

## Chapter 13

### CONSERVATION BOARD

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton 6-29-1972; amended in its entirety at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **§ 13-1. Membership; chairman; removal of members.**

The Conservation Board shall consist of not fewer than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Town Board for a term not exceeding two (2) years. The Chairman of the Conservation Board shall be appointed by the Town Board from the members so appointed to the Conservation Board. The Town Board shall have authority to remove any member of said Conservation Board for cause, after a public hearing, if requested.

#### **§ 13-2. Ex officio officers.**

The members of the Town Board, the Chairman of the Planning Board and the Town Highway Superintendent and other officers that may be hereafter designated by the Town Board shall be ex officio members of the Conservation Board.

#### **§ 13-3. Vacancies.**

A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

#### **§ 13-4. Compensation.**

The Town Board may provide for compensation to be paid to the members of the Conservation Board and it may also make appropriations as it sees fit for expenses incurred by the Board and its members.

#### **§ 13-5. Clerk.**

The Conservation Board may appoint a Clerk or other employee as it may from time to time require, with the approval of the Town Board.

#### **§ 13-6. Services and expenses.**

The services and expenses of the Conservation Board shall not exceed any appropriation that may be made therefor by the Town Board.

#### **§ 13-7. Powers and duties.**

- A. The Conservation Board shall conduct researches into the land area of the town.
- B. It shall seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and to cooperate with other official municipal bodies active in the area of community planning for the town.
- C. It may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which, in its judgment, it deems necessary for its work.
- D. It shall keep an index of all open areas within the town with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such open lands, including lands owned by the state, any other municipality within the state or by the town itself.
- E. It shall keep an index of all open marsh lands, swamps and all other wetlands in a like manner and may recommend to the Town Board a program for the better promotion, development or utilization of all such areas.
- F. It shall keep accurate records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report with the Town Board on or before the 31st day of December of each and every year.
- G. In addition to the foregoing, the Conservation Board shall carry out any other duties, tasks or responsibilities, consistent with the objectives of this chapter, assigned to it by resolution of the Town Board.

**§ 13-8. Department of Conservation assistance.**

To assist the Conservation Board in carrying out its functions, powers and duties, it may request the Department of Conservation to:

- A. Prepare reports outlining objectives, priorities and proposed relationships of the Board to the Town Board.
- B. Prepare descriptions of work to be undertaken, advantageous techniques to be used and suggested roles of Board members.
- C. Provide research on conservation facts and procedures.
- D. Provide, on a consulting basis, technical and research assistance as may be required to assist the Board in carrying out its work and to enable the Board to offer recommendations to the Town Board.
- E. Describe particular areas of natural resources within the town which require particular attention by the Board.