



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 25-00794**

**Agenda Date: 10/14/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Rural Concerns Advisory Committee Appointments**

**Presenter:**

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

**Description:**

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

**Recommended Action:**

1. Appoint Rodney Clouser to a term beginning 10/14/2025 and ending 09/30/2028 for the membership category of member from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
2. Appoint one applicant to a term beginning 10/14/2025 and ending 09/30/2028 for the membership category of member Actively Involved in Agriculture and/or Silviculture.

**Prior Board Motions:**

On June 25, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners 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:

- A. Establish the importance of our rural, unincorporated agricultural and historic settlements;
- B. Assist in the development and evaluation of policies and programs affecting the rural areas of the County;
- C. Represent the rural areas in the County's various community planning processes and hearings; and
- D. 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 member from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) for a term beginning 10/14/2025 and ending 09/30/2028. The applicant is Rodney Clouser.

There are two applicants to be considered for an appointment to fill one position in the membership category of member Actively Involved in Agriculture and/or Silviculture for a term beginning 10/14/2025 and ending 09/30/2028. The applicants are Sarah Luther and Richard Wilson.