

Alachua County, FL

Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Agricultural Land Conservation Board Appointments

Presenter:

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Description:

Agricultural Land Conservation Board Appointments

Recommended Action:

Appoint 10 members to the Agricultural Land Conservation Board, including:

- 5 full member positions with qualifications including education and experience in agricultural lands management practices or land protection.
 - o 3 with term ending April 30, 2029.
 - o 2 with term ending April 30, 2028.
- 1 alternate position with qualifications including education and experience in agricultural lands management with term ending April 30, 2028.
- 4 Citizen at Large full member positions.
 - 2 with term ending April 30, 2029.
 - o 2 with term ending April 30, 2028.

Prior Board Motions:

On September 10, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) adopted BoCC Resolution 24-81, establishing a process for selecting and acquiring interest in agriculturally significant lands, and creating an Agricultural Land Conservation Board.

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

Alachua County Agricultural Land Conservation Board (ALCB), is a citizen board composed of nine volunteers who shall serve staggered four-year terms. The ALCB provides for citizen input in the protection of agriculturally significant lands through the Alachua County Forever Program by: Reviewing properties nominated for consideration under the Alachua County Forever Program

Agricultural Land Protection Strategy as potential agricultural conservation easements, and recommending properties to the Board of County Commissioners for inclusion on the Active Acquisition List as agricultural conservation easements.

The ALCB will meet monthly, on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at the Alachua County Administration Building, Grace Knight Conference Room. Meetings will begin at 6pm.