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RESOLUTION 84-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR BYLAWS TO GUIDE THE OPERATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, hazardous materials present in the community may pose acute and chronic health hazards to individuals who live and work in Alachua County, and who are exposed to such substances as a result of generating, treating, storing, disposing, or releasing hazardous materials; and,

WHEREAS, the risks and potential dangers of hazardous material storage, transportation, handling and disposal within, near or through Alachua County have never been fully addressed; and

WHEREAS, such hazardous materials dangers pose a threat to the communities most important resource, the Floridan aquifer; and,

WHEREAS, the best protective methods will be realized by a thorough gathering of information, a careful examination of facts, a clear assessment of information, a comprehensive statement of the problems, a responsible and realistic plan of solution, and finally, the implementation of a plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to utilize an Environmental Advisory Committee to assist and advise the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Pollution Control in developing an effective Hazardous Materials

Management Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the “County”, hereby establishes the Environmental Advisory Committee hereinafter referred to as the “Advisory Committee”.

Section 2. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members.

Section 3. The County shall annually appoint citizens who have an interest in this area to serve on the Advisory Committee. Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve three (3) year terms of office each; provided, however, that two (2) of the initial appointments shall be for a term of one (1) year, two (2) of the initial appointments shall be for a term of two (2) years, and three (3) of the initial appointments shall be for three (3) year terms.

Section 4. The responsibilities of the County shall be:

4.1 To appoint an Advisory Committee to the Board of County Commissioners.

4.2 To approve Bylaws for effective functioning of the Advisory Committee.

4.3 To review and approve an annual work plan for the Advisory Committee.

Section 5. The responsibilities of the Advisory Committee shall be:

5.1 To elect officers pursuant to this Resolution.

5.2 To adhere to the Bylaws submitted by the Advisory Committee and approved by the County for the operation of the Advisory Committee.

5.3 To establish an annual work program for the Advisory Committee.

5.4 To assist and advise the County in developing a Hazardous Materials

Management Plan.

5.5 To assist the County to identify within Alachua County all hazardous waste generators, the type and quantities of waste generated, current hazardous management practices, and facility needs pursuant to Alachua County Ordinance 83-6.

5.6 To make recommendations to the County relating to safe storage, transportation and handling of hazardous materials within Alachua County.

5.7 To review compliance with the provisions of Section 403.701 et. seq., Florida Statutes the “Florida Resource Recovery and Management Act”, regarding sanitary landfill closings and current landfill practices.

5.8 To advise the County in addressing the impacts that man-made actions pose for our environment.

5.9 To assist the County in promoting a community awareness regarding the County’s development and monitoring of a Hazardous Waste Management Plan for Alachua County.

Section 6. The Advisory Committee shall be guided by such Bylaws as the County may approve. These Bylaws shall include the following provisions and such other provisions as the County may deem appropriate.

6.1 Elections. The Advisory committee shall annually elect one of its members as Chairman, one as Vice-Chairman and one as Secretary. Elections shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting after appointment of the Advisory Committee. The Chairman shall preside and conduct meetings of the Advisory Committee according to the Roberts Rules of Order, Revised. The Vice-Chairman shall act in the absence of the Chairman. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording minutes for all meetings of the Advisory Committee. Vacancies in offices will be filled by election at the next regular meeting following

the date the vacancy occurred.

6.2 Meetings. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, or by any three (3) members of the Advisory Committee (through the Secretary of the Advisory Committee) upon forty-eight (48) hours written notice to all members, and to the Director of the Department of Pollution Control. All meetings shall be open to the public.

6.3 Agenda. The Chairman shall be responsible for the meeting agenda. The County Pollution Control Director shall aid the Chairman in preparing and distributing the agenda, which, except for special meeting, shall be mailed to each member of the Advisory committee at least five (5) days prior to the next meeting date. The County Pollution Control Director and any member of the Advisory Committee may place an item on the agenda by notifying the Chairman prior to the preparation of the agenda.

6.4 Subcommittees. Subcommittees shall be appointed by the Chairman, when necessary, as determined by the Advisory Committee or by the Chairman.

6.5 Quorum. A simple majority of the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum. Recommendations and decisions of the Advisory Committee must be made by a majority vote of those present and voting.

6.6 Attendance. The Director of the Department of Pollution Control, or the designated representative from the Department, shall attend all meetings of the Advisory Committee, but shall not vote on any matter. A member of the Advisory Committee will voluntarily resign membership as soon as it is apparent to him that he will not be able to attend meetings regularly, or upon two (2) consecutive unexcused absences, or upon failure to attend at least sixty percent (60%) of the meetings in a year. The Chairman shall determine excused

