

Constitution and By-Laws of the McGee Bend District FFA Association

These by-laws (referred to as the “by-laws”) govern the affairs of the McGee Bend District Association (referred to as the “Association”), a recognized District Administrative Subdivision of the Area IX Association and the Texas FFA Association, organized under the provisions the Texas FFA Constitution, by-laws and policies adopted by the Texas FFA Board of Directors.

Constitution

Article I: Name and Purpose

- A. The name of this organization shall be the “McGee Bend District FFA Association.” Members are hereinafter referred to as “FFA Members.”
- B. FFA Missions:
 - a. To develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership
 - b. Increase awareness of the importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being
 - c. Strengthen the agriculture students’ confidence in themselves and their work
 - d. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an Ag career
 - e. Encourages achievement in SAEP’s
 - f. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental, and human resources of the community
 - g. Develops interpersonal skills in team work, communications, human relations, and social interactions
 - h. Builds character, and promotes citizenship, volunteerism, and patriotism
 - i. Promotes cooperation among all people
 - j. Promotes healthy lifestyles
 - k. Encourages excellence in scholarship

Article II: Organization

- A. The McGee Bend District is a chartered District of the Area IX Association which is chartered by the Texas and National FFA Associations.
- B. This Association accepts in full the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the Area IX FFA Association as well as those of the Texas and National Associations.

Article III: Membership

- A. Membership in this Association shall be of three kinds; (1) Active, (2) Alumni, and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.
- B. Each local chapter is entitled to send at least one delegate from its active membership to the district meetings. Chapters with an active membership in excess of 50 are entitled to send delegates to the district meetings as outlined in the formula below:

<u>Active Membership</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
1 – 50	1
51 – 100	2
101 – 150	3
151 – 200	4
201 – 250	5
251 – 300	6

- C. Honorary membership shall be limited only to those who have received Honorary Degrees in their local chapters.
- D. All chapters in good standing are members of the McGee Bend District Association.

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Article IV: Emblems

- A. The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem of the Association
- B. Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designated by the National Organization of the FFA.

Article V: Membership Degrees and Privileges

- A. There shall be four grades of active membership on the McGee Bend District Association; (1) Greenhand, (2) Chapter Farmer, (3) State Lone Star Farmer, and (4) American.
- B. The qualifications for the four grades of active membership shall be in accordance with Area, State, and National Constitutions.

Article VI: District Officers

- A. Each local chapter that is in good standing is allowed to send one District Officer Candidate to the District Officer Elections.
- B. The officers of the McGee Bend District shall be as follows; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Second Vice President, and their respective Advisor/s. The Advisor/s shall be the local chapter advisor/s of the District President.
- C. The President and other District Officers shall be elected at the designated District meeting by a majority vote of the voting delegates provided a quorum is present.
- D. The officers of the District Association shall constitute the District Executive Committee. This Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the District Association in accordance with actions taken at District meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time-to-time.
- E. All District, Area, and State FFA Officer elections shall follow state officer guidelines.
- F. Honorary Members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the Association except that of Advisor.
- G. District Officers must hold the Chapter Farmer FFA Degree and be either a sophomore or junior in high school at the time of election.
- H. A member who has previously been a District or Area Officer cannot run for District Office.

Article VII: Meetings

- A. Regular District Association meetings shall be determined by the District Officers, District Advisor/s, Association Executive Committee, and Area Coordinator as to time and place.
- B. District Officer meetings will be held on a monthly basis during the school year as determined by those officers and their respective Advisor/s. Summer meetings may be scheduled by the District Advisor/s, and the District President.
- C. All District Officers will be required to attend all District Officer meetings and the Area Leadership Camp. One missed meeting per officer will be excused if prior written notice is given at least one week in advance. Emergencies and unavoidable circumstances, such as illness, will be taken into consideration for excusal by the District Advisor/s, District President, and the Association Executive Committee. Any officer that fails to attend three scheduled meetings will be considered for dismissal by the District Advisor/s, District President, and the Association Executive Committee.

Article VIII: Dues

- A. District Association dues shall be \$0.50 per member in each local chapter.
- B. No chapter shall be considered as active or in good standing unless they pay full District, Area, State, and National FFA dues.

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Article IX: Leadership

- A. One team from each local chapter is eligible to compete in each event or contest in the Leadership Development Event, provided that chapter is in good standing with the District.
- B. Career Development Event Speaking contest will be held annually at the designated District meeting preceding the Area Convention. National rules will be followed.
- C. Candidates for Area and State Officers shall be elected at the designated District meeting preceding the Area Convention.

Article X: Amendments

- A. Proposed amendments to the District Constitution or by-laws must be submitted in writing to the Association Executive Committee President at least 60 days prior to any District Association meeting. These proposed changes must then in turn be submitted to the local chapters of the District at least 30 days prior to the next meeting, and submitted by the District Officers to the delegates in a District meeting.
- B. Amendments may be adopted, or revisions made in the District Constitution at any District Association meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the official delegates provided that a quorum is present.

By-Laws

Article I

Two winners from each district for Area Officer, State Officer Elections, Public Speaking Contest, and Talent Contest may be elected to represent the District at the Area Convention.

Article II

District Candidates for Talent Activity at the District meeting will follow State rules.
District Candidates for Public Speaking Contests will follow the State and National rules.