

county or municipal affairs generally. At any hearing held pursuant to such notice, at the time and place designated in such notice, adjournment may be made from time to time without the necessity of renewing such notice for such adjourned dates.

18. STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. There is hereby established, in the State Board of Agriculture and the Regents of the University of Maryland, to serve as an agency of the State and to perform the functions conferred upon it in this Act, the State Soil Conservation Committee. The following shall serve as members of the committee: the Director of the Maryland Experiment Station, the Director of the Maryland Extension Service, the Maryland State Forester, the Chairman of the State Board of Agriculture, and the principal administrative officer for Maryland of the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The committee shall adopt a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed, and may perform such acts, hold such public hearings, and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this Act.

B. The Committee may employ an administrative officer and such technical experts and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. The committee may call upon the attorney general of the State for such legal services as it may require. It shall have authority to delegate to its chairman, to one or more of its members, or to one or more agents or employees, such powers and duties as it may deem proper.

C. The committee shall designate its chairman, and may, from time to time change such designation. A member of the committee shall hold office so long as he shall retain the office by virtue of which he shall be serving on the committee. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority in any matter within their duties shall be required for its determination. The chairman and members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but shall be entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties on the committee. The committee shall provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property; shall provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all proceedings and of all resolutions, regulations, and orders issued or adopted; and shall be subject to an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements by the State Auditor.