



# INFORMATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES

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## AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Entity You Represent:

- ☐ 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  
☒ Audubon of Martin County  
☐ Florida Oceanographic Society  
☐ Martin County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society  
☐ National Estuary Program
- ☐ If Alternate for ANY check here

Check One: ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr.

Name: John A. Nelson

*Incumbent*

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By dgordon at 10:47 am, Jan 08, 2019

Residence Address: 3300 SW Canoe Creek Terrace, Palm City, FL 34990

Street/City/Zip Code

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(if different)

Street/City/Zip Code

Telephone numbers: daytime: 772-286-3148

alternate: 772-485-8129

alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

~Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: floridaswildoutdoors@gmail.com

Have you ever pled guilty or "no contest" to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. ☐ yes ☒ no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENSE	DATE	PLACE (City, State)	SENTENCE OR FINE

A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered.

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.

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**EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:** A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? ☒ yes ☐ no

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Experience: Owner, Florida Members Mortgage, Inc.

**Other experience** you feel would like the Commission to know about you: \_\_\_\_\_

Producer of "The Audubon Moment", a radio public service announcement series for public radio.

**Community Experience and Affiliations:** President, Audubon of Martin County, I also serve on the board of directors for St. Lucie County Audubon, Assistant Instructor for the Florida Master Naturalist Program.

**Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces** on which you have served: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Committee/Task Force? If yes, please explain: No

**REFERENCES:** Please list two references:

Ken Gioeli, Director of the Florida Master Naturalist Program for St. Lucie County

Beverly Poppke, Treasurer, Audubon of Martin County

- Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true. (Pursuant to Section 92.525 Florida Statutes, falsifying this application is a Third Degree Felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine.)
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

→ Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/7/19

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, January 18, 2019. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221-1352 or send email to [dgordon@martin.fl.us](mailto:dgordon@martin.fl.us).

# **John Nelson**

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## ***Environmental & Volunteer Resume***

### ***Educational Background***

***High School – Rift Valley Academy – Kijabe Kenya, East Africa***

***Seattle Pacific University – Seattle, Washington – 1974 - 1979***

**Bachelor of Science - Sociology/Cultural Anthropology**

***Indian River State College 2011 - 2018***

**Associate of Science - Digital Media Technology**

### ***Professional & Volunteer Experience***

***Producer and Voice of “The Audubon Moment” – 2010 to present***

I am the voice of The Audubon Moment as heard on public radio station WQCS 88.9 FM and 3 other public radio stations in Florida. For the past 8+ years, I have been broadcasting The Audubon Moment as a series of 60 second public service announcements that help listeners to easily identify birds that may be found in their back yard, and their community. To date I have produced over 225 segments for this broadcast.

***Toyota TogetherGreen Audubon Fellow – Class of 2013***

In 2013, I was selected as a Toyota TogetherGreen Audubon Fellow. This designation is bestowed on 40 applicants from across the county. The Toyota Together Green Audubon Fellows program also awarded me a grant of \$10,000 for my continuing work on “The Audubon Moment” public radio broadcast. Applicants were awarded these funds after demonstrating that they were making a clear impact on their community through educational programs and volunteer projects designed to make a difference in their environment and their community.

***President***

***Audubon of Martin County – 2014 to present***

As president of Martin County's only Audubon Chapter, our chapter owns a 5 acre urban nature preserve. We also manage access to 2600 acres of wildlife habitat at Lakeside Ranch STA for the South Florida Water Management District. As the chapter president, I am in charge of setting our yearly agenda, adult membership education, fund raising, and field programs. I also manage a budget of nearly \$90,000 and report directly to the board of directors.

***Florida Master Naturalist – 2012-2013***

***University of Florida Agricultural Extension Program***

I completed 120 hours of instruction on the 3 main eco-systems in Florida. These are coastal, fresh water, and upland forest habitats. The course of the study program included direct field experience and the completion of 3 academic final projects under the supervision of course instructors.

***Assistant Instructor – 2014 to present***

***Florida Master Naturalist Program***

***University of Florida Agricultural Extension Program***

In 2014 I was selected as an Assistant Instructor for the Florida Master Naturalist program. I specialize in teaching students about the birds of Florida as related to the three main eco-systems within our state.

***Instructor/Facilitator – 2015 - 2016***

***Indian River State College, Felden Learning Institute***

For the past 2 years I have taught wildlife photography at the Felden Learning Institute at their Fort Pierce main campus and also at the Chastain campus on Salerno road. Students are taken through 3 evening workshops over a 3 week period to understand the basic elements of creative wildlife and nature photography.

***Wildlife Videographer and Owner of***

***Florida's Wild Outdoors Video Productions – 2008 to present***

As a wildlife videographer, I specialize in producing wildlife and nature videos for educational non-profit organizations such as the Manatee Observation & Education Center in Fort Pierce. I have also had footage used on National Geographic's "World's Deadliest" series, and contributed footage to Florida Audubon's Sea Level Rise Video series.

References Available Upon Request