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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)

TO:	Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	December 4, 2012
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution to appoint one Board member and reappoint three Board members to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Resolution No. R-1025-12

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Lynda Bell and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

RAC/smm

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 4, 2012

To: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Appointment and Re-appointment of Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Members

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) take the following actions for appointment and reappointment of Agricultural Practices Advisory Board members:

A. Appoint William H. Losner to represent the Tropical Fruit Crop Industry (Seat No. 1) as recommended by the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee; and
B. Reappoint Diego Rodriguez to represent the Tropical Fruit Crop Industry (Seat No. 2) as recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.; and
C. Reappoint Sam S. Accursio to represent the Vegetable Industry (Seat No. 1) as recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau; and
D. Reappoint Martin R. Motes, Ph.D., to represent the Redland Citizens Association as recommended by the Redland Citizens Association, Inc.

Scope

The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board has a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

Mark Woerner, Assistant Director in the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER), oversees staff support of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Background

The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board consists of thirteen members representing a variety of agricultural industries. Section 2-935, Code of Miami-Dade County, requires that the BCC fill vacancies occurring on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. By Code, each nominating organization must submit for BCC review a minimum of one nominee for their vacant position(s), the nominee's resume and the minutes of the organization's meeting at which the nominee was selected. The required documentation for each of the following nominees is attached.

- Fruit Crop Industry Representative Seat No. 1
  The Florida Avocado Administrative Committee provided a first choice nomination and second choice nomination for the Fruit Crop Industry Seat No. 1. Mr. William Losner was nominated by the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee as their first choice nominee for this appointment. Mr. Losner currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Dade County Farm Bureau. Mr. Losner previously served on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board from 1994 to 1996 and from 2001 to 2008, having served as Vice-Chair of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board from 2004 to 2006. Mr. Losner has several years of experience in the banking industry as well as several years of community service in Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Gary Dufek was nominated by the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee as their second choice nominee for this appointment. Mr. Dufek is the current Florida Avocado Administrative Committee representative to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and his term will expire on December 31, 2012. Mr. Dufek has served as a member of the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Council, Community Council 14, has experience as a realtor, a zoning and tax consultant, and as a property manager and farmer.

- Fruit Crop Industry Representative Seat No. 2
  Mr. Diego Rodriguez was nominated by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc. to serve a second term on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. Mr. Rodriguez is a third generation shade tobacco farmer. He received his undergraduate degree in agronomy, owns a pine tree farm in Gadsden County, FL, and currently has approximately 600 acres of avocados, mangos, mamey and papaya which his company packs and sells from Florida City.

- Vegetable Industry Representative Seat No. 1
  Mr. Sam Accursio is currently one of two vegetable industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has been nominated by the Dade County Farm Bureau to a second term. Mr. Accursio is the owner and operator of Sam S. Accursio and Sons Farms, a vegetable farm which produces squash, beans and pickles. Mr. Accursio has served on the Board of Directors of the Dade County Farm Bureau, and has been a member of the Miami-Dade County Cooperative Extension Service's Vegetable Advisory Committee, the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, and the Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association.

- Redland Citizens Association Representative
  Dr. Martin Motes was nominated by the Redland Citizens Association to serve a second term on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. Dr. Motes is the founder and owner of Motes Orchids located in The Redland. Dr. Motes has undergraduate and graduate degrees in English, and has several years of experience in horticulture. Dr. Motes has served as an editor, chairman, instructor and international consultant, and has an extensive list of publications primarily regarding Orchids.

The terms for the appointment and re-appointments begin on January 1, 2013 and will expire on December 31, 2016.

Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 4, 2012

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-4-12

RESOLUTION NO. R-1025-12

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE BOARD MEMBER AND REAPPOINT THREE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Sections 2-931 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides for the creation, composition, terms, purpose and duties of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County specifically provides for the designated organizations to recommend at least one nominee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diego Rodriguez completed his first term as the Fruit Crop Industry Representative No. 2 on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for a second term; and

WHEREAS, the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc. has recommended Mr. Diego Rodriguez to a second term as the Fruit Crop Industry Representative No. 2 on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin R. Motes, Ph.D. completed his first term as the Redland Citizens Association Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for a second term; and

WHEREAS, the Redland Citizens Association, Inc. has recommended Mr. Martin R. Motes, Ph.D. to a second term as the Redland Citizens Association Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sam S. Accursio completed his first term as the Vegetable Industry Representative No. 1 on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for a second term; and

WHEREAS, the Dade County Farm Bureau has recommended Mr. Sam S. Accursio to a second term as the Vegetable Industry Representative No. 1 on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee has recommended Mr. William H. Losner as their first choice nominee and Mr. Gary J. Dufek as their second choice nominee to serve as the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry Representative No. 1 on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that with respect to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, Mr. Diego Rodriguez is hereby reappointed for a second term to the Fruit Crop Industry Representative No. 2 seat; Mr. Martin R. Motes, Ph.D. is hereby reappointed for a second term to the Redland Citizens Association Representative seat; Mr. Sam Accursio is hereby reappointed for a second term to the Vegetable Industry Representative No. 1 seat; and Mr. William Losner is hereby appointed to the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry Representative No. 1 seat. Each individual listed above is hereby appointed to serve one four-year term beginning on January 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2016.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman			**aye**
Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Lynda Bell	**absent**
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	**aye**	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	**aye**
Sally A. Heyman	**aye**	Barbara J. Jordan	**absent**
Jean Monestime	**aye**	Dennis C. Moss	**aye**
Rebeca Sosa	**aye**	Sen. Javier D. Souto	**absent**
Xavier L. Suarez	**absent**	Juan C. Zapata	**aye**

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: ***Christopher Agrippa***
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

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METRO JUSTICE PLANNING SECT

September 4, 2012

Mr. Mark Woerner, AICP
Assistant Director
Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Planning Division
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1250
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mr. Woerner:

The Board of Directors of the Dade County Farm Bureau voted on September 4, 2012 and approved the recommendation of Mr. Sam Accursio be reappointed to another four year term on the Agricultural Practices Board.

You will find the résumés of Sam Accursio and the minutes from the September 4, 2012 board meeting enclosed.

Please contact me at (305) 246-5514 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George Butler, President
Dade County Farm Bureau

Enclosures: Minutes of September 4, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting
Sam Accursio Résumé

Dade County Farm Bureau Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 4, 2012

Directors Present: Gary Bird, Teena Borek, George Butler, Angela DelliVeneri, Larry Dunagan, Bob Epling, Jerry Frye, Steve Greer, David Hank, Steve Hoveland, Bill Losner, Steve Meeks, Bob McMillan, Robert Moehling, Kelvin Moreno, David Kaplan, Herb Pierson, Tom Rieder, Peter Schnebly, Erik Tietig, and Mark Wilson.

Directors Absent: Ivonne Alexander Robbie Bishop, , Jessica Borek, Lenny Cavallaro, Kern Carpenter, Sal Finocchiaro, Robbie Martens, Phil Marraccini, Alice Pena, Diego Rodriguez and Tommy Vick.

Others Present: Hal Arve, Debbie Brady, Lt. Sheree DiBernardo, Charles LaPradd, Capt. Steve Rasmussen, Jim Pierce and Racey Timmons.

Butler called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

All guests were welcomed.

State Tax Advisory Committee: Jim Pierce met with committee and reported on FB polices, sales tax, Ag taxes. Bob Epling thanked Jim Pierce for his time and efforts serving on the FFB Tax Committee.

Ag Patrol: Capt. Rasmussen reported on the activity of the summer months. He reminded everyone to send in their watch order requests.

County Ag Manager: Charles LaPradd reported on the 2012/2013 County Budget. Agriculture is included in the budget proposal. Storm Water Utility Fee/Exempt for Agriculture/ Ag with residence is not exempt. County Attorney is reviewing. USDR program is still going. Specialty Crop grant of $30,000 is an item added to budget proposal. Community grassroots effort needed if it is to be approved.

Extension Director: Teresa Olyzk, announced that there will be a public hearing on Sept 6, 2012 for public comments. Evaluation after Tropical Storm Isaac, USDA, FSA and County reported no major damage. Workshop for Farm Labor Supervisors will be held at Extension on Sept 11. CEU's will be offered. All pesticide applicators (Landscape) need to be certified by January 1, 2014. Courses will be held at the Extension. Notify FNGLA organization, Green Industry BMP's.

ByLaws Committee: Kelvin Moreno, Chairman gave a power point presentation that was viewed by BOD. EC Committee reviewed the Bylaws draft and ratified the bylaws draft and presented to the BOB. Discussion ensued.

Bill Losner moved that the Bylaws committee's ratifications are adopted as presented. Larry Dunagan seconded. Discussion ensued. Teena Borek discussed (non-voting members). After discussion motion on the floor remained to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

The Bylaws will change the procedure for elections this year. The reason is that with the Bylaws revision all the board members were assigned either a 1 or 2 year term by the drawing of straws, commencing this upcoming year starting with the annual meeting.

Bylaws are ratified by the Board of Directors effective immediately.

Debbie Brady provided the Treasurer's report and Budget 2012/2013 that was approved by Executive Committee and included the board packet. Budget amended to include salary increases for Staff in 2012. Bill Losner moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Budget 2012/2013. David Kaplan seconded. Motion carried.

Debbie Brady and George Butler presented the board with a letter of resignation from Jessica Borek. Mrs. Borek resigned her office of treasurer and board position. Letter attached.

Debbie Brady presented the secretary's report as emailed. Larry Dunagan moved to approve. Motion carried.

Ray Timmons announced that membership quota needs to be 100% by September 30.

Peter Schnebly provided the PAC Committee report. The committee suggestions for contributions were discussed and approved. Report attached. Florida Farm Bureau will be contacted with committee suggestions for contributions for candidates around the state. Report attached.

Tom Reider reported on the Marketing and Public Relations Committee: An article written by Tom was published and posted to our website highlighting South Dade Agriculture. He is working with Florida Trend Magazine on an article to be published in November 2012. South Beach Food & Wine Festival has requested our organization sponsor in the event February 2013. The Women's Committee will assist with the event if the proposal request is accepted. The proposal is for in-kind sponsorship of local produce.

Farm Family of the Year: Nominations from the EC Committee is to honor The Joseph LaRocca Family. Teena Borek moved to accept the nominee. Robert Moehling seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting: After discussion the annual meeting date is set for Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Redland Golf & Country Club.

Florida Farm Bureau sent a packet of information delivered by Bob Richardson on the conversion of Dade County Farm Bureau, LAA to Dade County Farm Bureau, Incorporation.

Bill Losner moved to proceed with the conversion with the assistance of Florida Farm Bureau. Kelvin Moreno seconded. The vote was unanimous and approved. Debbie Brady will contact FFB, Bob Richardson and complete the documentation, by December 1, 2012.

Miami Dade County Ag Practices Board: Dade County Farm Bureau's seat on this board is up for reappointment. Currently Sam Accursio serves and this committee. Mr. Accursio was chosen by the

Board of Directors to be the nominee for our position on this board. Debbie Brady will contact Mr. Mark Woerner, AICP Assistant Director, Miami Dade County with a letter from President George Butler.

Roundtable Discussion:

Bill Losner mentioned that the Incorporation Status with Miami Dade County was under review and if passed an Ad Hoc committee will need to be formed.

Larry Dunagan discussed the ICE Facility is being brought up again in Florida City and he will meet with Mayor Wallace on the issue.

Dunagan moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Brady

Sam S. Accursio

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PROFILE:
Grower of Florida's finest pickles and owner of Sam S. Accursio and Sons Farms

EMPLOYMENT:
Sam S. Accursio and Sons Farms, Inc.- Owner and operator of a vegetable farm in southern Miami-Dade County that produces squash, beans and pickles

LEADERSHIP:
Dade County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Past Director

Miami Dade County Cooperative Extension Service's Vegetable Advisory Committee, Member

Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association, Member

Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association, Member

HOBBIES:
Hunting and fishing

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September 17, 2012

Mark R. Woerner, Director
Dept. of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Planning Division
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Miami, Florida 33128-1902

Dear Mr. Woerner,

This letter is in responding to your request for a Fruit Crop Industry representative for the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. It was the Avocado Administrative Committee decision at their August meeting to select Mr. William Losner as their appointee and Mr. Gary Dufek as their second choice. Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Losner's resume as requested.

If you should need any additional information please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Flinn, Manager

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FLORIDA AVOCADO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
18710 SW 288TH STREET
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030
9:15 AM
(305) 247-0848

The Vice-Chairman, Peter Liefermann, called the meeting to order and requested that the Manager, Mr. Flinn, call the roll. Those present were:

Diego Rodriguez
Handler Member
District I

Claudia Vanessen
Grower Member
District II

Mark Philcox
Alt. Grower Member
District I

Dr. Evans
Public Member
District I

Pal Brooks
Handler Member
District I

Ray Caves
Alt. Grower Member
District I

Bill Losner
Grower Member
District I

Charlie Caves
Handler Member
District I

Peter Leifermann
Handler Member
District

Medora Krome
Alt. Member Grower
District I

Others present were: Lt. DiBernardo, Miami-Dade Ag. Patrol, D. Pybas, Laurel Wilt Coordinator, A. Perpuly, Dr. Crane, TREC, A.Hunsberger, G. Dufek, J. Humble, R. Barrow, J. Ferrer , C. LaPradd, Miami-Dade County Ag Manager, D. Boas, PA,CPA, J. Pollio, S. Swanson, BMP Implementation Team Leader, TREC, A. Flinn, Manager, B. Hass, Bookkeeper, D. Jamieson, USDA, Marketing Specialist.

The Vice-Chairman welcomed the Committee members and guests.

The September monthly minutes was presented for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Krome and seconded by Mr. Losner to accept the minutes as presented. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

The September financial statement was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Losner and seconded by Ms. Krome to accept the September financial statement as presented. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

AG PATROL REPORT

Lt. DiBernardo began the Ag. Patrol report by giving an update on the arrest and recovery statistics for the previous month. Lt. DiBernardo encouraged those present to secure their equipment and to "tag" or "mark" it with a number or symbol to help ID stolen goods. Lt. DiBernardo ended her report by stating that if members of the Committee are unable to reach an Ag Patrol officer to report a theft, to please call "911" to report the crime. She continued that the report would be forwarded to her office and would be followed up on. She stated that because of the way officers in the Ag Patrol unit were scheduled - circumstances kept them from answering every call. After a brief question and answer session, the Ag. Patrol report was completed.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

MANAGER REPORT

The Vice-Chairman requested that the Manager, Mr. Flinn give his report. The Manager began his report by stating that Miami-Dade County had requested that the appointment of Mr. Bill Losner and the alternate, Mr. Gary Dufek, to the Ag Practices Board be recorded in the Avocado Committee monthly minutes for documentation. These persons will attend meetings, not as representatives of the Avocado Committee, and report areas of concern to the avocado industry to the Committee.

Mr. Flinn continued with his report by informing the Committee that he had completed the test for the Choquette variety for maturity and date on 24 oz. fruit for this season with favorable results. He continued that he would repeat the testing next season to add to the data needed to make changes to the maturity schedule. This concluded the **Manager's Report.**

OLD BUSINESS

The Vice-Chairman requested the Manager present the old business from last month's meeting. The Manager reminded the Committee that at the last meeting an issue concerning the packing and shipping of #2 fruit out of the production area would be tabled until this meeting.

The Vice-Chairman opened the floor for further discussion on this matter. The Manager stated that the issues at the last meeting were: 1) if regulations were changed, would the Florida avocado industry be able to compete with off shore fruit; 2) that US Comb fruit sent to markets in the larger cities on the east coast be underpriced because of over shipment of #2 fruit; and, 3) the flooding of markets with #2 fruit impacting sales of Florida avocado in all markets.

Several Committee members voiced their opinions on this issue. The majority of those speaking felt that quality of fruit was the number one issue. They continued that the reputation of the Florida avocado industry had been established over many years and the shipping of #2 fruit lowered that standard. The Committee members also stated that the lower prices of #2 fruit impacted the pricing for all Florida avocados. They felt that shipping US Comb fruit out of the production area would cause all fruit being shipped, whether off shore or domestic, to meet a higher standard.

The Vice-Chairman inquired if the Committee was ready to call the motion. The Committee members stated they were ready to make a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Krome to change the minimum grade from a US #2 to a US Combination for fruit grown in the production area shipped to destinations outside the production area. The minimum grade for fruit shipped to destinations within the production area would continue to be US #2. This change is not intended to be applied to avocados being imported into the United States. The Manager, Mr. Flinn, took a "voice" vote of the Committee members seated for this meeting. The results of the "voice" vote were nine in favor of the motion and one against. The motion passed. This concluded the **Old Business** of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The Vice-Chairman introduced Mr. Stewart Swanson, Team Leader for the Best Management Practices for Water Quality/Quantity, University of Florida, to give his presentation.

Mr. Swanson thanked the Committee for the opportunity to give an overview of the Best Management Practices for the most effective and practical means for maintaining or improving water quality.

He continued that BMP's typically are implemented in combination to prevent, reduce or treat pollutant discharges. This program promotes BMP's for specialty fruit and nut crop operations in Florida. These practiced are designated primarily to protect water quality, but

some of the BMP's will also have water conservation benefits. Mr. Swanson continued that this program is voluntary with no fees for the program.

Mr. Swanson distributed his business card and left several booklets giving detailed information about the BMP's for Florida Specialty Fruit and Nut Crops. For more information, please contact Mr. Swanson at stew@ufl.edu. After a brief question and answer session, Mr. Swanson concluded his presentation.

The Vice-Chairman introduced Mr. David Boas, CPA, and requested he give his report. Mr. Boas stated that he had completed the annual financial audit for the 2011/2012 season on behalf of the Avocado Administrative Committee. Mr. Boas continued that he had followed the standard audit procedures and had also adhered to those standards set by the USDA Yellow Book Audit. Mr. Boas stated that he found the Avocado Committee's financial records to be presented in a concise and organized fashion, and that the checks and cross checks were found to be correct and without error. Mr. Boas commended the staff for their careful and detailed keeping of the records for the Avocado Committee. With no questions of Mr. Boas, his report was concluded. The Vice-Chairman thanked Mr. Boas for his assistance in compiling the annual financial report of the Avocado Committee and his attendance at the meeting. This concluded the **New Business** portion of the agenda.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting of the Avocado Committee was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AVOCADO COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2012** AT THE JOHN D. CAMPBELL AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION BUILDING, 18710 SW 288TH STREET, HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, AT 9:15 AM.

All growers and handlers of Florida avocados are encouraged to participate in the nomination process and seek membership on the Avocado Administration Committee.

RESUME

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PERSONAL

DATE OF BIRTH: June 21, 1938

MARITAL STATUS: Wife: Doylene
Sons: Steve (wife, Lori) and Jeff
Grandchildren: Alex, Lizzie and Max

EDUCATION: Graduated South Dade High School 1956

HOBBIES: Flying and Fishing

EMPLOYMENT (ACTIVE IN BANKING SINCE 1956)

1984 - 2006 **FIRST OF HOMESTEAD, INC.**, a Registered Bank Holding Company
* Chairman of the Board (1989 - 2006)
* President and Director (1984 - 2006)

1980 - Present **1ST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH FLORIDA** (formerly The First National Bank of Homestead)
* Chairman of the Board (1989 - Present)
* President (1980 - 2006)
* Director (1966 - Present)

1967 - 1982 **FLORIDA SHARES, INC.**, a Registered Bank Holding Company
* Vice President & Director (1967 - 1982)

1964 - 1978 **BANK OF CUTLER RIDGE**
* President (1974 - 1978)
* Director (1964 - 1978)

1960 - 1980 **BANK OF PERRINE**
* President (1974 - 1979)
* Director (1963 - 1982)
* Vice Chairman, Board of Directors (1980 - 1982)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2012 - Present Florida Avocado Committee

2007 Director Ex-Officio, Dade County Agri Council

2006 - 2007 Member, Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board

2005 Homestead Air Reserve Base Joint Land Use Study Policy Committee (HARB JLUS)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Continued)

2004	Alternate Member, CSOP
2004	Member, Krome Avenue South CAC
2004 - 2006	Vice-Chair, Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board
2003 - 2006	Past Director, Florida Avocado Administration Committee
2002	Alternate Member, Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team
2002 - 2007	Member, South Miami-Dade Watershed Plan Advisory Committee
2002	Member, Naranja CAA/DHS Community Advisory Committee
2002 - 2003	Alternate Member, Water Resources Advisory Commission
2002	Member, Seminole Theatre Board of Trustees
2001 - 2005	Member, Agricultural and Rural Area Study Citizens' Group
2001 - 2004	Member, Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board
2001 - Present	Member Emeritus, Homestead Rodeo Association
2000 - 2003	Alternate Director, Florida Avocado Administration Committee
2000 - 2001	Member, Redland Area Municipal Advisory Committee
1998 - 2001	Director, Florida Bankers Association G.R.B.
1998 - 2000	Member, Team South Dade
1997 - 2005	Advisory Member, Florida Agricultural Museum Advisory Board
1996 - 2000	Member, Agricultural Advisory Committee to the South Florida Water Management District
1996 - 2000	Councilman, Miami-Dade Community Council – District 14
1996 - 1999	Member, Biscayne National Park Buffer "Land Bank Trust" Working Group
1996 - 1998	Director, Community Bankers of Florida
1996 - 1997	Member, Miami-Dade Community College, Homestead Campus Citizen Advisory Council
1995 - 2001	Member, President's Advisory Board for Florida International University's Homestead Center
1995 - 2000	Member, South Dade Planning Design Work Group

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Continued)

1994 - 2006	Member, Farm Share Advisory Board
1994 - 1996	Member, Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board
1993 - 1997	Member, Florida Agricultural Museum Board of Trustees
1993 - 1996	Member, Industrial Development Authority, Metropolitan Dade County
1990 - 2003	Director, Florida City Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
1990 - 1993	Member, Zoning Appeals Board, Metropolitan Dade County
1990 - 1992	Tropical Research & Education Center Advisory Committee
1990 - 1991	Member, Ag Land Retention Committee
1990 - 1991	Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board
1990 - 1991	Member, Dade County Planning Advisory Board
1990 - 1991	Alternate Member, Homestead General Airport Study Advisory Committee
1990 - 1991	Member, Metro-Dade Budget Reform Committee
1989 - 1991	Member, West Wellfield Policy Advisory Committee
1989 - 1990	Member, Dade County Charter Review Committee
1988 - 2001	Member, Homestead Rodeo Association
1988 - 1990	Member, Dade County Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee
1988 - 1989	Chairman, Homestead Air Force Base Military Affairs Committee
1987 - 1988	Director, James Archer Smith Hospital
1986 - 1991	Director, Vision Council, Inc.
1986 - 1988	Director, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta – Miami Branch
1985	Member, Dade County Agricultural Review Board
1985	Member, Miami Dade Community College Homestead Branch Funding Committee
1984 - 1985	Member, Beacon Council Task Force (Image and Quality of Life)
1983 - Present	Director, Dade County Farm Bureau
1983 - 1991	Director, Florida Avocado Administration Committee
1983 - 1990	Director, Everglades Community Association (Migrant Labor Housing)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Continued)

1983 - 1984	President, Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce
1983 - 1984	President, Rotary Club of Homestead
1981 - 1994	Director, Community Bankers of Florida
1981 - 1991	Director & Vice-President, Dade County Agri Council
1980 - Present	Ex-Officio Member, Military Affairs Committee
1980 - Present	Member, Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce
1978 - Present	Member, Rotary Club of Homestead
1968 - 1973	Dade County Fair Employment & Housing Committee
Early 1960's	Director, Homestead Housing Authority - Farm Labor Housing

OTHER CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS (1960-PRESENT)

Agribusiness Institute of Florida, Inc.
Air Force Association
Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association
Audubon Society
Citizens Against Redland Incorporation, Inc.
Concerned Citizens, Farmers & Nurserymen, Inc
Everglades Protection Society, Inc.
Florida Foliage Association
Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association, Inc
Florida Wildlife Federation
Homestead Center for the Arts
Homestead Community Concerts
National Rifle Association
National Wildlife Federation
1,000 Friends of Florida
Sierra Club
Wilderness Society

AWARDS

2006	Ag Advocacy Award Dade County Farm Bureau
2000	Agriculturist of the Year Award Greater Homestead / Florida City Chamber of Commerce
1999	Martin Luther King Drum Major for Justice Award Miami-Dade Community College

AWARDS (Continued)

1996	Citizen of the Year Award Civitan Club of Homestead
1993	Banker of the Year Community Bankers of Florida
1992	Distinguished Service Award State of Florida - Executive Department
1990	Community Service Award B'nai B'rith
1989	Citizen of the Month (February) Redland District Lions Club
1988	Boss/Associate of the Year American Business Women's Association
1984 - 1985	Outstanding Rotarian of the Year Rotary Club of Homestead
1984 - 1985	Citizen of the Year Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce

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Gary J. Dufek

Objective

To serve another term as a member of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Experience

2010-Present
Miami-Dade Police Citizens Advisory Committee
- Chairman

2009-Present
Agricultural Practices Advisory Board
- Member

2009-Present
Citizens Transportation Advisory Council Miami-Dade County
- Member

2007-2008
Miami-Dade County Community Council #14 Miami-Dade County
- Member

2003–Present *Universe Realty* *Miami, FL*
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

2003 Keyes Realty Miami, FL
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

2000-2003 Century 21 America Kendall, FL
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

1989-2000 Sun Country Realty Homestead, FL
Realtor/Associate
- Agricultural Land Sales in South Dade Area
- Agricultural Land Lease/Rental in South Dade Area

1989 – Present Roystonea Enterprises Miami, FL
Zoning Consultant

- Represent clients before the Miami-Dade County Commission
- Represent clients before Community Councils
- Represent clients before county departments

1978-Present Roystonea Enterprises Miami, FL
Property Tax Consultant

- Analyze Tax Bills for accuracy
- Advise clients possible actions to lower tax bills
- Assist clients with correcting errors on their tax bills.
- Represent clients before the Special Masters for tax reductions

1977-Present Homestead, FL
Land Lord/Property Manager

1971-Present Miami-Dade County
Farmer

- Lychees
- Longans
- Avocados

1966-1989 Eastern Airlines Miami, FL

- Supervisor-Computer Operations
- Senior Computer Operator

1962-1966 United States Air Force Minot, ND
Homestead AFB

- Computer Operator
- Key Punch Operator

1963-1964 Catalytic Construction Company Minot, ND

- Computer Operator
- Key Punch Operator

Education/Training

1989 Miami, FL

- Realtor/Associate Training (on-going)
- Department of Elections Clerk Training (on-going)

1966-1967 Eastern Airlines Miami, FL

- Computer Programming

1965-1967 Miami-Dade College Miami, FL

- Computer Programming

1962 USAF Technical School Sheppard AFB, TX

Licenses

1989-Present DBPR Real Estate Sales Associate
1976-Present FDACS Private Pesticide Applicator License

Organizations

2004-Present
Dade County Agri-Council
Dade County Farm Bureau
Metro-Dade Police Citizens Advisory Committee

2001-2004
South Miami-Dade Busway Phase II Citizens Advisory Committee

1998-2002
Krome Avenue Action Plan

1997-Present
Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida

1988-2004
Sierra Club

1988-1992
Homestead Real Estate Board/Chair MLS

1987-1993
Historic Preservation Board

1971-Present
Redland Citizen's Association Miami-Dade County
- President 1986-1989
- Official Spokesperson 1981-1989
- Membership Chairperson 1976-1985

1978-Present Florida Avocado Administrative Committee
1999-Present American Legion
1989-Present Knights of Columbus

TROPICAL FRUIT GROWERS
TFG of SE of South Florida

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING SECT

October 11, 2012

Mark Woerner, AICP
Asst Director for Planning
Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources
111 NW 1 Street, Ste 1210
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mr. Woerner,

The Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc., TFGSF, wishes to recommend Mr. Diego Rodriguez as Ag Practices Board representative for the tropical fruit industry. Diego has held a seat on the Ag Practices Board for one term representing TFGSF and we wish him to continue in this position for another term.

Diego has been involved in agriculture his entire life from his early days on his family tobacco and cattle farms in Cuba, to present day where he farms pine trees in Central Florida, and 600 acres in tropical fruits in Dade County. Diego is actively involved in the entire process of tropical fruit production from the planting and growing, to the packing and selling of his avocados, mangos, mamey, and papaya. His packing operation is located at the Farmers Market in Florida City, FL.

Enclosed are the meeting minutes where TFGSF approved Diego's name for the tropical fruit industry representative position. We ask that you approve Diego's' nomination as soon as possible, so that Miami-Dade's tropical fruit growers will continue to have representation on the Miami-Dade County's Ag Practices Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Louise E. King

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TFGSF Vice President
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Board of Directors Meeting Notes

August 9, 2012

Present
Directors: Harry Miller, Steve Green, Louie Carricarte, Louise King
Advisors: Dr. Jonathan Crane, Sgt. Richard Garcia
Members: Richard Lyons, Dave Romney, David Porter, Diego Rodriguez

This was the first meeting back at the Cooperative Extension building. Our thanks go out to TREC and Jonathan for allowing TFGSF to hold its monthly meetings at the TREC location for these last few years.

New Business

Ag Patrol report

Sgt. Garcia reported that the Ag Patrol unit received 120 calls in July compared. Twenty four of those calls resulted in arrest, ten of which were felonies – mostly trespassing, two individuals for battery. There have been a lot of thefts of mango, many at the Lyons grove. Dr. Lyons has a perimeter alarm system and this has resulted in the increase of these cases. Several growers asked for more information on these alarm systems, and the Sgt. said he would send us information. (This system is from Elite Security Alarms at 1-888-809-5266).
They are finding a new pattern of theft of Kubota tractors and side-by-sides; eight vehicles in two weeks. This pattern has been seen elsewhere in the state.
Sgt. Garcia informed us that the Florida Division of Forestry has removed the power of arrest from Metro Dade PD for burning. Now all enforcement of burn piles and permitting will be enforced by Div of Forestry. There has been a lot of abuse of burn piles to avoid tipping fees.

Commercial Growers Forum

Harry thanked Jonathan for coming out to his grove to address the problem he has been having with the Sri Lanka beetle. This beetle is a big problem in Palm Beach County land is mostly found in the marl soils of Dade County. Hosts are mango, lychee, longan, citrus and others. Use Biovector (a beneficial nematode) to control the larval stage.
There was a discussion on the effects on plants of various pests.

Growers should be careful when applying oil sprays in high heat due to the chance of burning leaves.
Steve has used Neem oil on his organic farm to effectively treat bark scale.

Secretary report

The July minutes were distributed. No objections. Minutes accepted.

Treasurers Report

The financials were presented. No objections or comments. Accepted.

Avocado, LWD, & Red Bay Ambrosia beetle update

Jonathan reports that they have identified 27 finds of Laurel Wilt disease and possibly more on adjacent trees. This is among 6-7 groves.
Jonathan advises when scouting your trees to:

1. Recognize symptoms (wilted, or dead leaves)
2. Look for beetle holes in trunk and on branches
3. Take samples and have identified

There are three fungicides that will control the disease. USDA and TREC have duplicated avocado trees in the plant collections n and are sending them to Hawaii.

Researchers are continuing to look for effective ways to control this pest and disease. They are looking at:

- stickers that will prolong the life of the insecticides
- repellents
- trap and kill systems

They have found nothing yet to attract the specific beetle. They are investigating new barriers such as white wash and stickers.

Jonathan again stresses that early detection and suppression are the best methods to deal with this pests and disease. Keep trees healthy, as unhealthy trees attract other ambrosia beetles. There is evidence that other ambrosia beetles may also carry the disease.

Ag Manager Repot

Charles could not attend the meeting. He ask Louise to report the following for him"

1. Remind growers that voting is August 14, 2012
2. There will be a Mayors meeting on August 23.
3. The FSA is reviewing the NAP claims from the loss of fruit due to the warm winter. The State office is auditing the Florida City office.
4. There has been money awarded for avocado research through the Specialty Crop grant

Ag Practices

Diego told the group of the Ag Practices discussion on the following topics:

1. Natural Forest Communities – The committee continues to convince the County to tax property owners of lands that are designated as natural Forest Communities are the lowest tax rate possible as the property owners cannot use that land for agriculture.
2. Wetlands – State and Federal regulations exempt agriculture lands from wetlands designation.
3. Potable Water Sources – the Committee is trying to resolve the conflict between County and State regulations regarding testing for *E.coli* to obtain water permits.

Louise told the group she has been contacted by the County that Diego's term on the Ag Practices Board is up in December. She was told that she would be contact by someone from the County with more details to reappoint Diego or to nominate a new person. Louise said in the past the County requires that our minutes reflect the nomination of the representative.

Motion: Harry – move to reappoint Diego as the TFGSF Ag Practices representative.
2nd: Louise
Vote – unanimous
Motion carries.

Louise will take care of the paperwork when it arrives.

Pest Update

Jonathan suggests using insecticidal soaps to control White Flies. Use oils when it is not so hot.

Meetings & conferences

None new to report.

Update on Imported Lychees

Steve said he had received calls from State and Federal officials. Steve restated his concerns:

- Imported lychees are arriving into the US that have been sprayed with sulfites, which is illegal
- They have received reports of brightly colored lychees arriving in California – an indication of treated fruit
- These ports are Long Beach, Oakland, Seattle and Vancouver

The FDA had misunderstood Steve previous call and believed that the problem was of importation of treated fruit coming into Florida, not the West coast of the US. They would alert the USDA inspectors, but also conceded that there are very few inspectors at the posts. They have a list of previous violators.

Diego added that there is funding now to train inspectors at the border in Florida and California.

Last Minute Items

Steve said that since there have been no comments received from the membership of the new bylaws, to let the minutes reflect the bylaws have been accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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Diego Rodriguez
Resume

Resume for Ag Practices Representative
for the tropical fruit industry.

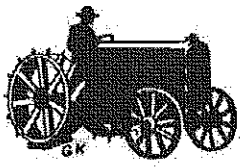
Diego Rodriguez was born in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. His grandfather and father were shade tobacco farmers (cigar wrapper leaf) and cattle ranchers until the Government took possession their properties.

Diego graduated from Cornell University with a major in Agronomy and a minor in Chemistry. He took part in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961.

Once in the United states he grew shade tobacco in Havana, Florida (Gadsden County) for eleven years. He still own a farm there which has been planted entirely to pines. Tobacco farming became completely uneconomical because the intensive labor demand.

Presently, he has approximately 600 acres between avocados, mamey, mango, and papaya. His company is a vertically integrated company from planting thru packing and selling. His packing house is located at The Farmers' Market in Florida City, and he has resided in South Miami since 1973.

Redland Citizens Association, Inc.



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METROPOLITAN PLANNING SECT

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October 10, 2012

Miami-Dade County
Dept of Regulatory & Economic Resources
Planning Division
111 N.W. 1st Street - Suite 1250
Miami, Florida 33128-1902

ATTN: Mark Woerner, AICP

Dear Sir:

This letter is to acknowledge that Dr. Martin Motes has accepted the reappointment to the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, to represent the **Redland Citizens Association.**

Our Association Board & Membership are looking forward to having Dr. Motes represent our organization.

Sincerely,

Maryannette Robinson
Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Directors

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MEETING AGENDA

October 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Pam Gray, Mike Hatcher, Maryannette Robinson, Sid Robinson Louise King, Lloyd Miller, Arlene Samalion, Dewey Steele & Lee Steele - A quorum

Special meeting held at the home of Sid & Maryannette Robinson with 9 members present.

(1) Discussed the out come of Horse County Zoning.

(2) Community Council #14 discussed re-zoning on Morey Street & 194th Avenue Sid Robinson spoke for RCA. Zoning denied

(3) Martin Motes to be reappointed to the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) for another four years representing the Redland Citizens Association (RCA). Motion made by Sid Robinson and seconded by Mike Hatcher for the reappointment. Motion carried .

Meeting Adjourned

Maryannette Robinson
Secretary/Treasurer

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Curriculum Vitae Martin R. Motes

DOB December 23, 1944

Professional

1959 Founded Motes Orchids
1964 AS Miami-Dade Community College - Botany
1966 BA University of Miami - English
1968 MA " " "
1972 PhD Miami University "
1972-76 Assistant Professor of English, Wright State University
1975-76 Senior Fulbright Lecturer, University of Pristina, Kosovo
1977-79 Adjunct Professor, University of Miami
1977-79 " Miami Dade Community College
1977-86 Director of Horticulture, Grant Center Hospital
1984 Certified Master of Horticultural Therapy - National Council on Therapy and Rehabilitation (NCTRH)
1985-86 National System Consultant on Horticulture - Hospital Corporation of America
1982-89 Director, South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS)
1984 News Letter Editor, South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS)
1985 Director of Education, SFOS
1986 Vice President SFOS
1989 Secretary, SFOS
1990-91 Chairman of Judging, SFOS
1992 Consultant on BENLATE claims Fla. Dept of Agriculture
" " " " Mr. Jerry Eckert
" " " " Mr. Chad Whetstone
" " " " Jill Sidran
" " " " Coqui Nursery
1994 Instructor- Introduction to Orchid Growing- Fairchild Tropical Gardens
1995-Present Director, Secretary, Vice President, Redland Professional Orchid Grower
1996-97 Chairman Redland International Orchid Festival
1999 " MIAMI BEACH Orchid Show
1998 Consultant, Palmer Orchids
1999-2001 " Plants in Design, Orchid Nursery
2000 Chairman of Judging Caracas, Venezuela Orchid Show
2000 Consultant on Landscape orchids University of Miami Dept. of Architecture
2000 Instructor- Orchid Short Course- Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Gardens Cayman Is.
2000 " Vanda Culture Course Fairchild Tropical Gardens
2000 " " " " - W. Palm Bch. Cooperative Extension Service
2001 Consultant on Orchids Mr. Jeffery De Mott Ag-Corp

2002 Consultant on Orchid Damage Sharon Garrett's The Habitat
2002 Panel Member Commercial Grower's Forum World Orchid Conference Kuala Lumpur
2002 Chair Orchid Hybridizer's Forum " " " " "
2003 Consultant on Orchid Damage Insurance for Agriculture
2003-Present Consultant Hacienda Loma Linda Orchids
2004- Present Chairman, Tamiami Orchid Festival

1983- Present Accredited Judge, American Orchid Society
1977-Present President Motes Orchids Inc.

Publications

1977 Ecological Landscaping for South Florida - *Fairchild Garden Bulletin*
1978 Landscape Orchids for South Florida " " "
1979 Encyclia Hybrids - *Florida Orchidist*
1980 Presentation to National Conference of National Conference Rehabilitation through Horticulture
1981 'Seeing Red- Renanthera and its Hybrids' - *Florida Orchidist*
1983 ' New Vandas in South Florida' " "
1988 Series of six articles on Vanda - *American Orchid Society Bulletin*
1989 'Influence of Vanda Species on Modern Hybrids' - World Orchid Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
1990 'Vanda Breeding' - Queensland(Australia) Orchid Short Course
1991 Speaker," Influence of Vanda species on Modern Hybrids,' Moderator, Horticultural Sessions, Asian Pacific Orchid Conference, (APOC) Chaingmai, Thailand
1992 New Vanda Breeding - APOC, Townsville, Queensland
1993 New Directions in Vanda Breeding -Australian National Orchid Congress, Darwin, Australia
1994 " The Making of Vanda Motes Goldflake" *Orchids*
1996 "Cultivation of Terete Vandas" "
1996 "New Directions in Vanda Breeding"- World Orchid Conference, Rio de Janeiro
1997 BOOK: *Vandas: their History, Botany and Culture*, Timber Press
1997 "The Sweet Smelling Vanda" *Orchid Digest*
1998 'Low Light, Temperature Tolerant Vandas'- *Orchid Review*
1999 'Vandas for English Growers'- Royal Horticultural Society lecture, London Orchid Show
1999 'New Vandas'- *Orchid Digest*
2000 'Judging Vandas' - American Orchid Society *Awards Quarterly*
2001 Series of six articles 'Breeding with Lesser Known Vandas' - *Orchids*
Featured Speaker "Vanda Breeding in Florida",
Moderator of Hybridist's Forum,
Panel member Commercial Growers Forum,
World Orchid Conference Shah Alam, Malaya
2002 Speaker "Commercial Production Of Vandas in Florida" Univ. of Florida Orchid Growers Short Course
2002 Featured Speaker Southern Louisiana Orchid Society Orchid Short Course and Show
2002 " The Perfect Parents" *Phalaenopsis* (Journal of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance)