

Missouri Levee and Drainage Districts

Circuit Court	Levee District	Missouri State Statutes Chapters 245 & 246
	Drainage District	Missouri State Statutes Chapters 242

Members of the Board of Supervisors elected by landowners. Board members must own land in district.

County Commission	Levee District	Missouri State Statutes Chapters 245 & 246
	Drainage District	Missouri State Statutes Chapter 243

Members of the Board of Supervisors appointed by County Commission. Board members must own land in district.

Web for Missouri State Statutes www.moga.mo.gov

Other methods of organization

Single landowner

Not for profit corporation (2 or more landowners)

Local Government Sponsorship (County Commission, City Council, State agency like Department of Corrections etc..)

Landowner Association

NOTES: 1. In 1987 the USACE notified land owners that within 2 years levee rehabilitation funds would no longer be available for levee repairs on private property. To continue to receive USACE Title 84-99 flood damage rehabilitation funds, districts had to be organized and incorporated and must be able to: A) acquire and hold title to levee and drainage easements, B) have the power of eminent domain for rights-of-way easements and temporary easements (borrow areas, etc.), C) have the power to assume indebtedness like bank loan notes and funds from bond issue elections, D) have the power to levy and collect taxes for construction and O&M.

2. In Missouri districts have the power much like those for Cities to operate within as well as outside the boundaries of the district.

3. Only the lands that are flood protected or drained can be taxed (benefitted acres).

4. The tax is a 'use tax' and not a 'real estate tax'.