

shed or subwatershed area, may be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners of the county in which all or a greater part of such land is located, describing the area in such a way as to convey an intelligent idea of its location and boundaries, and its problems of *watershed protection*, flood prevention, *recreation*, *soil conservation*, *drainage*, and/or the conservation, development, *storage*, utilization, and disposal of water, *for all beneficial purposes* and that the public benefit, or the public health, safety or welfare would be promoted by establishing works of improvement for *watershed protection*, flood prevention, *recreation*, *soil conservation*, *drainage*, and/or [of] the conservation, development, *storage*, utilization and disposal of water *for all beneficial purposes* and asking for the establishment of a public watershed association for such purposes. Said petition shall be accompanied by a report from the local soil conservation district or districts lying in whole or in part within the proposed association, which shall show the following:

1. The size and location of the proposed public watershed association.
2. The nature of the problems.
3. The types of treatment believed needed and the benefits anticipated.
4. Whether the proposed public watershed association is practicable and feasible and is generally supported by the landowners in the area.
5. Whether it will promote the public benefit, and be conducive to the public health, safety and welfare.
6. The name of the proposed organization which shall be styled the "..... Public Watershed Association."
7. The number of directors (not less than 3) to serve as the governing body.

The soil conservation district or districts shall file, with the report, maps which shall show a general delineation of the area affected, together with its location in the county or counties indicated.

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The county commissioners shall, at their first meeting after receiving such petition and report, examine them, and if they are found not to be in due form and in accordance with the law they shall be referred back to the petitioners to be corrected and returned to the county commissioners at a subsequent meeting. If the petition and report are found to be in due form and in accordance with the law, the county commissioners shall appoint a day for a public hearing upon the report and petition and shall give not less than ten days' notice of the time and place of the hearing. Such notice shall be published in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in the county or counties in which the lands in the watershed association are located. During this time a copy of the report shall be on file in the office of the clerk of county commissioners, and shall