

**ARTICLE X**  
**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

**SECTION 1. Contracts.** Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the board of trustees may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name and on behalf of the Cooperative, and such authority may be general or confirmed to specific instances.

**SECTION 2. Checks, Drafts, Etc.** Except as otherwise provided by law, or in these bylaws, all checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, and all notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Cooperative shall be signed by such officer, officers, agent or agents of the Cooperative and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the board of trustees.

**SECTION 3. Deposits.** All funds except petty cash shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Cooperative in such bank or banks as the board of trustees may select.

**SECTION 4. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Cooperative shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of each year.