North Dakota Water Coalition By Laws: Rules of Procedure

ARTICLE I: Name

The North Dakota Water Coalition is the name of the organization, which is organized under a legally organized nonprofit 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE II: Purpose/Mission

The North Dakota Water Coalition is an organization of organizations. Its mission is to complete North Dakota's water infrastructure for economic growth and quality of life, by achieving consensus on both water funding and water policy issues.

ARTICLE III: Membership

Each regional or statewide organization in North Dakota which is involved with or supports water development and which desires to participate in the mission to complete North Dakota's water infrastructure for economic growth and quality of life must pay \$1,000 annually to be a member of the Water Coalition.

ARTICLE IV: Actions and Procedure

The North Dakota Water Coalition shall operate by consensus. Each member of the Water Coalition shall have one equal vote on all actions taken by the Water Coalition. Any member may introduce issues to further the mission of the Water Coalition at a meeting of the Water Coalition. All actions taken by the North Dakota Water Coalition shall be taken by the entire membership of the North Dakota Water Coalition.

ARTICLE V: Chairman

The Water Coalition shall elect a chairman, who shall serve until such time as the chairman may resign or until the Water Coalition by a majority vote of the members shall elect a new chairman. The Water Coalition shall not operate under an Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: Financial

The Water Coalition shall maintain a separate checking account, and all dues collected by the Water Coalition shall be placed in such separate checking account, and all expenses paid shall be for staff and purposes related directly to the Water Coalition.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings

The Water Coalition shall meet at the call of the chair, or by request of any three members of the Water Coalition. Written notice of meetings shall be sent by mail to all members at least seven days in advance of any meeting. All meetings shall be open to the public.

ARTICLE VIII: Priorities Subcommittee

A standing executive committee of members shall be made up of members from the following:

- Rural Water
- Municipal Water
- ND Water Users Association
- Devils Lake
- FM Diversion/Fargo Flood Control
- Irrigation
- Northwest Area Water Supply
- Red River Water Supply
- Sheyenne Valley Flood Control
- Souris Flood Control
- Southwest Pipeline Project
- Water Management/Water Resource Districts
- Western Area Water Supply Authority
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District

The executive committee may make recommendations to the full Water Coalition, but shall have no authority to take actions for the Water Coalition.