

RESOLUTION 19- 66

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESTATING AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 17-21; MODIFYING THE SUNSET DATE OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RURAL CONCERNS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2003 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners ("the Board") adopted resolution 03-34, establishing the Advisory Committee on Rural Concerns ("Advisory Committee"); and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2005 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 05-71, extending the sunset date of the Advisory Committee from September 30, 2005 to March 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2006 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 06-20, further amending the establishing resolution, and extending the sunset date of the Advisory Committee from March 31, 2006 to September 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2007 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 07-35, extending the sunset date of the Advisory Committee to September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2009 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 09-085, restating and amending the previous resolutions to extend the sunset date of the Advisory Committee to September 30, 2017 and decrease the size of the Advisory Committee by two members; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2011 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 11-16, modifying the membership and qualifications of the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2017 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 17-04 modifying the sunset date, membership and qualifications of the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2017 the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 17-21 further clarifying and modifying the membership and qualifications of the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners wishes to modify the sunset date of the Advisory Committee:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

**Section 1.** The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners hereby re-establishes the Alachua County Committee on Rural Concerns ("Advisory Committee") as a special committee. The sunset date for the Advisory Committee is ~~December 31, 2019~~ December 31, 2025.

**Section 2.** The Advisory Committee shall consist of no more than eleven (11) members appointed

by the Board plus one alternate member as follows:

Four (4) members actively involved in agriculture and/or silviculture,

Three (3) members residing in the unincorporated area outside the Urban Cluster designated in the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan,

One (1) member from the Farm Bureau,

One (1) member from the County Extension Office,

One (1) member from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), and

One (1) member plus one alternate member chosen at large.

The initial members of the Advisory Committee shall be the current members as of the adoption of this resolution. Initial terms shall be staggered so that approximately one-third (1/3) of the appointments expire each year. Following the initial appointments, all appointments shall be for three (3) year terms. Vacancies on the Advisory Committee shall be filled by the Board per the rules and procedures for appointments to advisory boards and committees.

**Section 3.** The responsibilities of the Advisory Committee shall be to:

- A. Establish the importance of our rural, unincorporated agricultural and historic settlements;
- B. Assist in the development and evaluation of policies and programs affecting the rural areas of the County;
- C. Represent the rural areas in the County's various community planning processes and hearings; and
- D. Assist in the recognition and determination of the needs of the County's rural residents and advising the Board accordingly.

**Section 4.** The Advisory Committee shall be guided by the by-laws approved by the Advisory Committee and the Alachua County Commission's Rules of Procedure. The by-laws shall include the following provisions and such other provisions as the Advisory Committee may deem appropriate:

- A. Elections. The Advisory Committee shall annually elect one of its members as Chair, and such other officers as the Advisory Committee deems necessary to meet its needs. The Chair shall preside and conduct meetings of the Advisory Committee in accordance with the most recent edition of Alice Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure. Vacancies in offices shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting following the date the vacancy occurred.
- B. Meetings of the Advisory Committee, or any subcommittee thereof, shall be open to the public and the media and shall be conducted in compliance with the Sunshine Law, Section 286.011, Florida Statutes. The County Manager, or his/her designee, shall produce minutes of the meetings which shall be submitted to the Advisory Committee for approval. The Advisory Committee shall meet initially, as soon as practical, following the adoption of this resolution and shall develop a work plan for

implementing its charge. The Advisory Committee shall schedule regular meetings to assist the Committee in its efforts. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by any three members of the Advisory Committee upon no less than 24 hours written notice to all Advisory Committee members and to the County Manager or his/her designee.


- C. **Agenda.** The Chair shall be responsible for the meeting agenda. The County Manager, or his/her designee, shall serve as staff liaison to the Advisory Committee and shall aid in preparing and distributing the agenda prior to the meeting. The County Manager, or his/her designee, or any member of the Advisory Committee may place an item on the agenda by notifying the Chair through staff prior to the preparation of the agenda.
- D. **Subcommittees.** Subcommittees may be appointed by the Chair, as determined by the Advisory Committee or the Chair.
- E. **Quorum.** A majority of the Advisory Committee's filled positions shall constitute a quorum. Recommendations and decisions of the Advisory Committee must be made by a majority vote of those present and voting.
- F. **Attendance.** The County Manager, or his/her designee, shall attend all meetings of the Advisory Committee, but shall not vote on any matter. The attendance policy for the Advisory Committee shall be in accordance with the attendance policy for boards and committees set forth in the Alachua County Commission's Rules of Procedure.
- G. **Compensation.** Members of the Advisory Committee shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties and responsibilities.
- H. **Reports and Recommendations.** The Advisory Committee shall submit all reports and communications directly to the County Commission Chair with a copy to the County Manager or designee. Any Advisory Council reports required by the Alachua County Commission's Rules of Procedure shall be submitted in accordance with said Rules.

**Section 5.** This resolution repeals and replaces all prior resolutions in conflict with the terms set forth herein.

**Section 6.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2019.

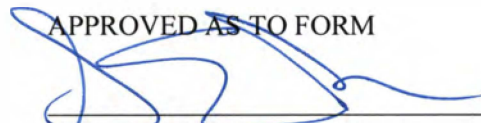
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OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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