

**East Fork Hills Rural Association
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BYLAWS

Mission

The mission of the East Fork Hills Rural Association is to promote, maintain and enhance the rural character and quality of life in Clark County. This includes, but is not limited to :

1. Maintaining and protecting the ecological characteristics of the environment, which ensures the long-term stability of its economic and natural resources.
2. Preserving and protecting the aesthetic qualities of the rural environment.
3. Uniting our common interests and developing a greater sense of community for the region and its residents.

Boundaries

The boundaries of the East Fork Hills Rural Association are Jenny Creek road to the East, N.W. 389th St to the North, Old Pacific Highway to the West and Bolen road to the South, excluding all cities, towns, villages and hamlets located within the aforementioned boundaries in Clark County.

Membership

The membership of the East Fork Hills Rural Association is open to all residents of the above named area.

Voting

All members 18 years of age and older residing within the boundaries are entitled to one vote. No proxy votes are allowed. Absentee votes may be accepted by prior approval of the Executive Board.

Voting may be by voice or secret ballot as decided by the membership prior to the vote.

A majority of the voting membership in attendance shall be required to pass a motion.

Officers

The officers of the Association shall be the Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, who must be voting members of the Association. These officers shall preside over all Association meeting and activities. The duties and responsibilities of each officer shall be, but are not limited to the following:

Chair—Acts as the primary Executive Board officer, presides over all meetings, planning sessions and activities of the Association, and serves as the primary spokesperson of the Association.

Co-Chair--Assists the Chair in all duties and responsibilities, and performs the function of Chair in his/her absence.

Secretary--Keeps the minutes of all the Association's public and Executive Board meetings, and is responsible for notifying members of Association meetings and activities in advance.

Treasurer--Responsible for maintaining the membership and financial records and accounts of the Association.

Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and three (3) voting members elected from the members-at-large. All members of the Executive Board must be elected by a majority of the voting membership at the annual meeting. Executive Board members shall not be compensated other than for out-of-pocket expenses approved in advance by the general membership. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the overall affairs of the Association, which includes:

Assuring that all activities of the Association are consistent with the mission statement.

Attending all Executive Board and general meetings.

Approving all monies and financial transactions.

Conducting the Association's activities.

Creating, directing, and disbanding committees.

Approving new Executive Board candidates.

Committees

Special or standing committees may be appointed by the Executive Board as necessary, or as directed by a majority vote of the general membership.

Meetings

The Executive Board of the Association must meet whenever a need arises, as determined by one or more board members. Minutes of the Executive Board meeting will be made available to any member who requests them, and will be read into the minutes of each general membership meeting. All members are welcome at any meeting and will be notified of time and place. All major decisions of the Executive Board must be addressed before a meeting of the general membership.

Meetings will generally follow Roberts Rules of Order.

Quorum

An Executive Board quorum shall consist of two (2) officers and one (1) board member.

A general membership meeting quorum shall consist of the above and two (2) voting members-at-large.

Elections

Nominees for the Executive Board must have the approval of the current Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board shall be elected annually for a one year term at the first general membership meeting held in April. Elections to fill vacancies will be held as the need arises. Executive board members are limited to three (3) consecutive terms.

Removal of Board Members

An Executive Board member who has three (3) consecutive absences without notice shall be considered "inactive". Inactive board members can be removed from the Executive Board by a majority vote of the active board members.

At any general membership meeting, any Executive Board member may be removed by a majority vote, providing there is a minimum of 2/3 of the total voting membership present.

Any board member whose removal has been proposed shall be given adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard before the vote.

Funding

Membership dues, contributions, contracts, grants, subscriptions or fund-raising activities may be used by the Association as desired. Membership fees or contributions shall not bar anyone from membership or voting privileges.

Amendments to the Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the general membership, provided that the proposed amendment(s): 1) do not substantively change the mission statement, 2) are submitted in writing at the previous meeting of the general membership, 3) are approved by a 2/3 majority of the total voting membership.

Bylaws adopted April 8, 1994, by vote of the general membership

CHAIR

VAL ALEXANDER

CO-CHAIR

THERESA FILLA

SECRETARY

ANNE VOSHELL

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