

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(3)

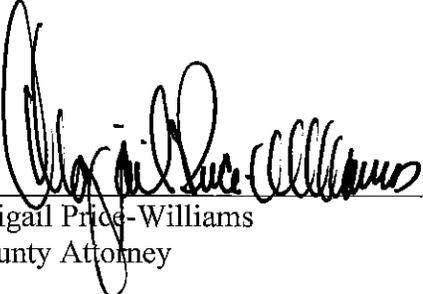
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 6, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution to reappoint
Mr. Sam Accursio, Ms. Ivonne
Alexander, and Mr. William
Losner to the Agricultural
Practices Advisory Board for
terms of four years each

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.

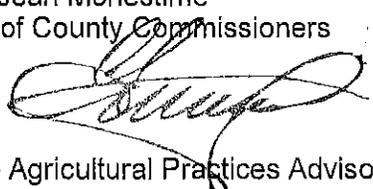


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/lmp

Date: December 6, 2016

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Appointment of Three Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Members

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) re-appoint the following nominees to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board:

- Sam S. Accursio to represent the Vegetable Industry (Seat 1) as recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau;
- Ivonne Alexander to represent the Nursery Industry (Seat 2) as recommended by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association; and
- William H. Losner as the Tropical Fruit Crop Industry (Seat 1) as recommended by the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board have a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

Mark Woerner, Assistant Director for Planning 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. When the term of a board member expires or other vacancy occurs on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, at least one (1) nominee for each vacancy must be submitted to the Board by the appropriate organization in accordance with Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code). The Board then considers the nominee(s) and appoints the successor pursuant to Section 2-935 of the Code.

Three (3) current board members' terms expire on December 31, 2016 and the following nominees were submitted for re-appointment.

- Vegetable Industry Representative (Seat 1 of 2)
Mr. Sam Accursio is currently one (1) of two (2) vegetable industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has been nominated by the Dade County Farm Bureau for reappointment. 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 is currently the Vice Chair of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is also a member of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District. He has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Dade County Farm Bureau and has served on the

Miami-Dade County Cooperative Extension Service's Vegetable Advisory Committee, the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, and the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association. The Dade County Farm Bureau recommended his reappointment to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board at their September 6, 2016 meeting. Mr. Accursio's resume, nomination letter, and the minutes of the meeting at which he was selected are shown in Attachment A.

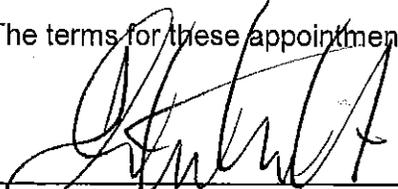
- Nursery Industry Representative (Seat 2 of 2)

Ms. Ivonne Alexander is currently serving as one (1) of two (2) nursery industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has been nominated by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association for reappointment. Ms. Alexander currently serves as the President of the Dade County Farm Bureau and is the co-owner of Happy Days Nursery, Inc. Ms. Alexander has been the Director of the Dade County AgriCouncil and has served on the Dade County Fair and Exposition Association, the Southern Florida Tropical Growers Association, the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association, and the 4-H Foundation. The Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association recommended her reappointment to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board at their September 28, 2016 meeting. Ms. Alexander's resume, nomination letter, and the minutes of the meeting at which she was selected are shown in Attachment B.

- Fruit Crop Industry Representative (Seat 1 of 2)

Mr. Bill Losner is currently serving as one (1) of two (2) fruit crop industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has been nominated by the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee for reappointment. Mr. Losner currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Dade County Farm Bureau. He previously served on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board from 1994 to 1996 and from 2001 to 2008, serving as Vice-Chair 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. The Florida Avocado Administrative Committee recommended his reappointment to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board at their August 10, 2016 meeting. Mr. Losner's resume, nomination letter, and the minutes of the meeting at which he was selected are shown in Attachment C.

The terms for these appointments begin January 1, 2017 and end December 31, 2020.



Jack Osterholt
Deputy Mayor

ATTACHMENT A

Sam C. Accursio, Jr.

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E-Mail: sam@accursiofarms.com

PROFILE:

Grower of South Florida's finest produce including pickles, beans, squash, zucchini, sweet corn and okra; and owner of Sam S. Accursio & Sons Farms, Inc.

EMPLOYMENT:

Sam S. Accursio & Sons Farms, Inc. – Owner and Operator

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

South Florida Water Management District Governing Board, Member

CenterState Bank Advisory Board of Directors, Member

1st National Bank of S. Florida Board of Directors, Former Member

HOBBIES:

Hunting and fishing



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September 6, 2016

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 6, 2016 and approved the recommendation of Mr. Sam Accursio to 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 6, 2016 board meeting enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

Ivonne Alexander, President
Dade County Farm Bureau

Enclosures: Minutes of September 6, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
Sam Accursio Résumé

Dade County Farm Bureau Board of Directors Meeting

Dade County Farm Bureau Board Room

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Directors Present: Ivonne Alexander, Sam Accursio Jr., Jeffrey DeMott, Larry Dunagan, Jerry Frye, David Hanck, Carol Harris, David Kaplan, Bill Losner, Dale Machesic, Bob McMillan, Margie Pikarski, Peter Schnebly, Erik Tietig, and Mark Wilson

Directors Absent: George Butler III, Phil Marraccini, Robert Moehling, Bob Epling, Teena Borek, Thomas Bullis, Kern Carpenter, Lenny Cavallaro, Angela DelliVeneri, Sal Finocchairo, Steve Greer, Steve Hoveland, Peggy Machin, Robbie Martens, Steven Meeks, Aaron Palmateer, Tom Reider, Pedro Sifuentes

Others Present: Hal Arve, Jorge Abreu, Marisol Diaz, Charles LaPradd, Eva Webb, Lt. Garcia

Call to order at 12:10pm

Lt. Garcia: Ag Patrol reported 190 active cases in the month of August, 45 civil violations and 63 arrests. Also reported were 18 burglaries, 5 thefts, 24 animal cases and 27 miscellaneous cases. Ag Patrol is on 24 hour coverage and Lt. Garcia encouraged the board to disseminate the Watch Order form amongst the farmers and suggested they be submitted 2-3 weeks prior to farm activity. Alexander suggested that a copy of the Watch Order continue to circulate on Farm News. Lt. Garcia also reminded the board to advise the farmers to secure everything, install lighting and keep video cameras clean and powered. Lt. Garcia also alerted the board that Ag Patrol would be addressing ATV riders who are ruining fields starting on the 1st of October, and that 3 and 7 gallon pots should be hidden out of view from the roadway, as robberies of those have gone up.

Hal Arve, Agency Manager: Life insurance policy numbers are down, while membership numbers themselves are on the rise. A new receptionist was hired. Alejandro Alfaro, Donna Alfaro's son, was hired as a new adjuster. Donna Alfaro's departure is saving the branch in salary expenses and in health insurance expenses. Schnebly asked Arve about the restrictions on what kinds of policies the company can write, and why he is unable to be insured through Farm Bureau. Arve mentioned the brokerage program the company offers, but conceded that the program can be costly to the company and to the consumer. Wilson mentioned that Florida Farm Bureau Insurance is trying to preserve their current customer base and would prefer to continue to write several more small policies with less risk than fewer bigger policies with a higher risk. Arve also mentioned that crop insurance is down, as well as health policies, meaning that service fees are down.

Secretary's Report: Alexander presented the minutes from our last meeting. Motion was made for the minutes to be approved. Reider first and Schnebly seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Alexander brought the fact that we need to create more revenue to the attention of the board, mentioning that her discussions with the state regarding the service fee agreement were not proving to be successful. Alexander mentioned that we receive the same percentage as all other counties in spite of the costs of living being different in each. She also mentioned that 2016 is proving to have the highest disparity as far as service fee revenue vs. expenditures is concerned. Schnebly mentioned that he is hosting several charity functions at the winery, and suggested the board consider hosting a charity function at the winery. Harris mentioned the Fall Balls and Spring Flings hosted by the Dade County Farm Bureau in the past and suggests that resuming those traditions may create a source of revenue. Wilson suggested creating a committee to take charge of generating fundraising events. Alexander called for Schnebly to chair this committee. Schnebly agreed under the condition that Harris is on the committee as well. Alexander mentioned that the service fee increase continues to stay on the agenda for the district meeting, and will have a big push at the annual meeting in Orlando.

Women's Committee (PR): Harris informed the board of the Women's Committee "Wine Down and Paint" pre-meeting, an event that was partnered with Art for Good, an organization that hosts seminars for farmworkers and distributes heat stroke kits to help them during the hot summer months. Harris also mentioned that the Women's Committee is hosting their next meeting on Thursday.

Alexander reminded the board that the district meeting had been rescheduled for Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st. Abreu implored the board to do what they can to make it to the meeting, as many important issues will be discussed.

Alexander mentioned that Sam Accursio's term limit was up on the Agricultural Practices Board and would like to be reappointed. Dunagan motioned for Accursio to continue to represent DCFB on Ag Practices First by Losner and second by Kaplan. Motion passed.

Abreu informed the board that he has spoken to staff members for both Congressman Diaz-Balart and Congressman Curbelo to inform them that Dade County is the largest bromeliad grower in Florida. Abreu also informed the board about the two different Zika roundtables that he attended this month, including one hosted by the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations (COFFO) and one hosted by Congressman Curbelo. He shared that both meetings had two very different outlooks on the Zika virus, but he would continue to stay on the forefront of this issue, reminding the board that we do not know the extent of the damage this virus could provide to farmers.

Abreu also updated the board regarding the No Trespassing signs. He informing them of the fact that the "horticulture" term within the statute is a blanket term for all agriculture, agriculture products and cattle. He also informed the board that under this sign, dumping would be

considered a felony instead of the misdemeanor that it is considered as under traditional "No Dumping" signs. Pikarsky reminded the board that agritourism areas must have these signs if the public is on their land, suggested that this may create a fundraising opportunity.

Tietig informed the board of the FNGLA Day on the Bay event taking place on October 1st at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. He thanked the Dade County Farm Bureau for their \$500.00 donation, and alerted the board that they are still seeking 3 more donors for this event.

Alexander informed the board that Representative Edwards has been chosen to receive the Champion for Agriculture Award by FFB. She mentioned that we are unclear if Edwards would be able to make it or not and suggested presenting the award to Edwards at our Annual Meeting.

Abreu informed the board of a pending USDA workshop hosted at the Homestead campus of Miami Dade College. He insisted that he will disseminate information regarding this event as it becomes available.

Alexander mentioned that she will be meeting the principal of Turner Tech to discuss restarting their agricultural program. Alexander mentioned that the Fair gave \$10,000.00 to South Dade Senior High School to restore the horticulture program to its former glory.

Abreu informed the board of the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th, insisting that he will disseminate more information regarding this event as it becomes available.

Wilson reminded the board that the Florida Farm Bureau is hosting their annual meeting on October 26th through the 28th. He asked the board to consider attending in order to make sure our voice is heard.

Pikarsky stated that the 5th annual GrowFest will take place on Oct 15-16 at the Fruit and Spice Park and noted that the theme would be "Bee Aware" in celebration of pollinators. Pikarsky asked for FFB support and appreciated DCFB being present with the WC to have educational activities. She mentioned she is trying to involve younger generations. Alexander suggested reaching out to Greer in order to secure FFA volunteers for the event.

Alexander adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Marraccini

ATTACHMENT B

Ivonne Alexander
12817 SW 148 Street Road
Miami, Florida 33186

Born in Havana, Cuba February 5, 1948, Ivonne moved to Miami at a young age. Times were hard for the Alexander family during those days and there was little money for such things as sweets. Ivonne remembers going to Crandon Park and eating seagrapes as a substitute. If you ask her she will tell how she detests them today.

She went to Shenandoah Junior High School and was active in sports. Friends will attest to the fact that she was a fierce competitor. This is a trait that has served her well throughout her career. After graduating from Miami High School, she attended Miami Dade Community College. She then transferred to Florida International University where she graduated.

Having worked her way through school, Ivonne spent some time working in New York City. She then settled into a 23 year career with Farm Credit. She started at the bottom rung and worked her way up to serving row croppers, fruit growers and nursery operations. She is well known and respected both inside and outside South Dade's agricultural community. She proved her worth to the community with her steadfast effort and long hours after Hurricane Andrew by structuring and closing millions of dollars in rehabilitation loans to farmers who could not have recovered without her help.

Ivonne is CFO of Nature's Way Nursery of Miami, Inc., a grower of outdoor landscape material catering to the big boxes and Happy Days Nursery, Inc., a moderate sized foliage and wood ornamental plant nursery located at 16700 SW 248 Street.

It is hard to find one more active in community affairs than Ivonne Alexander. The following is a list of her known affiliations:

1. Dade County AgriCouncil –Director
2. Dade County Farm Bureau – Director and President Elect
3. Dade County Fair and Exposition Association – Director and Past President
4. Southern Florida Tropical Growers Association – Past Director
5. 4-H Foundation – Past Director
6. Business & Professional Women's Club of Homestead – Past Director & Certified Member
7. Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce – Past Director & Certified Member
8. Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association – President
9. Dade County Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee – Member
10. Florida International University Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture - Advisory Committee
11. Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan – Member
12. Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board – Member



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RER-PLANNING DIVISION

September 27, 2016

Mark R. Woerner, AICP
Assistant Director for Planning
111 NW 1 Street, 12th Floor
Miami, FL 33128-1902

Dear Mr. Woerner:

This Letter is to inform you that the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association Board of Directors has approved the nomination of Ivonne Alexander to fill the position as nursery industry representative for the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices advisory Board. The nomination was made at our monthly Board of Directors meeting. The approval vote was unanimous by the Board members.

Enclosed as requested are the September 27, 2016 Board minutes stating Board approval of the nomination of Ms. Alexander.

Sincerely,

Peggy Machin, President
Miami-Dade Chapter FNGLA

Call To Order

12:35 p.m.

Present: Peggy Machin, Bill Rotolante, Ivonne Alexander, Jeff Demott Paul Wiggins, Barney Rutzke, Mick Gnagey, Doctor McMillan, Douglas Beard, Mary Schneider

Excused absence: Bill Olson, Lisa Greer

Guest: Charles LaPradd Dade County Agricultural Manager

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve by Ivonne Alexander seconded by Jeff DeMott

Guest speaker: Charles La Pradd

Charles La Pradd reports he has spoken with growers of bromeliads who have some sales issues with bromeliads. He mentioned the Flip and Ship campaign. He reported in regard to the mosquito spray NALED has been used for 40 years in Miami Dade County. He is providing the county with information that the Aedes Aegypti does not prefer the bromeliads for breeding. He also reported that everyday at 4PM the City managers have a conference call to present any issues. Charles is continuing to work on dumping issues in regards to nurseries and farmers.

Government Affairs: Ivonne Alexander reports that Farm Bureau will be providing NO Dumping and No Trespassing signs for sale that will provide better bases for prosecution of trespassers and illegal dumping. The word horticulture on the sign covers all types of farming. The presence of this sign will mean the difference between prosecuting a misdemeanor or felony.

Treasurer's report: Lisa Greer will give the report next month.

State Rep: Barney Rutzke reported he attended the state FNGLA State Reps meeting and was requested to report on issues from Miami Dade County. Barney gave everyone a summary of the state issues. Many were very interested in the new employment hotline.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Due to the inability of one board member to serve the board was given the task of appointment to fill a vacancy. Four names were presented and a motion was made by Ivonne Alexander and seconded by Barney Rutzke to place Douglas Miller, Bernecker's. A vote was called and passed unanimously.

Events:

Barney reported on the committee meeting on 9/21/16. He had chemical reps present and suggested dinners sponsored by the Chemical companies. The rep from Helena, Howard and Harrell's agreed. BWI could not make the meeting but would like to be included. Barney is hoping to have 4 to 6 educational meetings a year.

EOP (early ordering program) has been tabled until next year.

Plant Market MBC Jeff reported will be held Nov 10-12th 2017. Jeff DeMott will handle the Plant Market.

Day on the Bay: Bill Rotolante will be the liaison

Nursery Tour: Peggy will continue to work on special events such as Nursery tour and works shops.

Social Media: Jeff DeMott has agreed to handle Face book. He will be assisted by Douglas Beard on Instagram.

New Business: Ivonne Alexander is eligible for reappointment to the Miami Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. After discussion Mary Schneider made a motion to reappoint Ivonne Alexander to the 4yr term as Nursery Industry representative. This motion was seconded by Douglas Beard. The question was called and the vote was unanimous with Ivonne Alexander abstaining.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff DeMott and second by Mary Schneider.

ATTACHMENT C

RESUME

WILLIAM H. LOSNER
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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)

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| 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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RER-PLANNING DIVISION

August 11, 2016

Mark R. Woerner, AICP
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Miami, Florida 33128-1902

Dear Mr. Woerner,

This letter is to inform you that the Avocado Administration Committee members have chosen to reappoint Mr. William Losner to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Flinn", written over a horizontal line.

Alan Flinn
Director



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

The Chairman, Medora Krome, called the meeting to order and requested that the Manager, Mr. Flinn, call the roll. Those present were:

Bill Brindle Handler Member District I	Bill Losner Grower Member District I	Margie Pikarsky Grower Member District I
Don Edgar Handler Member District I	Victoria Barnes Grower Member District I	Louis Dessaint Handler Member District II
Diego Rodriguez Handler Member District I	Steve Hoveland Grower Member District I	Carlos De La Torre Grower Member District II
Dr. Daniel Carrillo Public Member		

Others present were Lt. Garcia, Miami-Dade County Ag. Patrol, M. Hudson, J. Case, J. Mills, D. Mills, W. Guthrie, A. Perpuly, A. Hunsberger, J. Humble, J. Pollio, G. Dufek, J. Wasielewski, J. Abreu, Dr. Crane, F. Calmy, Mr. & Mrs. Barrow, Dr. Evans, D. Rodriguez, P. Leiferman, M. Krome, C. LaPradd, Ag Manager, Miami-Dade County, A. Flinn, Manager, A. Fernandez, Office Administrator, J. Varela, USDA, Marketing Specialist, A. Campos, USDA, Marketing Specialist.

The Chairman welcomed the Committee members and guests.

AG PATROL REPORT

The Chairman requested Lt. Garcia of the Miami-Dade County Ag Patrol Unit give his report. Lt. Garcia began the Ag report by giving the statistics for the previous month. He reported last month had 164 cases, 48 arrest. After a brief question and answer session, the Ag. Patrol report was completed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The July monthly minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Losner and seconded by Mr. Hoveland to accept the July minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The July financial statements were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Losner and seconded by Mr. Dessaint to accept the July financial statements as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Chairman requested that the Manager, Mr. Flinn give his report. The Manager began his report by stating there would be no change to the 2016/2017 season bushel estimate and that it would remain at 850,000 bushels.

The next item on the Managers report was to discuss Retailers approaching Handlers with request to have avocados packed in a recycled plastic container (RPC). The Manager reported the plastic container is outside current regulations and that he has met with USDA and the logistics have been worked out for use of the RPC containers on an experimental basis until the end of the 2016/2017 season. Mr. Flinn stated he would report the results of the container usage back to committee at the end of the season if such container receives approval of the committee. Any handler wishing to use this type of container, please contact Mr. Flinn at the committee office for further details.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Pikarsky and seconded by Mr. De La Torre to allow the use of the experimental recycled plastic container to be used for the remainder of the 2016/2017 season and results to be reported back to committee. The Manager took a roll call vote of those seated and the motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the **Manager's Report.**

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

August 10, 2016

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OLD BUSINESS –

Mr. Humble reported that Mr. Tom MacVicar will be meeting with Mr. LaPradd on August 30th. Mr. Humble will attempt to meet with Mr. MacVicar also and he will inform Mr. Flinn of the time so he can update the committee of a time and place for this meeting.

Ms. Campos, USDA Marketing Specialist reminded the committee that the Avocado Variety Enforcement Program will be conducted by the Department of Agriculture this season from August 22, 2016 to October 23, 2016 and letters to importers will be going out soon.

NEW BUSINESS -

The Chairman invited Mr. & Mrs. Mills, Florida International University, to give their presentation. Mrs. Mills gave her presentation on the use of canine detection of Laurel Wilt disease before symptoms appear on avocado trees.

The Chairman invited Mr. Rodriguez, CEO/Founder, ALIVE, to give his presentation. Mr. Rodriguez gave his presentation on the methods of identifying the Laurel Wilt disease with the use of drones with cameras and software. For further information, please feel free to contact the committee office.

Mr. Humble advised the committee that Mr. Bill Losner's term for serving on the Miami-Dade County Agriculture Practices Advisory Board (APAB) will expire in December. A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dessaint to ask Mr. Losner to continue attending the APAB and report areas of concern to the avocado industry to the committee. Mr. Losner accepted the request. The motion passed unanimous.

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, September 14, 2016 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.

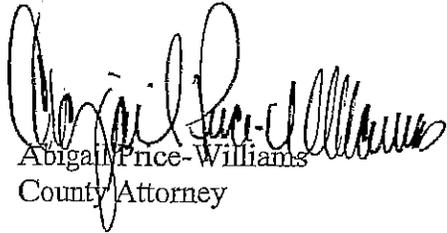


MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: December 6, 2016

FROM: 
Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(3)

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
- Statement of social equity 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 _____

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(3)
12-6-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT MR. SAM ACCURSIO, MS. IVONNE ALEXANDER, AND MR. WILLIAM LOSNER TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS EACH

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, who shall have a majority of their income or work devoted to the production of agriculture, hold membership in recognized agricultural organizations, or have a demonstrated interest in the agricultural industry of Miami-Dade County; 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 this Board, and pursuant to Section 2-934, Agricultural Practices Advisory Board members serve for terms of four years each without term limits, and may serve until his or her successor has been duly appointed and qualified; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sam Accursio is currently serving as one of two vegetable industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, and the Dade County Farm Bureau has recommended Mr. Sam Accursio to serve another term in the same capacity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ivonne Alexander is currently serving as one of two nursery industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, and the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association has recommended Ms. Ivonne Alexander to serve another term in the same capacity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Losner is currently serving as one of two fruit crop industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, and the Florida Avocado Administrative Committee has recommended Mr. William Losner to serve another term in the same capacity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Mr. Sam Accursio is hereby reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve another four year term as one of two vegetable industry representatives beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 2. Ms. Ivonne Alexander is hereby reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve another four year term as one of two nursery industry representatives beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 3. Mr. William Losner is hereby reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve another four year term as one of two fruit crop industry representatives beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2020.

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
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez
Rebeca Sosa
Xavier L. Suarez
Daniella Levine Cava
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of December, 2016. 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.



Dennis A. Kerbel