

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 3, 2015

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

SUBJECT: Resolution to reappoint board
member Tommy Vick to the
Agricultural Practices Advisory
Board

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



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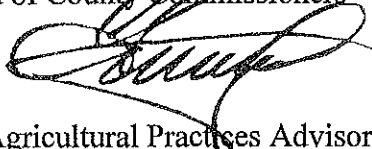
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To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
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From: Carlos A. Giménez
Mayor 

Subject: Re-appointment of Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Member

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) re-appoint Tommy Vick to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board's Vegetable Industry No. 2 Representative position, as recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau.

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, Chief of the Planning Division in the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, monitors the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Background

The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board consists of 13 members representing a variety of agricultural industries. The Board of County Commissioners is required to fill vacancies on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board under Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. Each organization listed in Section 2-933 shall submit for Board review at least one nominee for a vacancy to include the nominee's resume and the minutes of the meeting at which the nominee was selected. That documentation is attached.

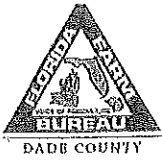
Vegetable Industry No. 2 Representative

The Dade County Farm Bureau recommended the reappointment of Tommy Vick at the November 4, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Vick is the owner of V&B Farms, established in 2009, and is the previous owner of Tom Vick Farms. Mr. Vick began farming as a 4-year old with Vick Farms Palms, and over the years worked for Daigle Farms, Super-Six Farms and Richard Borek Farms prior to owning Tom Vick Farms from 1994 to 2009. He has participated in the Homestead Florida City Chamber of Commerce's "Green Committee" event, the Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show, and the Homestead Centennial Celebration, and has been a member of the Dade County Farm Bureau, Dade County Agri-Council, and Future Farmers of America. Mr. Vick is a 2001 graduate of South Dade Senior High School.

The term for this re-appointment begins January 1, 2015 and ends December 31, 2018.



Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor



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PLANNING DIVISION

October 9, 2014

Mr. Mark R. Woerner, AICP
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Planning Division, Metropolitan Planning Section
111 NW 1 Street, Suite 1250
Miami, FL 33128

SUBJ: Thomas Vick reappointment letter

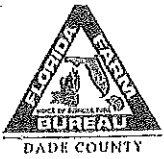
Dear Mark:

The Dade County Farm Bureau would like to recommend Thomas (Tommy) Vick for reappointment to the Ag Practices Advisory Board. Mr. Vick has served on the APAB for the past 3 ½ years and brings a wealth of knowledge of row crop farming to the table.

Please contact our Executive Director, Debbie Brady at (305) 246-5514 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

George Butler
President



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Dade County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m. DCFB Boardroom
November 4, 2014

Directors Present: Ivonne Alexander, Phil Marrassini, Robert Moehling, Thomas Bullis, Jeffrey DeMott, Angela Delliveneri, Larry Dunagan, Bob Epling, Jerry Frye, Steve Greer, Carol Harris, David Hanck, David Kaplan, Dale Machesic, Bob McMillan, Aaron Palmateer, Margie Pikarsky, Tom Rieder, Peter Schnebly, Pedro Sifuentes, Erik Tietlg, and Mark Wilson

Directors Absent: George Butler, Sammy Accursio Jr., Robbie Bishop, Teena Borek, Kern Carpenter, Lenny Cavallaro, Sal Finocchiaro, Steve Hoveland, Bill Losner, Robbie Martens, Steven Meeks, and Diego Rodriguez

Others Present: Debbie Brady, Sonia Colon, Lt. Eddie Aponte, County Ag Manager Charles LaPradd

Vice President Ivonne Alexander called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Ivonne Alexander asked all BOD to update their contacts. She welcomed the new Board of Directors and they all introduced themselves.

Thomas Bullis Jr. of Bullis Bromellads introduced himself. Margie Pikarsky of Bee Heaven Farms introduced herself. Dale Machesic of South Dade News Leader introduced himself. Aaron Palmateer of UF/TREC introduced himself. Pedro Sifuentes of Sifuentes Farms introduced himself.

Eddie Aponte gave a Ag Patrol Report. He went over the October statistics. There were 156 cases for the month. Aponte reported 12 burglaries, some of which included a back-ho was stolen along with an engine from a Lychee grove. Another large item was stolen from Costa farms. There were only 2 thefts for the month, one of which was a flatbed trailer. There were 16 civil cases most of which involved vehicle. There were 17 animal related calls. More than half involved dead horses and other livestock.

Tom MacVicar gave a water report. There was a meeting 3 weeks ago. He met with the Army Corps of Engineers and met with the SFWMD and no one has come up with an alternative solution to the water issues. Tom MacVicar came up with a solution but it was not approved by the Army Corps of Engineers or the SFWMD. The Army Corps of Engineers would not open the s-197. There is a very important meeting coming up November 17th. Everglades National Park has been fairly supportive. The Corps will not open the s-197 because of environmental opposition. MacVicar said by the December board meeting there should be more information as to what will happen.

Charles LaPradd gave a County AG Manager report. The County announced May 15th as "Ag Day." LaPradd discussed Raising Fields as a new effort to raise fields. There is a website called raisingfields.org that LaPradd urges the board to visit to become more informed. Charles LaPradd discussed the farm

Debbie Brady discussed having a new BOD Orientation. She asked the new directors to please send their availability to her and a date will be set via email.

Ivonne Alexander discussed committees. An email will be sent out discussing this.

Alexander announced to members, that as of June 2014 Tom Vick is not serving on the Board, he can still serve on the AG Practices Advisory Board. Larry Dunagan made a motion to allow Tommy Vick to serve on the Ag Practices Board. Phil Marraccini seconded the motion. Motion carried.

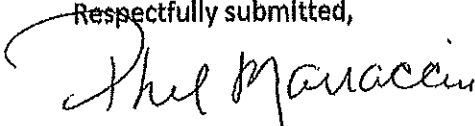
A vote needed to take place to see if the BOD would like to combine the Christmas party with FNGLA. Tom Rieder made a motion to combine the DCFB party with FNGLA. Jerry Frye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Phil Marraccini made an announcement that the Dade AGRI Council will be having a Golf Tournament on Jan. 9th and the Dade AGRI Council Farm Tour will be February 11th.

Charles LaPradd announced that Farm City Week will take place November 20th at the Stephen P. Clark Center. Farm City Week is about bringing the farm to the city dwellers. Robert is Here will set up a Farmer's Market. DCFB Women's Committee will participate.

Ivonne Alexander adjourned the meeting at 1:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Phil Marraccini, Secretary

Tommy Vick, V & B Farms

Education/Certifications

1998-2001 High School Diploma- South Dade Sr. HS
4/17/2012 Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Food Safety Program (V&B Farms, LLC)

Awards/Accomplishments

1998-2001 Member of Future Farmers of America (FFA)
1998-2001 Agriculture Ambassadors for Dade County Fair & Expo
1999-2001 Junior Board Member of Dade County Agri-Counsel
2001-2007 Board Member of Dade County Agri-Counsel
2010 Dade County Farm Bureau Agriculture Advocate Award
2010-present Director of Dade County Farm Bureau
2011-present Dade County Board of County Commissioners Ag Practices Committee Member

Community Involvement

2001 –present Donate time and materials to promote FFA at South Dade Sr. HS
2001 –present Various donations to Not-For-Profit Organizations such as Agape Women’s Center,
Redlands Community Church Pantry & First United Methodist Christian School
2013-February Homestead Centennial Celebration agricultural display
2011- 2013 Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show agricultural display
2013- August Homestead Florida City Chamber Green Committee event “Meet the Grower”

Experience

1987-1996 Vick Farms Palms (4-yrs old) – pulled weeds in the nursery
1994-1996 Daigle farms (potatoes)
1996-2000 Super Six Farms – tractor driver (corn, beans, tomatoes)
2001-2008 Richard Borek Farms – General Manager (corn, beans, tomatoes)
1994-2009 Tom Vick Farms, Owner
2009-present V&B Farms, Owner

Crops Grown

Sweet Corn
Green Beans
Wax Beans
Cranberry Beans
Zucchini squash
Crookneck squash
Straight-neck squash
Sunburst squash
Mango
Palm trees



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(Revised)

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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 Mayor'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

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-3-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT BOARD MEMBER
TOMMY VICK TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES
ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2-931 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provide 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. Tommy Vick completed his first term as the Vegetable Industry Representative 2 on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for reappointment for a second term; and

WHEREAS, the Dade County Farm Bureau has recommended Mr. Tommy Vick to a second term as the Vegetable Industry Representative 2 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 Mr. Tommy Vick is hereby reappointed for a second term to the Vegetable Industry Representative 2 seat of the

Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for one four-year term beginning on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2018.

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:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of February, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.



Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell