

ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO

Articles of Association

Amended September 7, 2006

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Article I

Organization

1. These Articles of Association shall regulate and govern the affairs of the association known as the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado herein after known as the “Association” and is organized pursuant to Article XIV, section 18(2) of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S., Chapter 88, Article 2, 1963 as amended. The Association hereby is composed of the Counties:

1. Garfield
2. Mesa
3. Moffat
4. Rio Blanco
5. Routt

and the Municipal Corporations therein.

Membership

2. The Association shall consist of the counties and municipal corporations set forth in paragraph #1, which shall be entitled to voting representatives to the Board of Directors as set forth in these Articles. The voting representative from each county shall be a member of the Board of County Commissioners from each such county and shall be selected annually as such by the vote of such Board. An alternate shall also be designated to cast the vote for the County in the absence of the voting representative. The municipal corporations which are members hereof, located within each county, shall be entitled to one (1) voting representative as the representative of such municipal corporations located within each county, which representative shall be either,

- a. An elected member of a municipal corporation or board; or
- b. An elected mayor of a municipal corporation
- c. Appointed municipal officials may attend AGNC Board meetings as a voting member when directed to by the municipality.

Such municipal corporation voting representative shall be selected annually as such by majority vote of all such member municipal corporations within each county and, for such purpose only; each such municipal corporation shall be entitled to one vote. An alternate shall also be designated to cast the vote for the member municipal corporations within each county in the absence of the voting representative. Appointed officials may not serve as an officer of the association.

Term

3. The voting representative from each such county of municipal corporation as set forth in paragraph #2 shall serve as such representative on the Board for a minimum period of one (1) year from and after approval of these Articles or until replaced by any such Board of County Commissioners, Council, or Board, or as otherwise provided by law. In the event a vacancy should occur in the office of such representative any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as is provided for the original designation.

Representatives

4. Each member government shall have one representative to the Association.

Vote

5. Representatives shall be entitled to one (1) vote on the Board in the following manner:

Commissioner representative of Garfield County	1 vote
Municipal Corporation representative of Garfield County	1 vote
Commissioner representative of Mesa County	1 vote
Municipal Corporation representative of Mesa County	1 vote
Commissioner representative of Moffat County	1 vote
Municipal Corporation representative of Moffat County	1 vote
Commissioner representative of Rio Blanco County	1 vote
Municipal Corporation representative of Rio Blanco County	1 vote
Commissioner representative of Routt County	1 vote
Municipal Corporation representative of Routt County	<u>1 vote</u>
<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>	10

Article II

Purpose

1. The Association shall promote regional cooperation among local governments and between levels of government for the geographic area comprised of the counties of Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt, hereinafter referred to as the "Region".

Functions

2. The Association shall promote regional cooperation through activities designed to:
 - a. Assist local governments to deal with regional problems;
 - b. Serve as a forum to identify, study, and resolve issues of mutual interest;
 - c. Develop and formalize policies involving state and national legislation and regulations affecting local governments in this region;
 - d. Provide intergovernmental services through such activities as reciprocal furnishing of services, training, mutual aid, and intergovernmental agreements as a means to resolve regional problems;
 - e. Provide the organizational framework to insure effective communication among governmental bodies;
 - f. Serve as a vehicle for the collection, exchange and dissemination of information of regional interest;
 - g. Serve as the voice for local governments on matters of region and mutual concern;
 - h. Encourage local government participation in regional plans and policies of state and federal agencies;
 - i. Provide technical and general assistance to members as directed by the Board.
 - j. Draft, endorse or oppose legislation on behalf of the region based upon policy adopted by the Board.

Powers

The Association shall, for the purpose of fulfilling its purposes and functions, be a body politic and corporate, and, as such an entity, be subject to all rights, duties, and obligations as such may affect the members of such Association whereby its activities are of a regional, area-wide, or multi-governmental nature, and, further, shall constitute the entity to perform those regional or area-wide functions which may be authorized by Federal or State Statute. To effectuate such power, the Association shall:

Constitute the governmental entity for any existing entities that are regional in nature and any new entity, regional in nature, which may be required to be created as a new Board or Commission by State and Federal Statute; and to consummate such purpose, these Articles shall be amended therefore from time to time.

Article III

Officers

1. The Association shall elect three (3) officers, which officers shall be voting representatives of the Board and shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer. Each officer shall be elected from the voting representatives of the Board and in the same manner provided by Article I, paragraph 5 of these Articles.
 - a. Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board, and shall be the chief officer of the Association.
 - b. Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall exercise the functions of the Chairman in the Chairman's absence or incapacity.
 - c. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall exercise the functions of the Vice-Chairman in the absence or incapacity of the Vice-Chairman and shall perform such other duties as may be consistent with his office or as may be required by the Chairman.

NOTE: The Association considers the titles Chairman and Vice-Chairman as gender neutral and interchangeable with the titles chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson.

2. The Association may employ a director and staff and may contract for expert services as the Board, in its discretion, may desire.

Article IV

Meetings

1. The Board shall meet at least once each month when the state legislation is in session and as the Chairman may direct. All such meetings shall be open to the public.

Quorum

2. A quorum shall consist of not less than five (5) voting representatives.

Vote

3. A majority of votes cast at any meeting shall be required to adopt any matter before the Board. All votes shall be cast in person by telephone or by the voting representative or alternate.
- 3a. Legislative policy shall require a unanimous vote of the voting representatives present and voting.

Amendments

4. Changes or amendments of these Articles shall require any combination of five votes, provided, however, all votes shall be cast in person by the voting representative or alternate.

Article V

Committees

1. The Board may establish advisory committees as are necessary and the chairman of the Association shall appoint the membership of these committees.

Article VI

Financial

1. Each year the Executive director shall submit to the Board an estimate of the budget required for the operation of the Association during the ensuing calendar year. Upon approval of such budget, the funds required within the Region shall be apportioned between each Member County and city.
2. The Association is specifically empowered to contract or otherwise participate in and to accept grants, funds, gifts, or services from any federal, state, or local government or its agencies or instrumentality thereof; and from private and civic sources, and to expend funds received there from, under provision as may be required of and agreed to by the Association in connection with any program or purpose for which the Association exists.
3. The Association shall arrange for a systematic and continuous recordation and audit of its financial affairs and transactions and expenditures.

Article VII

Adoption

1. These Articles shall become effective upon their adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and City Councils of each member as set forth in Article I, paragraph 1.
2. These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by vote as set forth in Article IV, paragraph 5, provided at least one week's notice in writing is given to all members setting forth such amendment.

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