

Procedures for Dissolution of a Conservation District

From [Conservation District Law](#) - Wyoming § 11-16-117

1. A petition shall be filed by ten (10) owners and/or occupiers of land lying within the boundaries of the district to the Wyoming Board of Agriculture requesting that the operations of the district be discontinued and the existence of the district terminated. The reasons for termination should be stated on the petition.
2. The Wyoming Board of Agriculture shall hold public meetings and public hearings within the district.
3. Within 60 days after the petition has been received by the Wyoming Board of Agriculture, it shall give the due notice of holding a referendum and it shall supervise the referendum and prepare and issue appropriate regulations governing the referendum.
4. All owners and occupiers (including all urban residents are eligible to vote in the referendum. (Acreage owned is not considered as a determining factor).
5. The Wyoming Board of Agriculture shall then determine whether the continued operation of the district is administratively practical and defensible and therefore approve or disapprove the petition for dissolution. The Board will consider:
 - a. Attitudes of the voters lying within district boundaries
 - b. The number of voters eligible to vote in the referendum who voted
 - c. The proportion of votes cast in favor of the dissolution of the district to the total number of votes cast
 - d. The approximate wealth and income of the owners of land of the district
 - e. The probable expense of carrying on erosion control operations within the district.
 - f. Other economic and social factors as may be relevant.

(Above factors come from [Conservation District Law](#) - Wyoming § 11-16-112

However the Board of Agriculture may not deny the petition if at least a majority of votes cast in the referendum were cast for the dissolution of the district.

6. Upon certification from the Wyoming Board of Agriculture that the continued operation of the district is not administratively practical and feasible, the supervisors shall dispose of all property belonging to the district at public auction and pay over the net proceeds of such sales to the State Treasurer.

7. The District Supervisors shall then file a verified application with the Secretary of State for the dissolution of the district, and shall include with the application the Board of Agriculture certification. The application shall recite that the property of the district has been disposed of and proceeds paid to the State Treasurer and shall set forth a full accounting of such properties and proceeds of the sale. The Secretary of State shall then issue a certificate of dissolution.

8. Any contract entered into by the district shall remain in force and effect for the period provided in such contract and the Wyoming Board of Agriculture shall be substituted for the district or supervisors as part to such contracts.