

**PEPIN COUNTY FARM MANAGEMENT CLUB  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – Name and Purpose**

Section A – The name of the organization shall be the “*Pepin County Farm Management Club*”.

Section B – The purpose of the organization include:

1. Provide educational opportunities to help area farmers and agri-businesses become more profitable.
2. Educate and support landowners to become better stewards of our land and natural resources.
3. Encourage young people to pursue agricultural careers.
4. Cooperate with and support other agricultural organizations.
5. Recognize outstanding farmers and businesspersons.
6. Encourage members to become better agricultural and community leaders.

**ARTICLE II – Membership**

Section A – Any person interested in supporting the purposes of the organization may pay annual dues and become a member.

**ARTICLE III – Board of Directors and Officers**

Section A – The board of directors will consist of seven to ten members elected at the annual meeting by the majority of the members. Director terms shall be two years in length. ~~Five of these will be elected from specific geographic areas. Two directors will be elected as “at large” representatives. Approximately one-half of the Three~~ directors will be elected one year followed by the election of the other half of the four directors the next year.

Section B – The officers of the board of directors will be elected annually by majority vote at the first meeting of the January Board of Directors ~~meeting in the calendar year~~. Officers shall include: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These will be referred to as the “Executive Committee”.

**ARTICLE IV – Meetings**

Section A – The board of directors ~~shall~~ meet each January or February for an organizational meeting and throughout the year as needed.

Section B – An annual meeting for all members shall be held in ~~November or December~~ or January.

**ARTICLE V – Dues**

Section A – The annual membership dues will be set by the board of directors prior to the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VI – Amendments**

Section A – Amendments or revisions to this document may be made at the annual meeting by a 2/3 vote of members present.

Section B – Bylaws may be adopted or revised by a 2/3 vote of members present at the annual meeting.

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BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I – Officers**

**Section A – *The President***

It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings. He/She shall appoint all committees except the executive committee and may serve as an ex-officio member of each committee.

**Section B – *The Vice President***

The vice president shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the president and assist all major committees.

**Section C – *The Secretary***

The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all regular meetings of the board of directors and full membership meetings. He/She shall keep all membership records.

**Section D – *The Treasurer***

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, pay expenses after approval by the board of directors and furnish an annual financial report.

**Section E – *The Advisor***

The advisor will be the UW-Extension Pepin County Agriculture Agent. The advisor shall advise the board of directors and committees on matters about policy and assist the officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.

**ARTICLE II – Meetings**

Section A – An annual meeting of all members will be held in ~~November or December~~ or January. Election of board members will be held at the annual meeting for the next calendar year. The board of directors will meet each January or February to elect officers.

Section B – Robert’s Rules of Order will be implemented at each meeting.

**ARTICLE III – Dues**

Section A – The board of directors will set the annual membership fee prior to the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE IV – Finances**

Section A – Financial accounts shall be kept at Security National Bank in Durand.

Section B – The president shall appoint an auditing committee to review all financial records and prepare a report for the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE V – Elections**

Section A – A nominating committee will be appointed by the President to develop the ballot for the board of directors’ elections. Nominations may be made from the floor. The method of voting shall be by ballot.