

## **Governing Board**

### **Board Attorney**

The Governing Board may enter into an agreement for legal services with a specific attorney or law firm. The Board Attorney will:

1. Serve as counselor to the Board at all regular meetings and at special meetings when requested by the Director or the Board Chairman;
2. Represent the Cooperative in any legal matter as requested by the Board;
3. Provide written opinions on legal questions as requested by the Director or Board Chairman;
4. Approve, prepare, or supervise the preparation of legal documents and instruments and perform such other legal duties as the Board may request; and
5. Be available for telephone consultation.

The Cooperative will only pay for legal services that are provided in accordance with the agreement for legal services or are otherwise authorized by this policy or a majority of the Board.

The Director, his or her designee, or Board Chairman, are authorized to confer with and/or seek the legal advice of the Board Attorney. The Board may authorize a specific member to confer with legal counsel on its behalf.

The Director may authorize the Board Attorney to represent the Cooperative in any legal matter until the Board has an opportunity to consider the matter.

The Board retains the right to consult with or employ other attorneys and to terminate the service of any attorney.

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