

landowners or the owners of a majority of the land in a public watershed association established under this subtitle may petition the board of county commissioners of the county in which such association was organized for the dissolution of the association. Such petition must be accompanied by a complete list of the creditors of the association, sworn to by the board of directors.

The board of county commissioners shall thereupon set a date for a public hearing upon the petition, and shall give at least thirty days' notice by written or printed notice mailed to each landowner included in the watershed association and to each creditor, and by notice in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in the county or counties in which such watershed association is located, giving the time, place, and object of such meeting.

Following such public hearing the board of county commissioners may, in their discretion, deny or approve the petition for dissolution. In case of approval, the same notices shall be given as for the hearing on the petition. After payment of all bills, any balance in the county treasury to the credit of the dissolved association shall be distributed to the landowners in proportion to their original assessments.

217.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

~~(A)~~ (B) IN THIS SECTION, "INACTIVE ASSOCIATION" MEANS A PUBLIC WATERSHED ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS HAS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIED WITH THE MAJORITY OF ORDINARY OPERATING PROCEDURES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING:

(1) THE MAINTENANCE OF ONGOING AND CURRENT INFORMATION IN THE WATERSHED FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

(2) ELECTIONS OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD;

(3) AN ANNUAL MEETING OF OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION;

(4) THE SUBMISSION OF AN ANNUAL REPORT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

(5) THE DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL, APPROPRIATE FILING, EXECUTION, OR MAINTENANCE OF A WORK PLAN APPLICABLE TO PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ASSOCIATION; AND

(6) THE SUBMISSION AND REGULAR UPDATING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S EASEMENT RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE APPLICABLE COUNTY.