

BYLAWS OF THE ASHE COUNTY AGRICULTURE CAMPUS AND LIVESTOCK CENTER

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

Section I.1. Purpose: The purpose of the Ashe County Agriculture Campus and Livestock Center Board ("Board") is to plan and develop the facility, establish the guidelines for its use, oversee operation, and provide recommendations to County authorities regarding the same.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS

Section II.1. Regular Meetings: The Board shall hold regular bi-monthly meetings at a time and place designated by the chairperson.

Section II.2. Special Meetings: The Chairperson, or a majority of Board members, may call a special meeting by providing members with notice of the meeting no less than 48 hours before the meeting time.

Section II.3. Quorum: A majority of Board members is sufficient to establish a quorum to transact business.

Section II.4. Absences: Board members who miss three (3) consecutive Board meetings without an excuse noted in the minutes shall be considered to have resigned and shall be replaced pursuant to these bylaws.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS

Section III.1. Board Composition: The Board shall be composed of a minimum of five (5), but not more than twelve (12) members, appointed by the Ashe County Commissioners for staggered terms from only nominations provided by the Board. One member may include a member of the Jefferson Aldermen, Town Manager, or Mayor.

Section III.2. Board Appointments: The members of the inaugural Board shall be appointed for staggered terms, as follows: One-half of the Board members shall be appointed to an initial four (4) year term; the other half of the Board members shall be appointed to an initial six (6) year term. Commissioners shall reappoint the initial Board members or appoint successor Board members to a four (4) year term.

Section III.3. Resignations or Failure to Serve Entire Term: Should a Board member resign or fail to serve their entire term of office, the Commissioners shall appoint another individual from only nominations provided by the Board to serve for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section IV.1. Officers: The Board's officers, including others as the Board may authorize, shall include a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section IV.2. Officer Elections: The Board shall elect its officers for a term of one (1) year. The officers shall take office following the meeting at which they are elected and shall serve until their successors are duly elected.

Section IV.3. Chairperson's Duties: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board, authorize calls for any special meetings, appoint all committees, execute all Board decisions, and generally perform all duties associated with that office.

Section IV.4. Vice Chairperson's Duties: The Vice Chairperson, in the event of the absence or disability of the Chairperson, or of a vacancy in that office, shall assume and perform the duties and functions of the Chairperson until the election of the Chairperson's successor.

Section IV.5. Secretary's Duties: The Secretary shall assure a true and accurate record of all meetings of the Board and shall perform such other duties as are generally associated with that office.

Section IV.5. Treasurer's Duties: The Treasurer shall assure a true and accurate record of all accounts and records of the Board and shall perform such other duties as are generally associated with that office.

ARTICLE V. THE BOARD'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section V.1. Funding: The Board will encourage and lobby the Commissioners to provide appropriate funding to construct, operate and assure sustainability of the facility. The Board will collaborate with the Commissioners to seek grant funding.

Section V.2. Regular Reports and Minutes: The Board shall report regularly to the Commissioners. The Board's minutes shall be a permanent record.

Section V.3. Primary Duties: The Board shall be actively involved in planning, development, construction and programming for the facility. This will include the creation of operational guidelines and policies and procedures for use of the facility.