine.

### Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council shall be composed of the officers named in the preceding paragraph and one delegate from each township of the county, also one from the City of Beacon and two from the City of Poughkeepsie. A quorum shall consist of seven delegates, including officers. The first township delegates shall be appointed by the President of the Bureau until such time as an election shall be called in each township, at which time the members residing in each township shall elect their delegate to serve for one year or until his successor is elected and qualified.

### Duties.

The President shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of President. He shall have the power to fill such vacancies as may occur in any office or committee. He shall in conjunction with the Treasurer, sign all checks and vouchers for disbursements. He may call meetings of the Advisory Council or any of the Committees whenever he deems advisable, or upon the application of three members of the Advisory Council shall call special meetings when the demand is made in writing, setting forth the object of the meetings.

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in case of his absence or disability.

The Secretary shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary.

The Treasurer shall, in conjunction with the President, sign all checks and vouchers for the disbursements of this organization and shall have the general charge of the funds of this organization. He shall deposit the

funds of this organization in a bank or banks designated by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to fix the salary of the County Agricultural Agent and to make contracts, which shall be signed by the President and Secretary, and to make co-operative arrangements with the State Agricultural College, the United States Department of Agriculture, the New York State Department of Agriculture, the County Officials, etc., and to transact all the business of this organization.

The duties of the Agricultural Agent shall be specifically set forth in his contract.

### **Meetings.**

The Advisory Council shall hold regular meetings on the last Saturday of each month at such place and hour as may be named by the President. The Annual Meeting shall be held upon the date of the May monthly meeting.

### **Committees.**

The standing committees of this Bureau shall be appointed by the President, as follows:

The Executive Committee, which shall consist of five members; Finance, Membership, Highways, Schools, Crop Improvement, Dairying, Horticulture, Poultry, Marketing, Live Stock, Landlord and Tenant, Home Economics, Press, and such other committees as may be deemed advisable by the Advisory Council.

### **Order of Business.**

The order of business of all meetings of the Advisory Council shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports of Committees and consideration of same.

4. Report and recommendations of the County Agricultural Agent.

5. Suggestions for improving the methods of work.

6. The Secretary's report of receipts and disbursements.

7. Bills and accounts.

8. Treasurer's report.

9. General business.

10. Adjournment.

**For annual meetings only:**

10. Annual Report of officers.

11. Annual election of officers.

12. Adjournment.

#### **Amendments.**

The Constitution and By-Laws of this Bureau may be altered or amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting, notice in writing of such proposed change or changes being given at the previous meeting and all delegates absent when such notice of change is made must be informed by the Secretary by mail of same.