

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO REAUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE COUNTYWIDE WATER RESOURCES CITIZENS COMMITTEE, WHICH IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND OPERATES AND FUNCTIONS AS A DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1994, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the Board) approved the establishment of a Countywide Water Resources Program that included the creation of a citizens committee; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Countywide Water Resources Program, as indicated in the minutes of the September 27, 1994 Board meeting, is “[a] program, including establishment of a countywide lake management committee, is proposed to recommend means to improve comprehensive planning for the preservation or enhancement of all surface waters in the County. The proposed program will provide a comprehensive and expended framework within which the County’s lakes, lake habitat and related water resources may be more effectively protected, managed, and where necessary, restored. The purpose of the proposed committee would be to evaluate the roles and values of the lakes and related resources in Leon County and define implementable objectives, and recommend to the Board changes in policy, regulation, management activities, and long-term funding strategies that will further the objectives.”; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 1995, the Board approved the structure of the Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 1995, the Board approved an amended structure to the Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee, allowing for individual appointments by each County Commissioner that emphasize the various interest groups, and allowing for non-voting ex-officio members from other agencies and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public involvement and input in County government; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to reauthorize the Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee as it currently operates and functions in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, “Board-Appointed Advisory Committees.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, that:

1. The Board hereby reauthorizes the Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee, an advisory committee, with the purpose of considering the values provided to the public by the various lakes and related water resources of Leon County, including groundwater, and to recommend to the Board policies, regulations, management activities and long-term funding strategies that protect or enhance these values, while considering the various impacts to these resources from accelerated runoff, including flooding and surface and groundwater degradation.

2. The Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee functions and operates as a Decision Making Committee in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, “Board-Appointed Advisory Committees.”

3. The Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of providing input to the Board by making recommendations to the Board in the form of a written report.

4. The Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee shall have seven (7) members to be appointed individually by each Commissioner, with representatives of four interests groups: conservation/environment; legal/planning; real estate/ economic development; and boating/fishing.

5. The terms of the members of the Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee shall be for four (4) years, with staggered initial terms. Initial terms shall be staggered as follows:

- a. Districts 1 and 3, and At-Large 1 shall appoint members with initial terms of three (3) years.
- b. Districts 2 and 4 shall appoint members with initial terms of two (2) years.
- c. District 5 and At-Large 2 shall appoint members with initial terms of one (1) year.

6. After the initial appointments, all terms will be for four (4) years, with no member serving more than three consecutive four-year terms.

7. The members of the Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee shall not be subject to full and public disclosure of financial interests.

8. The Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee shall be assisted by staff from the Department of Planning, Land Management and Community Enhancement.

9. The Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee shall be dissolved only upon direction of the Board.

10. The Countywide Water Resources Citizens Committee shall now be known as the Water Resources Committee henceforth.

11. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon
County, Florida, this ____ day of _____, ____.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Mary Ann Lindley, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court
Leon County, Florida

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Leon County Attorney's Office

BY: _____
Herbert W. A. Thiele, Esq.
County Attorney