

HOOD COUNTY LIVESTOCK RAISERS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

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Granbury, Hood County, Texas

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PREAMBLE

Due to changes in our organization that rendered prior laws unsuitable, the members of the Hood County Livestock Raisers Association (HCLRA) adopt this consolidated Constitution and Bylaws as the legal code of rules and conduct for the Association. This document supersedes all prior versions and was revised in June 2026 to strengthen governance, clarify member rights, and align with best practices for non-profit livestock associations in Texas.

ARTICLE I – NAME, PRINCIPAL OFFICE, AND FISCAL YEAR

The name of this organization shall be the Hood County Livestock Raisers Association (hereinafter "the Association" or "HCLRA").

The principal office shall be located in Granbury, Hood County, Texas.

The fiscal year of the Association shall be January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of HCLRA is to maintain and improve all property controlled by the Association while providing a learning environment for the youth of Hood County.

HCLRA is a non-profit, charitable, and benevolent organization. Its mission is to assist Hood County youth in becoming productive, responsible citizens through agricultural education, livestock exhibitions, and community involvement.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Classes

The Association shall recognize the following classes of membership:

(a) Active Members: Must be at least 18 years old, residents of the Granbury, Lipan, or Tolar Independent School District for a minimum of three months, and of good moral character. Each active member is entitled to one vote.

(b) Honorary Members: Elected by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of active members present at a meeting with a quorum. Honorary members may attend, speak, and participate in activities except voting, unless otherwise specified by the membership.

Section 2 – Good Standing

An Active member shall be considered in good standing upon meeting all three of the following conditions:

- Attending meetings regularly;
- Showing interest in and actively participating in the affairs of the Association; and
- Paying dues regularly as assessed and on time.

Only members in good standing may vote, hold office, serve as a director, or serve as a voting committee member.

Section 3 – Duties and Conduct

Members are expected to attend meetings and events, participate actively in Association affairs, serve on committees as assigned, follow all rules and regulations of the Association, and set a good example for the community.

Members may be reprimanded, impeached, or expelled for gross misconduct, malfeasance, or actions that bring disrepute to the Association. Impeachment procedures are governed by Article VII.

Section 4 – Resignation and Transfer

Members may resign by submitting written notice to the Secretary. Resignation does not relieve the member of the obligation to pay dues or any other accrued charges.

Membership is non-transferable and non-assignable.

Section 5 – Dues

Annual dues for single and family memberships shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Annual dues are payable in advance on January 1st and considered in default on March 1st. Members in default shall be notified in writing by the Secretary.

Returning members whose dues were not paid by March 1st will not be eligible to vote until their dues are paid for the current year. Dues are accepted at the conclusion of each regular meeting.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1 – Elected Officers

The elected officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The President and Treasurer are elected in odd-numbered years; the Vice President and Secretary are elected in even-numbered years. All officers serve two-year terms.

Officers must be active members in good standing for at least one year prior to election and shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at the annual election meeting.

Vacancies shall be filled at the next regular meeting following the vacancy; the successor shall serve the unexpired term.

Elections are held annually at the **April meeting**.

Section 2 – Duties

President:

- Highest-ranking officer, responsible to the Board of Directors.
- Provides leadership, reports to the Board, and serves as the Association's primary spokesperson.

- Ensures all officers fulfill their duties; delegates responsibilities as needed; signs all authorized legal instruments.
- Approves purchases up to \$1,000 without further approval. Purchases of \$1,001–\$2,000 require Board approval. Purchases exceeding \$2,000 require membership approval.
- Presides at all meetings or appoints a designee to do so.
- Appoints committee chairs and members; may call special meetings.

Vice President:

- Second-ranking officer; fulfills the President's duties in the President's absence.
- Assists the President in managing the Association's affairs, including oversight of property and improvements.
- May nominate individuals for special duties; may call special meetings.

Secretary:

- Records and maintains minutes of all regular, special, and Board meetings.
- Maintains all Association records, correspondence, and the official membership list.
- Sends minutes of the previous meeting within 7 calendar days.
- Sends written acknowledgments for donations; accepts dues payments; distributes notices to members as required.

Treasurer:

- Manages all funds, accounts, and investments of the Association.
- Notifies the Board of outstanding debts; issues payments, receipts, and maintains complete financial records.
- Reports monthly financial status to the membership at each regular meeting.
- Presents a complete annual financial statement to the membership at the first regular meeting of each calendar year, covering all income, expenditures, and account balances for the prior fiscal year.
- Signs all checks of the Association.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of a total of seventeen (17) Directors: four (4) officers, nine (9) elected and four (4) advisors.

Officer Directors: The elected President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the HCLRA.

Elected Directors: Three (3) Directors shall be elected from each of the three school districts (Granbury, Lipan, and Tolar), serving staggered three-year terms.

- In the event that a director cannot be found within the school districts, at-large candidates may be nominated and can fill the role until the term expires.

Advisors:

- (1) Granbury High School Ag Teacher
- (1) Tolar High School Ag Teacher
- (1) Lipan High School Ag Teacher
- (1) Hood County Extension Agent

Section 2 – Duties

The Board of Directors shall:

- Set the dates for the Hood County Stock Show.
- Set annual membership dues and property rental rates.
- Approve major expansion projects following membership approval.
- Supervise all officers and review minor property improvements.
- Negotiate and approve contracts, unless such authority is designated to the President.
- Approve all show rules by the June meeting for the following year's show.
- Ensure that all approved show rules, schedules, and regulations are published in the show catalogue and/or posted online and made available to the public no later than June of the current show year.
- Ensure the Association maintains appropriate insurance coverage at all times (see Section 3).

Section 3 – Insurance

The Association shall obtain and maintain, at minimum, the following types of insurance coverage:

- General Liability insurance;
- Property insurance covering all Association-owned facilities and equipment; and
- Elected officer protection (Directors & Officers liability) coverage.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that all required coverage is obtained, maintained, and renewed as necessary. The Treasurer shall report annually on the status of all insurance policies.

Section 4 – Meetings

Board meetings may be called by the President, Vice President, or any four (4) Directors.

A quorum of the Board shall be nine (9) Directors. No official Board action shall be taken without a quorum present.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled at the next regular meeting following the vacancy; the successor shall serve the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Standing Committees

The following standing committees shall be maintained by the Association. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the April meeting of each year unless otherwise stated:

(a) Finance Committee:

- Chaired by a Board member appointed by the President.
- Composed of the Treasurer and at least two (2) additional Board members.
- Responsible for examining the Treasurer's books annually and presenting findings to the membership at the spring meeting.
- Develops and maintains accounting procedures and financial reporting requirements for the Association.
- Approves the financial institution(s) in which Association funds are maintained.

(b) Show Committee:

- Chaired by the Show Superintendent and Sale Superintendent, who are appointed by the nominating committee.
- Committee Members consist of all superintendents and stock show volunteers.
- Coordinates all logistical activities for the Hood County Stock Show, including schedules, class assignments, and judge selection.
- Reports to the Board and general membership as needed.

(c) Hood County Stock Show Rules Committee:

- Chair appointed by the President.
- Responsible for gathering input from all stock show stakeholders.
- Develops and reports the recommendations of the committee to the board of directors and to the next general meeting.

(d) Scholarship & Community Partnership Committee:

- Chair appointed by the President.
- Responsible for maintaining a list of buckle, banner, and scholarship sponsorships.
- Reports needs and updates to the members.
- Assists in recruiting buyers, sponsors, and participants.

(e) Hood County Jr. Livestock Ambassador Committee:

- Chair appointed by the President.
- Committee members consist of elected youth officers.
- Responsible for assisting with community outreach and facilitating the county stock show.

(f) Public Relations Committee:

- Chair appointed by the President.
- Responsible for community outreach in-person and via social media.
- Assists with updating the HCLRA website.

(g) Sale Committee:

- Chaired by the Treasurer.
- Creates the sale order and slideshow presentation of the lots.
- Organizes the buyer's meal.
- Responsible for maintaining accurate records of the premium auction and sending out invoices within two weeks of the conclusion of the show.

(h) Nominating Committee:

- Chaired by the President.
- Members are the Board of Directors.
- Responsible for nominating quality candidates for director and superintendent positions.

Section 2 – Special Committees

The President may appoint such additional special committees as are necessary to carry on the work of the Association. The charge and duration of any special committee shall be defined at the time of appointment.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held monthly. Notice of regular meetings shall be given to all members no fewer than five (5) and no more than forty-five (45) days in advance.

Special meetings may be called by the President, Vice President, Board of Directors, or by ten percent (10%) of voting members. At least forty-eight (48) hours' notice is required for special meetings.

The guide for conduct of all meetings shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except where these bylaws specify otherwise.

Quorum: A quorum for regular membership meetings shall be ten (10) active members in good standing. A quorum for special or called meetings shall be seven (7) active members in good standing. No official business shall be conducted without a quorum present.

Order of Business: Roll call, approval of minutes, committee reports, old business, new business, open discussion, remarks, adjournment.

Impeachment: Charges against any officer or member shall be filed in writing by at least five (5) members and submitted to the Secretary. The matter shall be heard at the next regular meeting. Conviction requires a three-fourths (3/4) vote of active members present. Active and Honorary members may be expelled under this provision.

ARTICLE VIII – FUNDS AND FINANCE

All funds of the Association shall be maintained in financial institution accounts approved by the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer shall sign all checks of the Association. For expenditures, the spending authority thresholds established in Article IV, Section 2 (President's duties) shall govern.

An audit or independent review of all Association accounts shall be conducted annually by the Finance Committee. Findings shall be reported to the membership at the regular spring meeting.

The Association is organized and operated exclusively as a non-profit, charitable, and benevolent organization. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. At no time shall these bylaws be amended so as to alter the use or disposition of any funds held in trust for the benefit of Hood County youth.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Association becomes inactive or otherwise ceases to operate in the prescribed manner, any and all assets of the Association shall, upon action of the remaining membership, be transferred to a designated like charitable or benevolent organization serving Hood County youth.

The recipient organization shall be designated by a majority vote of the remaining membership at a duly noticed meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE X – ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

This consolidated Constitution and Bylaws replaces and supersedes all prior versions adopted by the Association.

Amendments: A proposed amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary shall distribute written notice of the proposed amendment to all members within five (5) days of receipt. Proposed amendments must be introduced at a regular meeting and shall not be voted on until at least thirty (30) days' notice has been provided to the full membership.

Adoption of amendments requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of active members present at any meeting called for that purpose, provided a quorum is present.

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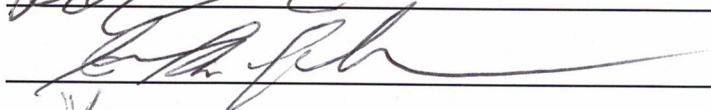
We, the undersigned officers of the Hood County Livestock Raisers Association, hereby certify that the foregoing Constitution and Bylaws were duly adopted by the membership of the Association on the date indicated below.

Date of Adoption:

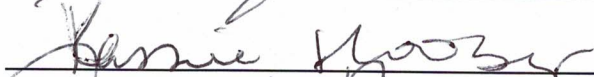
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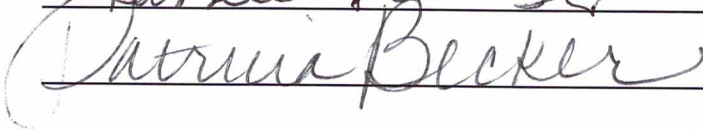
President



Vice President



Secretary



Treasurer

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