

455A.20 County resource enhancement committee.

1. A county resource enhancement committee is created in each county. The membership of the committee shall be as follows:

a. The chairpersons of the board of supervisors, county conservation board, commissioners of the soil and water district, and board of directors of each school district in the county. A chairperson may appoint a designee to serve on the committee. The chairperson or designee of a school district shall be a member of the county committee of the county in which a majority or the largest plurality of the district's students reside.

b. The mayor or the mayor's designee of each city in a county. If a city is located in more than one county, the membership shall be on the county committee of the county in which the largest population of the city resides.

c. The titular head or the head's designee of each recognized farm organization having a county organization in the county. The designee shall be a member of the organization represented. The recognized farm organizations are the following:

- (1) The Iowa farm bureau federation.
- (2) The Iowa farmers union.
- (3) The Iowa grange.
- (4) The national farmers organization.
- (5) The Iowa farm unity coalition.
- (6) Any other recognized farm or farm commodity group.

d. (1) The chairperson or the chairperson's designee of each of the following wildlife or conservation organizations having a recognized county organization:

- (a) Iowa Audubon council.
- (b) Iowa sportsmens federation.
- (c) Ducks unlimited.
- (d) Sierra club.
- (e) Pheasants forever.
- (f) The nature conservancy.
- (g) Iowa association of naturalists.
- (h) Izaak Walton league of America.
- (i) Other recognized wildlife, conservation, environmental, recreation, conservation education, or historical-cultural preservation groups, or a nonpartisan governmental research or study group limited to the league of women voters.

(2) The designee shall be a member of the county chapter or organization in the county.

e. (1) A representative of each of the following entities:

(a) A historic preservation commission or similar entity established by a county or city in the county.

(b) A private organization that provides recognition and protection for the historic buildings, structures, sites, and districts in a county or a city in the county.

(c) A historic museum or organization that maintains a collection of documents relating to the history of a county or a city in the county.

(2) A representative shall be appointed by the county's board of supervisors. If the board appoints a person representing an entity established by a city in the county, the board shall consult with the city authority that established the entity.

f. If a question arises as to whether a recognized county organization exists under paragraph "c" or "d", the question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members selected under paragraphs "a" and "b", excluding the representative of the county conservation board. Sections 69.16 and 69.16A do not apply to appointments made pursuant to this subsection.

2. The duties of the county resource enhancement committee are to coordinate the resource enhancement program, plans, and proposed projects developed by cities, county conservation board, and soil and water conservation district commissioners for funding under this division. The county committee shall review and comment upon all projects before they are submitted for funding under section 455A.19. Each county committee shall propose a five-year program plan which includes a one-year proposed expenditure plan and submit it to the department.

3. The initial meeting of the committee shall be called by the chairperson of the board of supervisors. The chairperson shall give written notice of the date, time, and location of the first meeting. The county committee shall meet at least annually to organize by selecting a chairperson, vice chairperson, and other officers as necessary. The committee shall adopt rules governing the conduct of its meetings, subject to chapter 21.

4. The board of supervisors shall provide a meeting room and the necessary secretarial and clerical assistance for the committee. The expenses shall be paid from the county general fund.

5. The members of the committee are not entitled to compensation or expenses related to their duties of office, except as may otherwise be provided by the boards, commissions, or organizations which the members represent.

89 Acts, ch 236, §7; 91 Acts, ch 146, §7 – 9; 2008 Acts, ch 1161, §1, 2