

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: March 8, 2024

Agenda Number: 11

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Corroborator: N/A

Agenda Title: Appointment of Members to the Citizen Advisory Committee Members of the Habitat Stamp Program

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present a list of individuals that have applied for appointment by the State Game Commission to the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Habitat Stamp Program, as authorized by 19.34.6 NMAC.

2. Background Information

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Habitat Stamp Program (HSP) is authorized to prioritize projects and provide citizen advice to the agencies.

Five of the Nine currently appointed Citizen Advisors have terms that are expiring on March 31, 2024. 19.34.6 NMAC requires that the CAC is composed of members residing within specific New Mexico counties (Districts) or, that they have other specified background qualifications.

Three of the five vacancies must be filled by one of each of the following;

- A resident of Curry, De Baca, Roosevelt, Chaves, Lincoln, Otero, Eddy or Lea county (District 1)
- A resident of San Juan, McKinley, Cibola, Valencia, Sandoval, Los Alamos or Rio Arriba County (District 3)
- A person who manages and operates a farm or ranch that contains at least two species of wildlife on that part which is deeded land requiring licensing prior to legal pursuit under the legal provisions of Section 17-3-2 NMSA 1978. (Farm and Ranch)

Two of the five vacancies have "At Large" representation, and may be filled by any qualified applicant.

The Department is recommending the appointment of the following individuals to be on the Citizen Advisory Committee, each with five-year terms to begin April 1, 2024, and end on March 31, 2029.

Lief Ahlm (At large)

Manuel L'esperance (Farm and Ranch)

Mark Cadwallader (District 1)

Mark Mattaini (District 3)

Ronald Loehman (At Large)

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objectives 1 and 8 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The Department formally requested applications for appointment to be on the Citizen Advisory Committee on November 7, 2023, and accepted applications through December 15, 2023. A total of 44 applications were received.

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion, unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“I move to appoint the individuals recommended by the Department to the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Habitat Stamp Program, pending the results of a criminal background check, for terms to begin April 1, 2024 and end on March 31, 2029”.