

Office of the Secretary, USDA

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(9) Direct the giving of notices in accordance with applicable regulations and official instructions;

(10) Recommend to the State committee desirable changes in or additions to existing programs;

(11) Conduct such hearings and investigations as the State committee may request; and

(12) Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the State committee.

§ 7.22 Community committee duties.

(a) The community committee shall be subject to the general direction and supervision of the county committee.

(b) The community committee shall:

(1) Serve as an advisor and consultant to the county committee;

(2) Periodically meet with the county committee and State committee to be informed on farm program issues;

(3) Communicate with producers on issues or concerns regarding farm programs;

(4) Report to the county committee, the State committee, and other interested persons on changes to, or modification of, farm programs recommended by producers;

(5) Perform such other functions as are required by law or as the Secretary or a designee of the Secretary may specify.

§ 7.23 Chairperson of the county committee duties.

The chairperson of the county committee or the person acting as the chairperson shall preside at meetings of the county committee, certify such documents as may require the chairperson's certification, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the State committee.

§ 7.24 Chairperson of the community committee duties.

The chairperson of the community committee or the person acting as the chairperson shall preside at meetings of the community committee, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the county committee.

§ 7.25 County executive director duties.

(a) The county executive director shall execute the policies established by the county committee and be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the county office.

(b) The county executive director shall:

(1) In accordance with standards and qualifications furnished by the State committee, employ the personnel of the county office to serve at the pleasure of the county executive director. There shall be no employment discrimination due to race, religion, color, sex, age, or national origin. An employee may not be removed under this paragraph for advocating or carrying out the Department's policy on equal opportunity and civil rights, including the equal employment policy. In the event it is claimed that the dismissal is for such reason, the dismissal shall not become effective until the State committee and the Deputy Administrator have determined that dismissal was not because of such reason;

(2) Receive, dispose of, and account for all funds, negotiable instruments, or property coming into the custody of the county committee;

(3) Serve as counselor to the local administrative area and county convention chairperson on election procedures; and

(4) Supervise, under the direction of the county committee, the activities of the community committees elected in the county.

§ 7.26 Private business activity and conflicts of interest.

(a) No county committee member, community committee member, delegate, alternate to any such office, or county office employee shall at any time use such office or employment to promote any private business interest.

(b) County committee members, community committee members, delegates, or alternates, and any person employed in the county office shall be subject to the official instructions issued with respect to conflicts of interest and proper conduct.