

CONECUH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
EVERGREEN, ALABAMA

June 12, 1966

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There are approximately 3,500 Negroes in Conecuh County over 21 years of age. Of this number approximately 2,200 are registered voters. We still have between 1300 and 1500 Negroes over 21 who are not registered to vote. Those of us who are registered cannot afford to permit this vast number of potential voters to continue to go unregistered. It should be the concern of each registered voter to assist in getting this number registered to vote.

Operation "500" is a new project set for the third Monday in June and the five extra registration days in July. (July 5,6,7,8,9. Our goal is to get a minimum of 500 Negroes to register during this period.

The Conecuh County Improvement Association will furnish transportation to get to the Registrar's Office.

The same committee who worked in our last Voter Registration Drive will be working in our Operation "500" Drive.

Every registered voter in Conecuh County is asked to assist in this project. The following persons will provide transportation for all persons who wish to register:

Mr. James Pressley	578-2058	or	578-3356
Rev. L. W. McCreary	578-3281		
Mr. Leroy Bradley	578-1396		
Rev. H. E. Likely	578-3759		
Mrs. Annie Brye	578-1415		
Mrs. Julia Drakeford	578-1438		

CONSTITUTION  
of  
CONECUH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known by and do business under the name of Conecuh County Improvement Association.

ARTICLE II

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Objective

The purpose of this organization shall be to bring together in one organization, through duly elected representatives, all qualified voters of Conecuh County, Alabama.

PURPOSES OF ORGANIZATION

1. To encourage its members to exercise all of their rights and accept all of their responsibilities as law abiding citizens.
2. To encourage qualified Negroes to register and vote.
3. To teach, inform and familiarize its members of the qualifications, political background, platforms, and affiliations of candidates in public offices from the local, state and national levels.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE

The Conecuh County Improvement Association believes that the following principles, based on the objects of the organization must be practical if every citizen is to have an opportunity to live a full life, satisfying to himself and useful to his community.

We believe that individual freedom, individual rights, individual responsibility, and individual dignity are indispensable components of a democracy.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Any registered voter interested in the purposes and objects of this association is eligible for membership.

The association reserves the right to deny membership to any applicant if a majority of the membership Committee feels that the applicant is unworthy for membership in the association.

ARTICLE IV

Section I

This association shall meet regularly once each month. (Wednesday after the first Sunday at 7:00 P. M.)

Section 2

Special sessions may be called at any time by the president, or any member of the Executive Committee, who shall have first obtained the written approval or consent of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IV CON'T

### Section 3

One-fourth of the duly elected members of this association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE V

### Section I-Officers

The officers of this association shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Financial Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Chaplain
8. An Executive Committee composed of all elected officers and one member from each precinct

### Section 2

All Officers shall be elected annually by ballot at the December meeting of this association by majority vote, and shall be immediately installed and hold office for one year and or until their successors are elected and installed.

## ARTICLE VI

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### A. PRESIDENT AS PRESIDING OFFICER

- A. Calls the meeting to order at the designated time and, if a quorum is present, proceeds with necessary business.
  1. Preserves order throughout the meeting.
  2. Follows the accepted order of business.
  3. Refers to himself impersonally as "the chair".
  4. May vote when voting is by ballot; in other cases, may cast a vote to create or break a tie.
  5. Signs all orders and vouchers as specified in the bylaws.

#### B. VICE-PRESIDENT

The vice-president, who may be called upon at any time to assume temporarily the place of the president, should make a thorough study of the president's duties and responsibilities and be familiar with the work of the association.

1. Presides at meetings in the absence or inability of the president to serve.
2. Acts as aid to the president.
3. Performs any other specific duties that may be provided for in the bylaws.
4. Represents the president upon request. Assumes the duties of the president in case of his resignation until the position is filled in accordance with the bylaws.

#### C. SECRETARY

1. Records all business transaction at each meeting of the association and of the association and of the executive committee and presents his minutes for approval at the meeting.
2. Counts a rising vote when requested by the presiding officer.
3. Reads the minutes of any previous meeting when called upon to do so.
4. Calls the meeting to order in the absence of the president and vice-president unless the bylaws specify otherwise, and presides until a chairman proterm is elected.
5. Prepares for the use of the presiding officer a statement of the unfinished business to come before each meeting.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS CONT'D

### SECRETARY

6. Has on hand for reference at each meeting a copy of the local bylaws the standing rules, the accepted order of business, the minutes of previous meetings, and a list of all standing committees and such special committees as exist at the time.

### D. ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The assistant secretary shall perform the duties of the secretary in the absence of the secretary.

### E. FINANCIAL SECRETARY

1. The Financial secretary shall keep an accurate record of all money taken in and paid out by the Association.
2. Signs all orders on the treasury jointly with the president and treasurer.

### F. TREASURER

1. Keeps an accurate and detailed account in the treasurer's permanent book, of all money received and paid out.
2. Submits a statement of regular meetings of the Association, including total balance on hand at the beginning of the period covered by the report.
3. Deposits all money in a bank approved by the executive committee of the association, in the name of the Conecuh County Improvement Association.
4. Pays by check all bills authorized by the association in the manner prescribed by the constitution.
5. All checks must be countersigned by the President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer of the Association.

### G. CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall conduct the devotions of the Association and take care of all the religious aspects of the Association.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ONCE MONTHLY. (BEFORE REGULAR MEETINGS).

1. To transact necessary business in the intervals between association meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by the association.
2. To create standing committees
3. To present a report at the regular meetings of the association
4. To appoint an auditor or an auditing committee at least two weeks before the annual meeting to audit the treasurer's accounts
5. To prepare and submit to the association for approval a budget for the fiscal year
6. To approve routine bills within the limits of the budget

The authority of the executive committee is limited to transacting the business assigned to it the bylaws of referred to it by the association. The committee should take care not to act for the association on matters that should be brought before the larger group.

## ARTICLE VII

### Section 1-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this association in all cases to which they are applicable.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Section 1-Amendments Revision

All proposed amendments to the constitution of this association shall be in writing and signed by at least ten per cent of the members, and filed with the President and Secretary of the association at least sixty days (60) prior to the annual meeting for the election of officers, and must be voted favorably by 2/3 or members present and voting.

## Section 2

Any proposed amendment may be modified while under consideration by the association in session, if such modification is germane to the matter contained in the original proposal. Any such amendment may be adopted by a vote of two-third of the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Norton Hurd, Chairman

Rev. E. L. Williams

Rev. H. J. Hawkins

Mr. Robert Floyd

Mr. Garvey L. Gates

## MEETINGS

THE REGULAR MEETINGS COVERS THE FOLLOWING FEATURES IN THE ORDER HERE GIVEN:

1. Call to order
2. Reading and approval of minutes
3. Statement of treasurer
4. Reading of communications
5. Reports and their disposal
  - a. Executive committee
  - b. Standing committees
  - c. Special committees
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Announcements
9. Program
10. Adjournment