Bylaws of the Scott Farmers Market Association

Article One - Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Scott County Farmers’ Market Association. The initial office of the corporation shall be 2845 Baker Hwy Huntsville, Tn. 37756. The Scott County Farmers’ Market will be located at the UT/TSU Extension-Scott County Education Center.

Article Two - Purpose

The association has been organized on a non-profit basis for the following purposes:

1. To provide market capabilities for farmers to promote their products directly to the consumer.
2. To provide high-quality produce to consumers at a reasonable price.
3. To establish and maintain basic operating standards and representation for members.
4. To provide the association with publicity to promote the sale of Tennessee produce.
5. To provide market capabilities for area crafter’s to promote their products directly to the consumer.

Article Three - Membership

1. Membership will be open to any bonafide farmer or crafter, raising or producing fifty percent of his/her product, and who meets all requirements as set forth in these bylaws.
2. The Scott County Farmers’ Market Advisory Committee shall be responsible for accepting new members; however, any bonafide Farmer or Crafter who has been refused membership shall have the right to appeal before the University of Tennessee Extension Office Agriculture Agent.

Article Four - Meetings

1. There shall be at least one membership meeting of the Association held each year, in the first quarter of the calendar year. Thirty days notice will be given to all members prior to the date of the meeting.
2. The scheduling and location of meetings shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at the previous meeting. Special meetings shall be held at the call of three or more members.

Article Five – Advisory Board

1. The government of the association shall be vested in a committee of members known as the advisory board.
2. At the first meeting of the calendar year, advisory members shall be elected. Members will be elected for a 1 year term.
3. The management committee shall meet within a month after the election. Two Thirds members of the shall constitute a quorum. At this meeting a Secretary shall be elected (for one year term) by
write in ballot.

4. The local county extension office shall have three positions on the committee; these positions shall be advisory (non-voting).

5. There shall be a total of 5 members elected to the market advisory board.

**Article Six - Duties of Management Committee**

1. The duties of the management committee shall be to transact all business of the Scott County Farmers’ Market, to establish the policy of said market regarding programs of activities; to prepare a budget for each operating period (space cost and advertising) and recommend daily, monthly or seasonal rental rates per stall.

2. In the event of any vacancy on the management committee, the remaining members shall select any member of the association in good standing to fill the vacancy until the election meeting of the association, when the appointment shall expire and the association shall elect a member to fill the unexpired term.

3. Set rules and regulations of the Scott County Farmers’ Market

**Article Seven - Duties of Officers**

1. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings; send a written notice to the members 20 days prior to each meeting; attend to all correspondence of the association; and perform any duties for the association assigned by the board of directors.

**Article Eight - Market Rules and Operating Guidelines**

The market rules and operating guidelines shall be developed each year by the Scott County Farmers’ Market Advisory Committee and submitted at the association’s annual meeting for approval by the membership. Rules and operating guidelines may be amended, added to or deleted from at any time only by majority vote of the membership.