

Michigan Association of Conservation Districts

Resolution 1-2009

Resolution to establish a Michigan Association of Conservation Districts Legislative Advisory Council

Whereas, the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts is an organized body representing the 79 Conservation Districts that represent all 83 counties in Michigan, and

Whereas, Michigan Conservation Districts are special purpose units of state government that provide natural resource management services to Michigan citizens to encourage private land management for a cleaner, healthier, economically stronger Michigan, and

Whereas, Michigan Conservation Districts work closely with state and federal government agencies concerned with natural resource conservation and the management and development of renewable resources, and provide the delivery of agency programs to the citizens of Michigan, and

Whereas, the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts and Michigan Conservation Districts are the main advocates for Michigan Conservation District financial and programmatic support with state legislators, agencies and the administration, and

Therefore be it resolved that the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts establish AT LEAST a seven member Legislative Advisory Council to provide the Association and member Conservation Districts with legislative process input and guidance at the state level, and

Therefore be it further resolved that the Legislative Advisory Council be appointed by the MACD president and approved by the State Council, and consist of one State Council member, at least one Conservation District board or staff member, and at least five individuals outside of the Association who independently support the role and purpose of Conservation Districts, and/or are employed by organizations that support the role and purpose of Conservation Districts, and

Therefore be it further resolved that the Legislative Advisory Council act in an advisory capacity to the State Council and Public Funding Committee, reporting to the State Council and Public Funding Committee on a semi-annual basis.

Submitted by the MACD State Council