

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-217**

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE POLK COUNTY LAKES ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A STANDING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR STAGGERED MEMBERSHIP TERMS; REPEALING POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 08-057; AND PROVIDING FOR OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS**, Polk County is a haven for boating and fishing enthusiast with 554 natural, freshwater lakes, numerous rivers, and flooded phosphate pits; and

**WHEREAS**, Polk County has long been recognized as the “Water Ski Capital of the World” due in large measure to its hundreds of accessible fresh water lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, historically accessible lakes are becoming closed to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners, Polk County, Florida (“Board”), adopted Polk County Resolution No. 08-057, creating the Lakes Access Advisory Committee (“LAAC”) on May 7, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board’s charge to the LAAC was to study how to increase public access to the lakes within Polk County and report findings and recommendations back to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the nature of the LAAC’s charge is complex and the status of access to Polk County’s lakes is ever-changing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Polk County that the LAAC function as a standing committee and continue in its charge on an on-going basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN A REGULAR MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009:**

1. **STANDING COMMITTEE.** The Board hereby creates the Polk County Lakes Access Advisory Committee (“Committee”) to serve as a standing lay committee.
2. **CHARGE.** The Committee is charged with studying how to increase public access to the lakes within Polk County, and report findings and recommendations back to the Board. This will be an on-going process.
3. **MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS.** The membership of the Committee shall consist of ten (10) members appointed by the Board, with each Commissioner appointing two (2) members. All previous appointments to the LAAC are hereby repealed and replaced with the appointments and terms of membership herein. The initial membership of this standing Committee shall be as follows, providing for staggered membership terms:

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	DATE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES:	COMMISSION DISTRICT APPOINTING:
Monte Goodman	November 16, 2010	District 1
Frances H. Howell-Coleman	November 16, 2011	District 1
Danny Brantley	November 16, 2010	District 2
David Hoy	November 16, 2011	District 2
Ronald E. Schelfo	November 16, 2010	District 3
Paul W. Thomas	November 16, 2011	District 3
Charles Tucker	November 16, 2010	District 4
David Hupp	November 16, 2011	District 4
Pat Kelly	November 16, 2010	District 5
Robert Dummett	November 16, 2011	District 5

Thereafter, members shall be appointed to three (3) year terms. Reappointments for additional terms are permitted. In the event of a vacancy the County Commissioner for the District assigned to make the appointment for that member position shall appoint a successor member, subject to approval of the Board, to serve for the period of the unexpired term. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed without cause at any time.

4. **MEETINGS.** The Committee shall meet as necessary to carry out its duties hereunder.
5. **QUORUM.** A quorum shall consist of six (6) members.
6. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON.** The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from amongst its membership annually. Nothing herein shall prevent the Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson from serving successive terms.
7. **SUNSHINE LAW.** Meetings of the Committee are public meetings as defined by Florida Statutes §286.011, are open to the public and are otherwise subject to the "Florida Sunshine Law" and all other applicable laws. Reasonable notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be provided to the public consistent with Florida law and Polk County policy.
8. **REPEAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-057.** Polk County Resolution No. 08-057 is hereby repealed.
9. **AMENDMENT.** This resolution, and all provisions herein, may be amended at the discretion of the Board by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
10. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Board of County Commissioners,  
Polk County, Florida

ATTEST: Richard M. Weiss,  
Clerk

By: B. E. L.

By: Juda L. Wade  
Deputy Clerk

