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A Resolution superseding and replacing Resolution #2013-49 regarding the
Economic Development Advisory Committee,
.Adopted

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPERSEDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2013-49; PROVIDING FOR ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Economic Development Advisory Committee was created by Resolution No. 2010-12; and amended by Resolution No. 2013-49; and

WHEREAS, The Organization and Procedures section and the Duties and Responsibilities Sections need amendments to reflect areas relevant to the effectiveness of the Economic Development Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds adoption of this resolution is in the best interest of the residents of DeSoto County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The DeSoto County Economic Advisory Committee was created by Resolution 2010-12; amended by 2013-49 and is hereby amended and replaced as provided herein.

- (a) *Membership and Appointment.* The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of nine (9) members, not no more than thirteen (13) members, recommended by staff and approved by the Board.
- (b) *Qualifications.* Each member shall be a resident of DeSoto County; shall possess an outstanding reputation for civic pride, integrity, responsibility and business or professional ability; and shall have no current financial interest, direct or indirect, in any of the County's economic development programs or projects. The membership of the Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following: One (1) member appointed by the County Commission, one (1) member appointed by the City Council, one (1) member representing the education sector, one (1) member representing the financial services sector, one (1) member representing agriculture; and the remaining seats shall represent the private business sector
- (c) *Terms.* Members shall serve for two-year terms and may renew for an additional term. They may serve again after waiting at least one term (two years).
- (d) *Vacancies.* The Board shall appoint or re-appoint a member(s) when a vacancy exists.
- (e) *Conflict of Interest.* Chapter 112, Florida Statutes shall be

applicable to the members of the Advisory Committee.

(f) Organization and Procedure. The members of the Advisory Committee shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson and both shall serve a term of two (2) years. The Advisory Committee shall hold regular meetings no less than four (4) times a year, and such other meetings, as it deems necessary. One third shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be public and the Advisory Committee shall maintain written minutes of all proceedings that shall be promptly prepared and recorded. Copies of all minutes and resolutions of the Advisory Committee shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board no later than thirty (30) days subsequent to approval. Any member shall be automatically removed if--in a given calendar year-- (I) he/she is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings ~~or, (II) he/she is absent from more than 50% of all the committee meetings held during a year.~~ A member shall be deemed absent when he/she is not present at the meeting for at least 75% of its duration.

(g) Compensation. Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation.

(h) Duties and Responsibilities. The Advisory Committee shall have the following duties, responsibilities, and functions.

(1) To review, research, analyze and recommend incentives to promote and maximize economic development in DeSoto County.

(2) To periodically advise the Board and County Administrator, regarding ways to promote economic development in DeSoto County.

(3) To assist in educating the community regarding DeSoto County's economic development programs and policies.

(4) To review, analyze and provide a recommendation regarding proposed comprehensive economic development plans and strategies for consideration by the Board.

(5) To suggest revision to existing ordinances, resolutions, and state and federal laws to encourage economic development in DeSoto County.

(6) To review proposed Ordinances that may have an impact on economic development initiatives, as determined by the County Administrator and County Attorney; and to provide comment to the Board prior to Board consideration of such Ordinances; however, this section shall not impede the schedule of the Board of County Commissioners in holding public hearings for the purpose of considering and adopting County Ordinances.

- (f) *Staff.* The County Administrator shall provide necessary staff and resources to the Advisory Committee as may be necessary to accomplish its purpose.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this __ day of ____ 2025