

§ 2091. Organizations; articles; charters; powers of the Farm Credit Administration

(a) Charter

Each Federal land bank association shall continue as a federally chartered instrumentality of the United States.

(b) Organization

(1) In general

A Federal land bank association may be organized by any group of 10 or more persons desiring to borrow money from a Farm Credit Bank under section 2015(a) of this title, including persons to whom the Farm Credit Bank has made a loan directly or through an agent and has taken as security real estate located in the territory proposed to be served by the association.

(2) Articles of association

(A) Description of territory

The articles of association shall describe the territory within which the association proposes to carry on its operations.

(B) Submission to FCB

Proposed articles shall be forwarded to the Farm Credit Bank for the district, accompanied by an agreement to subscribe on behalf of the association for stock in accordance with the bylaws of the Farm Credit Bank.

(C) Stock purchase

Association stock may be paid for by surrendering for cancellation stock in the bank held by a borrower and the issuance of an equivalent amount of stock to such borrower in the association.

(D) Statement

The articles shall be accompanied by a statement signed by each of the members of the proposed association establishing—

- (i) the individual's eligibility and request for a Farm Credit Bank loan;
- (ii) that the real estate with respect to which the individual desires the loan for is not being served by another Federal land bank association; and
- (iii) that the individual is or will become a stockholder in the proposed association.

(E) Submission to FCA

A copy of the articles of association shall be forwarded to the Farm Credit Administration with the recommendations of the bank concerning the need for the proposed association in order to adequately serve the credit needs of eligible persons in the proposed territory and a statement as to whether or not the territory includes any territory described in the charter of another Federal land bank association.

(3) Denials of charters

The Farm Credit Administration for good cause shown may deny the charter applied for.

(4) Approval of articles

On the approval of the proposed articles by the Farm Credit Administration and the

issuance of such charter, the association shall become as of such date a federally chartered body corporate and an instrumentality of the United States.

(c) FCA authority on organization

The Farm Credit Administration shall have power, in the terms of the charter, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Farm Credit Administration—

- (1) to provide for the organization of the association;
- (2) to provide for the initial amount of stock of the association;
- (3) to provide for the territory within which the association may carry on its operations; and
- (4) to approve amendments to the charter of such association.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title II, §2.10, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1634; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §401(s), (t), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 998.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2091, Pub. L. 92-181, title II, §2.10, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 597; Pub. L. 96-592, title II, §207, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3442; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §205(e)(10), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1704; Pub. L. 100-233, title VIII, §§802(l), 805(g), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1711, 1715, related to organization and charters of production credit associations, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-233, §401.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(s)(1), inserted “under section 2015(a) of this title” after “a Farm Credit Bank”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(D)(i). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(s)(2), amended cl. (i) generally. Prior to amendment, cl. (i) read as follows: “the individual's eligibility for, and request or need of the individual of a Farm Credit Bank loan;”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(t), amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (c) read as follows: “The Farm Credit Administration shall have power, in the terms of the charter, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Farm Credit Administration or by approving the bylaws of the association, to provide for the—

- “(1) organization of the association;
- “(2) the initial amount of stock of such association;
- “(3) the territory within which the operations of the association may be carried on; and
- “(4) to direct at any time changes in the charter of such association as the Farm Credit Administration finds necessary in accomplishing the purposes of this chapter.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1622, provided that this section is effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988.

§ 2092. Board of directors

Each Federal land bank association shall elect from its voting shareholders a board of directors

of such number, for such terms, in such manner, and with such qualifications as may be required by its bylaws except that, at least one member shall be elected by the other directors, which member shall not be a director, officer, employee, stockholder, or agent of a System institution.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title II, §2.11, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1635; amended Pub. L. 102-237, title V, §502(d), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1868.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2092, Pub. L. 92-181, title II, §2.11, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 598, related to board of directors, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-233, §401.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-237 substituted “stockholder, or agent” for “or stockholder”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1622, provided that this section is effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988.

§ 2093. General corporate powers

Each Federal land bank association shall be a body corporate and, subject to supervision of the Farm Credit Bank for the district and the regulation of the Farm Credit Administration, shall have the power to—

- (1) adopt and use a corporate seal;
- (2) have succession until dissolved under the provisions of this chapter or other Act of Congress;
- (3) make contracts;
- (4) sue and be sued;
- (5) acquire, hold, dispose, and otherwise exercise all of the usual incidents of ownership of real estate and personal property necessary or convenient to the business of the association;
- (6) operate under the direction of the board of directors of the association in accordance with this chapter;
- (7) provide by its board of directors for a manager or other chief executive officer, and provide for such other officers or employees as may be necessary, including joint employees as provided in this chapter, define the duties of such, and require surety bonds or make other provision against losses occasioned by employees, except that no director shall, within one year after the date when such director ceases to be a member of the board, serve as a salaried employee of the association on the board of which such director served;
- (8) prescribe, by its board of directors, its bylaws that shall be consistent with law, and that shall provide for—
 - (A) the classes of its stock and the manner in which such stock shall be issued, transferred, and retired; and
 - (B) the manner in which it is to—
 - (i) select officers and employees;

- (ii) acquire, hold, and transfer property;
- (iii) conduct general business; and
- (iv) exercise and enjoy the privileges granted to it by law;

(9) accept applications for Farm Credit Bank loans and receive from such bank and disburse to the borrowers the proceeds of such loans;

(10) subscribe to stock of the Farm Credit Bank of the district;

(11) elect by its board of directors a loan committee with power to elect applicants for membership in the association and recommend loans to the Farm Credit Bank, or with the approval of the Farm Credit Bank, delegate the election of applicants for membership and the approval of loans within specified limits to other committees or to authorized employees of the association;

(12) on agreement with the bank, take such additional actions with respect to applications and loans and perform such functions as are vested by law in the Farm Credit Banks as may be agreed to by the association;

(13) endorse and become liable to the bank on loans it makes to association members;

(14) receive such compensation and deduct such sums from loan proceeds with respect to each loan as may be agreed between the association and the bank and make such other charges for services as may be approved by the bank;

(15) provide technical assistance to members, borrowers, applicants, and other eligible persons and make available to them, at their option, such financial related services appropriate to their operations as it determines, with Farm Credit Bank approval, are feasible, under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration;

(16) borrow money from the bank and, with the approval of such bank, borrow from and issue association notes or other obligations to any commercial bank or other financial institution;

(17) buy and sell obligations of or insured by the United States or any agency thereof or of any banks of the Farm Credit System;

(18) invest association funds in such obligations as may be authorized in regulations of the Farm Credit Administration and approved by the bank and deposit securities and current funds of the association with any member bank of the Federal Reserve System, with the Farm Credit Bank, or with any bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and pay fees therefor and receive interest thereon as may be agreed;

(19) perform such other function delegated to the association by the Farm Credit Bank of the district;

(20) exercise by its board of directors or authorized officers or agents all such incidental powers as may be necessary or expedient in the conduct of its business;

(21) contribute to the capital of the bank; and

(22) operate as an originator and become certified as a certified facility under subchapter VIII.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title II, §2.12, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1635;