

~~RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ACCEPT OR REJECT THE BOARD'S PROPOSAL WITHIN 45 DAYS.~~

~~(E) AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR A MINIMUM OF EIGHT YEARS. MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT WHO HAVE NOT SOLD ANY THEIR DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OPTIONS MAY WITHDRAW THEIR LAND BY GIVING THE BOARD A ONE YEAR NOTICE PROVIDING THE PARCEL TO BE WITHDRAWN HAS BEEN IN THE DISTRICT A MINIMUM OF EIGHT YEARS. IN THE EVENT OF WITHDRAWALS FROM AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, THE REMAINING PROPERTY OWNERS MAY RETAIN THE DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF ACREAGE.~~

~~(F) THE BOARD SHALL PROMOTE AN OPEN ENROLLMENT PROGRAM ANNUALLY TO ATTRACT NEW LANDOWNERS TO JOIN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.~~

276.

~~(A) (1) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY AS HAVING THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING A VIABLE LEVEL OF AGRICULTURAL OR FOREST PRODUCTION. THE CRITERIA THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD USE SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:~~

- ~~(I) PRESENT LAND USE~~
- ~~(II) PERCENT OF CROPLAND~~
- ~~(III) SUITABILITY OF THE SOIL~~
- ~~(IV) AMOUNT OF CONTIGUOUS FARM LAND~~

~~(2) THE AREA SPECIFIED IN SECTION 276 (A) (1) SHALL BE CALLED THE "DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL AREA". WOODED PARCELS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL AREA IF THEY LINK TWO OR MORE AGRICULTURAL AREAS.~~

~~(3) THOSE LANDOWNERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL AREA MAY PETITION THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR INCLUSION. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL USE THE CRITERIA ENUMERATED IN SECTION 276 (A) (1) TO REACH THEIR DECISION.~~

~~(4) (3) ANY PERSON WHO OWNS LAND WITHIN A DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL AREA IS NOT REQUIRED TO JOIN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT. THE PROGRAM IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY.~~

277.

~~(A) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL DESIGNATE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY, PREVIOUSLY ZONED R-1, AS A "TRANSFER ZONE" NOT IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.~~