

RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 120

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE CONSERVATION LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, in 1992, the citizens of Indian River County approved a referendum authorizing the sale of bonds to raise up to \$26 million to purchase land to be used for conservation; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the citizens of Indian River County again approved a referendum authorizing the sale of bonds to raise up to \$50 million to purchase conservation lands, historic lands and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, more than 7,500 acres of conservation land has been purchased by the County and through continued use of bond funds and grants from other sources, the County will continue to purchase land to be conserved and protected from development; and

WHEREAS, with the acquisition of this property comes the responsibility to manage the lands to protect the investment made by the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County has a knowledgeable group of professionals and volunteers who could save money by supplying helpful suggestions and advice to the Board concerning management, protection and utilization of the conservation lands;

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

1. ESTABLISHMENT.

The Indian River County Conservation Lands Advisory Committee is hereby established.

2. MEMBERSHIP.

The Conservation Lands Advisory Committee shall have seven voting members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, with one member from each of the following areas:

Environmental Learning Center
Friends of the St. Sebastian River
Indian River Land Trust
Indian River Mosquito Control District
Pelican Island Audubon Society
University of Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory or similar research facility
Eugenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

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Members must be affiliated with one of the above listed agencies or groups and reside in Indian River County. The members shall be nominated and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

3. TERM OF OFFICE.

The term of office for each member shall be two years and they may be reappointed to additional terms with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

4. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Conservation Lands Advisory Committee shall have the power and duty to:

- a. Consider and study the how best to manage, conserve, maintain, utilize, protect and promote the County's Conservation Lands;
- b. Advise the Board of County Commissioners at their request or upon its own initiative regarding existing Conservation Lands;
- c. Consider all matters submitted to it by the Board of County Commissioners and submit proposed legislation, ordinances, and rules to the Board of County Commissioners.
- d. Make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning land management, grant applications or other types of assistance from private and public groups to further the goals of the Committee.
- e. Collaborate, coordinate and cooperate with County staff in order to further the goals and duties of the Committee.

5. ADVISORY STATUS.

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

6. 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.

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7. MEETINGS.

Meetings shall be held in January, April, July and October unless otherwise decided by the Committee. A meeting may be called at the request of the liaison commissioner or the chair of the Committee. The agenda for each meeting shall be established by the chairman in coordination with the liaison. The chairman or any Committee member 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 "Public Discussion Items" or under its liaison "Commissioner Agenda Matters" with the concurrence of the Commissioner.

8. CONSULTANT/VENDOR CONTACT.

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

9. VOTING

If a group or agency is represented at a meeting of this committee by more than one member, only one member may cast a vote on any issue, but both members may participate in discussion.

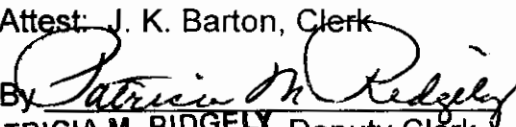
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The resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Neuberger, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wheeler, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

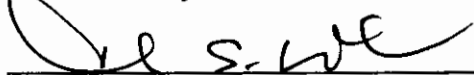
Chairman Thomas S. Lowther	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Chairman Arthur R. Neuberger	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Wesley S. Davis	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Gary C. Wheeler	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Sandra L. Bowden	<u>Aye</u>

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of August, 2005.

Attest: J. K. Barton, Clerk

By 
PATRICIA M. RIDGELY, Deputy Clerk

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners

By 
Thomas S. Lowther, Chairman

Approved for form and legal
sufficiency:


William K. DeBraal
Assistant County Attorney

BCC approval date: August 2, 2005