



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 23-00525**

**Agenda Date: 9/12/2023**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Rural Concerns Advisory Committee Appointments**

**Presenter:**

Ken McMurry, Planner, Growth Management, (352) 374-5249

**Description:**

Five residents have submitted applications for appointment to the Rural Concerns Advisory Committee to fill three positions in specific membership categories.

**Recommended Action:**

Appoint one applicant to a term beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 9/30/2026 for the membership category County Extension Office; appoint one applicant to a term beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 9/30/2026 for the membership category Actively Involved in Agriculture and/or Silviculture; and appoint one applicant to a term beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 9/30/2026 for the membership category Residing in the Unincorporated Area Outside the Urban Cluster Designated in the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan.

**Prior Board Motions:**

On June 25, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution 19-66 (attached) extending the sunset date of the Rural Concerns Advisory Committee. The sunset date is now December 31, 2025.

**Fiscal Note:**

N.A.

**Strategic Guide:**

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

**Background:**

The Advisory Committee on Rural Concerns was originally established in April 2003 by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners. The Resolution establishing the Committee states that its responsibilities shall be to: establish the importance of our rural, unincorporated agricultural and historic settlements; assist in the development and evaluation of policies and programs affecting the rural areas of the County; represent the rural areas in the County's various community planning processes and hearings; and assist in the recognition and determination of the needs of the County's rural residents and advise the Board accordingly.

There is one applicant to be considered for an appointment to fill one position in the membership category of County Extension Office for a term beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 9/30/2026; the applicant is Cynthia Sanders. There is one applicant to be considered for an appointment to fill one position in the membership category of Actively Involved in Agriculture and/or Silviculture for a term beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 9/30/2026; the applicant is John Ronnie Nix. There are three applicants to be considered for an appointment to fill one position in the membership category of Residing in the Unincorporated Area Outside the Urban Cluster Designated in the County Comprehensive Plan for a term beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 9/30/2026; the applicants are Jacobi Bedenfield, Lyman Conover, and Janet Hearn.