

RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 125

A RESOLUTION OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESTRUCTURING THE AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, agricultural operations are a major part of the economy of Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, an important step in fostering agricultural growth in Indian River County is the continuation of an advisory committee to assist the Board of County Commissioners concerning agricultural matters in Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 93-180, the Board of County Commissioners created the Indian River County Agriculture Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. **ESTABLISHMENT.**

The Indian River County Agriculture Advisory Committee is hereby reestablished and restructured. This resolution repeals and replaces Resolution 93-180.

2. **MEMBERSHIP.**

The Agriculture Advisory Committee shall have seven voting members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, with one member from each of the following areas: cattle, citrus, vegetable, irrigation, horticulture, and two associated industries. Members must be residents of Indian River County.

3. **TERM OF OFFICE.**

The term of office for each member shall be two years.

4. **POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The Indian River County Agriculture Advisory Committee shall have the power and duty to:

- a. Consider and study the entire field of agriculture including agricultural economic development with the main focus being agriculture within Indian River County;
- b. Advise the Board of County Commissioners at their request or upon its own initiative regarding the promulgation, administration, and enforcement of all laws, ordinances, and rules relating to

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agriculture;

- c. Consider all matters submitted to it by the Board of County Commissioners; and
- d. Submit proposed legislation, ordinances, and rules to the Board of County Commissioners.

5. **AGRICULTURE.**

For the purpose of this Commission, the term agriculture shall mean:

The science and art of production of plants and animals useful to people, including to a variable extent, the preparation of these products for human use and their disposal by marketing or otherwise and shall include horticulture, floriculture, viticulture, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry, bees, and any and all forms of farm products and farm production.

6. **ADVISORY STATUS.**

The Agriculture Advisory Committee shall be advisory only and the members shall serve without compensation.

7. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

The provisions of Title 1, Chapter 103, relating to advisory boards and commissions shall apply to this Committee. The Committee shall elect from among its voting members a chairman and a vice chairman annually at its first meeting in January, or at its next meeting if no meeting is held in January. A County Commissioner shall serve as a non-voting liaison to the Committee. Each chair and vice chair shall serve for a one-year term and may be reelected but shall be limited to two successive annual terms, at which point they would be ineligible to chair the committee for at least one year.

8. **MEETINGS.**

A meeting may be called at the request of either staff, a liaison commissioner, or the chair of the Committee. The agenda for each meeting shall be established by the chairman in coordination with the liaison and County staff. The chairman, Committee member, or staff may place matters on the agenda. Any Committee member may make an oral or written report on committee activity at a subsequent Board of County Commissioners meeting under its liaison "Commissioner Agenda Matters."

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9. CONSULTANT/VENDOR CONTACT.

The chair or individual Committee members are prohibited from contacting consultants or vendors retained by the County.

The resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Fran B. Adams, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Caroline D. Ginn, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Kenneth R. Macht	Aye
Vice Chairman Caroline D. Ginn	Aye
Commissioner Arthur R. Neuberger	Aye
Commissioner Thomas B. Lowther	Aye
Commissioner Fran B. Adams	Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of October, 2003.

Attest: J. K. Barton, Clerk

By _____
_____, Deputy Clerk

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners

By _____
Kenneth R. Macht, Chairman

Approved for form and legal
sufficiency:

BCC approval date October 21, 2003

William K. DeBaal
Assistant County Attorney