Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 3, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(A)

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board:
Replacement of Member

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners select Mr. Eric Tietig to fill the seat for Nursery Industry Representative #1 on the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board (APSAB) as recommended by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA). This seat will have a term of three years, ending December 2010, with the option to reappoint for a second term.

Scope

The Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board has a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

This section regarding vendors does not apply.

Background

The APSAB consists of thirteen members representing a variety of agricultural industries. The term for the member filling the Nursery Industry Representative #1 seat expired on December 31, 2007. Section 2-932, Code of Miami-Dade County, requires that the Board of County Commissioners appoint vacancies occurring on the Agricultural Board. This seat will have a term of three years, and will end December 2010. The new representative will be eligible for a second term.

The nominating organization is required to submit resumes of two qualified individuals to represent them on the APSAB, and is encouraged to recommend the member they wish to have appointed as representative. The FNGLA nominations are Mr. Eric Tietig and Mr. Neal Spencer, with the recommendation that Mr. Eric Tietig be appointed.

Mr. Tietig is Vice President of Pine Island Nursery and is the former president of FNGLA. He has served on various other agricultural boards, such as the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and the Dade County Farm Bureau, as well as on several citizens' advisory boards pertaining to agriculture. Mr. Neal Spencer is the co-owner of Castlerock Nursery/Bayside Tree Farms and has worked in managerial positions for local row crop growers since 1995.

As a matter of disclosure, both these individuals serve on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors, an organization that holds private meetings. Currently four other members of the twenty-seven Farm Bureau Board of Directors serve on the ABSAB. The appointment of another member serving on the same boards could increase the potential risk of a Sunshine Law violation and may also hinder discussions and decisions within the Farm Bureau.

The resumes of these individuals are attached. After reviewing the qualifications of these two nominees and considering the recommendation of the FNGLA, I am recommending Mr. Tietig to fill the vacant nursery industry seat.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 3, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(N)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

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

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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06-03-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Sections 2-931, 2-932 and 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provide for the creation, composition, terms, purpose, and duties of the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board (APSAB); and

WHEREAS, a term on the APSAB has expired for Nursery Industry Representative #1; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-932 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the APSAB are to be filled by the Board of County Commissioners from a slate of nominees selected by the County Manager through a process to be implemented by the Department of Planning and Zoning (DP&Z); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) has submitted résumés for Eric Tietig and Neal Spencer and has recommended Mr. Eric Tietig as Nursery Industry Representative #1; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager identifies the following slate of nominees (résumés attached) to the APSAB: Eric Tietig and Neal Spencer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Eric Tietig, representing the nursery industry, is hereby appointed to the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2010.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner ,

who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of June, 2008. 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:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. CHC

Craig H. Coller

FNGLA

FLORIDA NURSERY, GROWERS and LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

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PLANNING & ZONING
METROPOLITAN PLANNING SEC1

October 16, 2007

Dept. of Planning & Zoning
Attn: Claudia Flores
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 N.W. 1st Street, 12th Floor
Miami, Fl 33128-1902

Dear Ms. Flores,

In response to your department's request for a candidate to succeed Mr. Weeks on the Agricultural Practices Study Advisory Board we offer the County two candidates. The first is Mr. Erik Tietig. He is the vice president of Pine Island Nursery and his resume is attached to this letter. Mr. Tietig also serves on the Board of Directors for the Miami-Dade Chapter Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association as Past President, and he is our preferred choice. Our second candidate is Mr. Neal Spencer of the Bayside Tree Farms, Inc. Mr. Spencer's resume is enclosed.

The meeting minutes of October 9, 2007 have been included with this letter as evidence to our board's decision regarding the nomination of these two candidates. Please make the necessary arrangements for one these two nominees to be presented the Board of County Commissioners for confirmation.

Sincerely,

Sanford Stein, President
Dade Chapter FNGLA

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AGRI COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
JULY 10, 2007

Meeting was called to order by **President Jessica Borek** at Cooperative Extension. **Officers present:** PAT HAUGHTON-JAMES, CAROL DOUGLASS, DIANE MASSUCCI, JONATHAN BORGHI & PHIL MARRACCINI **Directors present:** CARLOS BALERDI, ROBBIE COX, STEVE GREER, IDONIA KESTEL, MARY LAMBERTS , DENNIS LATSON & THERESA SMITH. **ABSENT**: DEBBIE BRADY, MARGI BUSTER, SEAN REEDER, TOM VICK.

MINUTES: Theresa Smith motioned to accept the Minutes as presented to the Board, seconded by Carol Douglass. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Jonathan Borghi reported his recommendations and accomplishments on the CD Accounts. With approval by the Board present the Treasurer's Report was motioned for acceptance by Diane Massucci and seconded by Phil Marraccini. Motion accepted.

THE FAIR: Carol Douglass reported on following items as previously sent to you:

The possibility of more than 1 Tent – Not happening

A new Fruits & Vegetable department – 3 levels (Elem,Middle & Sr. High) With 3 separate check-in dates for each level **2009 Fair**
We need to build a display with a cooler in it

Livestock Auction – Achievement Points contribution
The Livestock will not happen anytime soon Carol is seeking advertising sponsorship for the handbooks and on line. Diane Massucci provided her with names of businesses and other contacts that might help.

Fair/AGRI Council Scholarships – Diane Massucci is handling the Scholarship Program

Ag in the Classroom (2009 Fair)
Landscape Designs- It was motioned by Pat Haughton-James and seconded by Mary Lamberts to sponsor the Landscape Designs $250.00 for the 2009 Fair. It will be discussed in the future, if money allows to increase the amount.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Golf Tournament is scheduled for November 3, 2007. We need to make dinner decisions at our next meeting so Diane can meet with Bruce at Redland Golf. Get your Sponsors!

THE AG TOUR: Diane Massucci secured February 27 as the Date for the Ag Tour.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Diane Massucci, Carol Douglass & Pat Haughton-James were all in attendance for the FNGLA Installation Banquet. Diane Massucci & Carol Douglass also attended the very well represented Ag Teacher breakfast sponsored by Dade Farm Bureau, August 8th at the Farmer's Market.

Larry Caudel and Diane Massucci were nominated for the position as representative on the Ag Practices Committee. It was discussed & approved that Larry Caudle would represent AGRI Council on the Ag Practices Board.

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER. NOW I NEED TO GET BACK IN GEAR FOR THIS YEAR'S AG ACTIVITIES. I'M CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL AG LEARNING YEAR.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for ***Tuesday, AUGUST 14, 2007 12:00 NOON at the Ag Center – 18710 SW 288 Street.***

October 8, 2007

Immigrant Rally
Sandy reported that the rally was successful.

Jose Costa Golf Tournament
Tournament will be held in March with proceeds to SHARE.

Chapter Shirt Sizes
A sheet was passed around requesting sizes for chapter shirts. Kathryn will order them this week.

ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS

Increase Management Fee
Doug made the motion to increase the management fee from $1500 to $2500 June seconded and all approved.

Weather Reporting Service
After discussion it was decided to continue the weather reporting service for this season.

Veterans Day Parade
Lisa made the motion to purchase two new banners for $150 each. They will be used in the Veterans Day Parade. Steve seconded and all approved.

Agri Council Golf Tournament
Steve made the motion to give $300 for a foursome at the Ag Council golf tournament, Keith seconded and all approved.

Appointment to Ag Practices Committee
Jane made the motion to recommend Erik Tietig as Dade FNGLA's representative to the Ag Practice Committee. Neal Spencer was selected as second choice. Doug seconded the motion and all approved.

ITEM #9 ADJOURN
Doug made a motion to adjourn, Steve seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Erik Tietig
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Miami, Fl 33187

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Education:

1994-1998 University of Florida
I graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis on international relations, U.S. government, western European politics, sub-Saharan African politics, and hegemony and culture.

Work Experience:

1995-1998 W.T. Riley Construction Company
Working as a laborer I gained experience in residential and commercial building construction, building materials, and heavy equipment operation.

1998-1999 Law Offices of Edward C. Tietig P.A.
Working as a paralegal I gained experience in constitutional property law with emphasis on government takings, Harris Act claims, and civil rights litigation.

1999-2007 Pine Island Nursery & Tree Farm Inc.
I currently act as the Vice President of the company which specializes in the production of tropical fruit, nut, and spice trees. I have gained experience in plant propagation, pest and disease identification, sales and marketing, and small business operations. The single greatest contribution to the company that I have made is transitioning the business from primarily acting as a grove supplier to a wholesale and retail supplier of fruit trees to the dooryard market.

Trade Associations and Civic Organizations:

2000-2007 Florida Nursery Grower's and Landscape Association

Dade Chapter FNGLA Director	2000-2002
State FNGLA Director and Chapter State Representative	2002-2006
Dade Chapter FNGLA First Vice President	2005-2006
Dade Chapter FNGLA President	2006-2007

2002-2007 Dade County Farm Bureau

Director	2002-2003
Secretary	2003-2004
Treasurer	2004-2005
Director	2005-2007

2004-2007 Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida

Treasurer	2004-2007

2000-2006 Rotary Club of Homestead

Sgt. at Arms	2001-2002
Director	2002-2003
Secretary	2003-2004
Pres. Elect	2004-2005
President	2005-2006
Past President	2006-2007

2002-2006 Miami-Dade County Agriculture and Rural Areas Study
Citizens Advisory Committee- County Commission Appointment

2006-2007 Community Bank of Florida
Executive Advisory Committee- Board of Directors Appointment

2006-2007 UF Tropical Research and Education Center Advisory Committee
Chairman- Center Director Appointment

Awards
2005-2006 Presidential Citation awarded by Rotary International
2006-2007 FNGLA Young Nursery Professional of the Year
2006-2007 Southern Nursery Association Young Nursery Professional of the Year

Neal Spencer

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Homestead, Fl 33030

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E-mail: neal@baysidetreefarms.com

Objective
Ag. Advisory Committee
Miami– Dade County

Qualifications
1.) Worked in managerial positions for local row crop growers from 1995-2000.

2.) Currently co-owner of Bayside Tree Farms. The company operates on 75 acres supplying the ornamental landscaping industry.

Work History
1995-1998– Hilson Farms, Farm manager
Surpervised Sweet corn production

1998-2000– Torbert Farms, Farm foreman
Supervised Pesticide application and Irrigation crew.

2000- present– Castlerock Nursery/Bayside Tree Farms, Co-owner
Grower of ornamental landscape trees and palms.

Education
1991-1995– South Dade Senior High School

References
John Alger, President/Owner, Alger Farms, 305-247-4334

Bobby Shekels, Sales Rep, United Agri Products, 305-245-4588

DADE COUNTY
AGRI COUNCIL INC.

September 10, 2007

To Whom It May Concern'

Larry Caudle and Diane Massucci were nominated for the position as representative on the Ag Practices Committee. It was discussed and approved that Larry Caudle would represent Dade County AGRI Council. Their résumé's are attached.

Sincerely,

Jessica Borek, President

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Herbert Lawrence Caudle III
18951 244 Street
Homestead, FL
Born Jacksonville FL

Work Experience: Started/Owner International Flower Marts 1970 to1977
Raleigh NC

Started/Owner Brasilian Grafted Cactus Inc. 1972 to 1986

Cattle Farmer and Grove /Farmer 1978 to present

S&M Farm Supply-18 years Ag salesman 1980 to 1998

Agriliance - 10 years Ag sales 1998 to present

Education: Saint Andrews Prep Boca Raton FL 1964 / 1967
University of Miami 1967 /1968
North Carolina State University 1968 / 1970

Community Service: Chairman, Dade County School Citizens Advisory
Redland School PTA, Past President and Board Member
Soccer coach AYSO

Personal: Married, Melissa Perkins Caudle 31 yrs, 3 children (1 Nurseryman 1 Army MP and 1 farmer)
Fluent in English, Portuguese, Spanish

Diane G. Massucci
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Homestead, Florida 33033
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Employment: Dade County AGRI Council Secretary
1996 to present
Responsibilities: Monthly Board Meetings; Prepare & record Minutes, contact Board by Email and phone
Membership: Keep current membership lists; Coordinate membership drive
Annual BBQ: Reserve site; secure entertainment; procure food & beverage; coordinate volunteers; arrange door prizes, donations & silent auction items
Ag Tour: Generate invitation list; coordinate produce & sponsorship donations; reserve bus transportation, stops and luncheon location; arrange awards for Ag Pioneers; coordinate volunteers
Miami-Dade County Fair Booth: Interface with The Face on set up; coordinate volunteers for 18 days; secure donations & pick up of produce; manage Country Store with staffing, supplies opening & closing procedure

Dade County Fair & Exposition, Exhibits Dept.
1991 – 1996
Responsibilities: Mages over 400 volunteers Superintendents, 15,000 Public & Private School teachers, the Miami-Dade County Parks Department and all Agricultural organizations.
Planned and arranged various functions including, the Annual Hoe-Down, Liaison Breakfast, Scholarship Breakfast, and other Fair meetings and luncheons.
Coordinated all materials and supplies for all departments during The Fair, including all trophies and ribbons.

Marital Status: Married to Don - 11 years
3 children

Volunteer: Ag in the Classroom Program, Avocado Elementary School, South Dade Middle School, Ag Literacy Week, Farm City Week.