

**ALACHUA COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RURAL CONCERNS MINUTES –
December 17, 2019
Alachua County Extension Office**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean Chance, Rodney Clouser (Vice-Chair), Christopher De Cubellis, Larry Hall, Janet Hearn, Randy Johnson, Cindy Sanders, Ward Scott (Chair), Carolyn M. Smith

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Candace Aho, Winston Rushing

STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Zeichner, Principal Planner, Growth Management
Ken McMurry, Planner, Growth Management
Regina Williams, Planning Assistant, Growth Management

OTHERS PRESENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

The meeting began at 4:07 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Chance made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Smith.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes for 11/19/2019:

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Chance.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

III. Attendance Report:

Chair Scott asked for the attendance status of the Committee members. Mr. McMurry said that all members' attendance was currently in good standing, but that since Mr. Rushing was absent he would need to attend the next scheduled meeting to stay in compliance. He also noted that two members' terms recently ended (Mr. Santarsiero and Mr. Alligood) and one member recently resigned (Ms. Sweat). Mr. Zeichner noted that these former members, and also the previous terms of some current members, continue to be listed on the attendance report due to the report formatting, but eventually will no longer appear.

IV. Chair's Comments:

Chair Scott had several questions about the Charter Review Commission: (1) how did it go from thirteen members in the past to the current twelve members; (2) what parliamentary procedures do they follow; and (3) is the Charter Review Commission Chair breaking the tie vote or voting right along.

He also discussed the history and issues related to single member vs countywide election of County Commissioners and representation of rural areas, in relation to previous and current Charter Review Commissions.

V. Old Business:

- a) Discussion of Alachua County 2020 Charter Review Commission
 - Committee consideration of any requests to the Charter Review Commission

There was discussion including information and questions on various topics by Committee members including potential configurations of single member districts, protocol for the Committee to formally support proposals for single member districts, and process and timeline for including a proposal on the ballot.

- b) Continuation of Committee discussion on 11/19/19 of Update on Rural Agricultural Comprehensive Plan Policies/Clustered Rural Residential Subdivisions

There was discussion and questions on various topics by Committee members including threshold for paving for rural residential subdivisions, forest management, and ownership and responsibility for open space and road maintenance.

VI. Public Comments:

No members of the public were present.

VII. Committee Member Comments:

Committee requested to add continuation of the two Old Business Items (discussion of Charter Review Commission and Rural Agricultural Policies), and discussion of excused absences to next meeting agenda.

Ms. Chance asked if the Committee wanted more information on Sunshine Law issues and the Committee briefly reviewed and discussed various aspects of it.

VIII. Next Meeting – January 21, 2020

IX. Adjourn:

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hall.

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Scott adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Approved January 21, 2020