

Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Created pursuant to Resolution No. 15-11.18

Powers & Duties:

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall have the duty and responsibility to advise the Board of County Commissioners in matters affecting agriculture and natural resources throughout the County, as appropriate. Additionally, the Committee shall prepare an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners, including an update on recent trends in local agriculture and natural resources and a summary of the Committee's activities. The responsibilities of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee include annual election of officers, consisting of at least a Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair shall lead all meetings, be the primary spokesperson for the Committee, and be the primary Committee liaison to staff and the public. The Vice Chair shall fulfill the duties of the Chair in the latter's absence.

How Appointed:

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall be comprised of ten member entities, each of which shall appoint a representative and a designated alternate to be confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The membership is as follows:

One representative, each with a designated alternate, from each of the following 10 groups:

- Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association
- Martin County Farm Bureau
- Florida Cattleman's Association, Martin County
- Localecopia
- Port Salerno Commercial Fishing Dock Authority
- FAU Dupuis Center for Environmental Studies
- Audubon of Martin County
- Florida Oceanographic Society
- Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society
- National Estuary Program.

In the event that any of the above groups cease to exist or cannot contribute representatives, the Board of County Commissioners shall make such appointments as it determines to be appropriate. Citizens selected for service on the Advisory Committee should be broad-based representatives of relevant professions (i.e. farmers, nursery growers, landscapers, natural resource professionals), civic groups, and environmental organizations, so as to assist the ongoing development and mission of the Committee in the best interest of the County. Members of the Committee may be removed by the Board of County Commissioners with a simple majority vote. The Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee can recommend removal of its members for any reason, including failure to attend meetings. Failure of a representative or their alternate to attend three consecutive meetings is grounds for automatic removal from the committee.

Terms:

The Committee shall be in existence until this Resolution is repealed. The terms of office shall be staggered where five members of the Committee shall be appointed for a three-year term and four members shall be appointed for a two-year term. Thereafter, terms shall be three-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and for the unexpired term. Members may be reappointed for two consecutive renewal terms. All appointments are made by the Board of County Commissioners.

Meetings:

Meetings of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall be held at least quarterly or more frequently as directed by staff or the Committee Chair, to develop guidance and implement action item priorities concerning agriculture and natural resource issues, with the goal of enhancing and promoting the long-term viability of the County's agriculture and natural resources. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Staff Liaison: Yvette Goodiel, UF IFAS Extension Martin County

Member	Position	Appointed	Term End
John Nelson	Audubon of Martin County	03/08/2016	03/07/2019
Vacant	FAU Dupuis Center for Environmental Studies		
Ricou Hartman	Florida Cattleman's Association, MC	03/08/2016	03/07/2021
Pamela Hopkins	Florida Oceanographic Society	03/08/2016	03/07/2021
Vincent Encomio	Florida Oceanographic Society - ALT	03/08/2016	03/07/2021
Geoffrey Sagrans	Localecopia	03/08/2016	03/07/2019
Joan Bausch	Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society	03/08/2016	03/07/2019
Ellen Broderick	Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society - ALT	03/08/2016	03/07/2019
Ransom Hartman	Martin County Farm Bureau	03/08/2016	03/07/2019
Duane De Freese	National Estuary Program	03/08/2016	03/07/2019
Edward Olsen Jr.	Port Salerno Commercial Fishing Dock Authority	03/08/2016	03/07/2021
Steve English	Port Salerno Commercial Fishing Dock Authority - ALT	03/08/2016	03/07/2021
Debra Joneck	Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association	03/08/2016	03/07/2021