

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-2.14

**REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL LANDS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 1221 was approved on February 20, 2024 by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners (Board), which authorized a referendum on the November 5, 2024 ballot on whether to levy a one half-cent government infrastructure sales tax for ten years to be used to acquire environmentally significant lands or perpetual interests in such lands via conservation easements within four designated areas in Martin County.

WHEREAS, such referendum was approved by the voters of Martin County in the November 5, 2024 election, thus authorizing such sales tax and the provisions of Ordinance Number 1221.

WHEREAS, Section 6(1)j. Use of Revenues By the County and Municipalities in the County of Ordinance Number 1221, requires that the Board establish by resolution an Environmental Lands Oversight Committee (ELOC).

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is advisable to not only establish the ELOC, but also set forth certain procedural details for the ELOC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board hereby establishes the Environmental Lands Oversight Committee (ELOC):

Part A. Environmental Lands Oversight Committee (ELOC)

1. POWERS & DUTIES

- a. The ELOC is hereby created pursuant to Section 6(1)j of Martin County Ordinance Number 1221 and shall have the duty and responsibility to provide citizen oversight and conduct and coordinate any necessary studies to determine appropriate lands to acquire from the funding provided by the surtax.
- b. The ELOC shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

2. MEMBERSHIP/COMPOSITION

The ELOC shall consist of nine (9) members who are Martin County registered voters from each of the following categories:

- a. Four (4) members shall be appointed from the following dedicated environmental organizations with mission focused on education, research, preserving, restoring, acquiring and protecting the public's local water quality, the natural environment and to enhance and restore local ecosystems:
 - (1) Martin County Forever

- (2) The Everglades Foundation
- (3) Rivers Coalition
- (4) Audubon of Martin County

b. Three (3) members shall be appointed with one member representing from each of the following:

- (1) An organization with a mission focused on fiscal oversight of government budgets and spending: Martin County Taxpayers Association
- (2) An organization with a mission focused on the real estate industry: Martin County Realtors Association
- (3) An organization with a mission focused on responsible business growth and economic development: Economic Council of Martin County.

c. Two (2) members shall be appointed from the following organizations with a mission focused on educating, promoting and protecting the interests of agricultural farmers and ranchers:

- (1) Martin County Farm Bureau Inc.
- (2) University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Science Extension
Martin County's 4H Youth Development Program

3. MEETINGS

The ELOC shall meet quarterly or more frequently as directed by staff, the ELOC Chair or a majority of the members. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting meetings. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings is grounds for automatic removal from the committee.

4. TERMS

The term of each member shall be determined at the time of their appointment. At the initial appointment to the ELOC, the terms of office of the members shall be for 4 years, except that four of the members first appointed shall be designated to serve terms of 2 years, respectively, from the date of their appointments, and five other members shall be designated to serve for terms of 4 years from the date of their appointments. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. Each member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified.

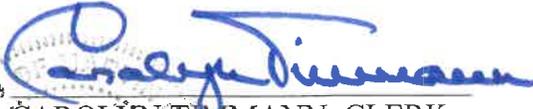
5. SUNSHINE LAW AND PUBLIC RECORDS LAW

Meetings of the ELOC shall be public meetings conducted pursuant to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, (Sunshine Law) including, but not limited to, the creation of minutes of each meeting as well as adherence with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Law).

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA



CAROLYN TIMMANN, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
AND COMPTROLLER



SARAH HEARD, CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



SARAH W. WOODS, COUNTY ATTORNEY