



DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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LEVY AUTHORITY FOR DISTRICTS

WHEREAS the original concept for funding of districts was for the state government to pay the administrative costs and the federal government to pay the operating costs. When Minnesota law was passed in 1937, it provided for the state to pay grants to the districts, the federal government to assist the district directly and through in-kind support, and for districts to submit annual budget requests to the county; and

WHEREAS based on previous resolutions and the New Century Initiative, expanded funding options have been reviewed and proposed to improve conservation incentive programs and technical service delivery; and

WHEREAS authorizing levy authority for districts would provide funding options and budget flexibility for districts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 103C.331, Subd. 16, be amended as follows:

The county boards may levy an annual tax on all taxable real property in the district *or annually authorize district levies, as provided in section 103C.332,*

103C.332 District Funds and Levies

Subd. 1. General Fund. A) A district shall create a general fund consisting of:

1) an ad valorem tax levy, authorized by a county board under section 103C.331, subdivision 16, that may not exceed 0.048 percent of taxable market value, or \$750,000, whichever is less; and

2) revenue received from the county for administration of the district under section 103C.331, subd. 16

b) The money in the fund shall be used for general administrative expenses. The supervisors may make an annual levy for the general fund as provided in subd. 6.

Subd. 2. Implementation and Project Match Fund. A district shall create an implementation fund to supply funds for the implementation of the projects of the district or to match grants from outside sources consisting of:

1) Ad valorem tax levies or fees levied or to be levied for the implementation of projects of the district or to match grants, authorized by the county board under section 103C.331, Subd. 16; and

2) revenue received from the county under section 103C.331, subd. 16, for the implementation of projects of the district or to match grants.

The district shall be responsible for budget hearings, public notification, budget adoption and certification relating to the annual levy. The county auditor is responsible for adding the amount of the levy to the other tax levies on property of the county within the district. The county treasurer shall collect the tax and shall make settlement of the funds with the district treasurer.

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