

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

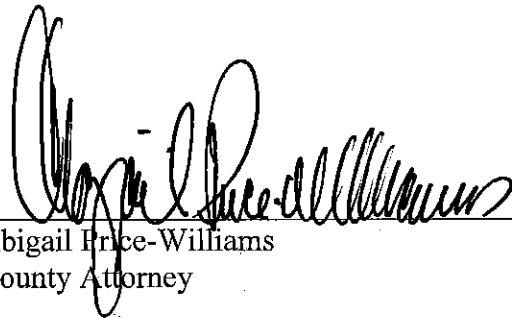
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 7, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution to reappoint
Mr. James Humble, Dr. Martin
Motes, and Mr. Diego Rodriguez
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.

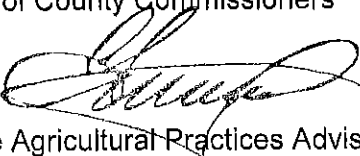


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/smm

Date: February 7, 2017

To: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
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) reappoint the following nominees to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board:

- James S. Humble as the At-Large Representative as recommended by the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board;
- Martin R. Motes, PhD, to represent the Redland Citizens Association as recommended by the Redland Citizens Association, Inc.; and
- Diego Rodriguez to represent the Fruit Crop Industry (Seat 2) as recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.

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 reappointment:

- **At-Large Representative**

Mr. James S. Humble is currently serving as the At-Large Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has been nominated by the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for reappointment. Mr. Humble is the owner of PITA Groves in South Miami-Dade County, is a member of the South Florida Water Management District Water Resources Advisory Committee and has served on the Combined Structural and Operating Plan Advisory Committee and the Florida Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Advisory Committee. Mr. Humble's resume and the minutes of the September 9, 2016 meeting of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board at which he was recommended for reappointment are shown in Attachment A.

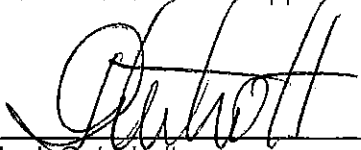
- Redland Citizens Association Representative

Dr. Martin Motes is currently serving as the Redland Citizens Association representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has been nominated by the Redland Citizens Association for reappointment. 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. Dr. Motes' resume and nomination letter, and the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting of the Redland Citizens Association at which he was recommended for reappointment, are shown in Attachment B.

- Fruit Crop Industry Representative (Seat 2 of 2)

Mr. Diego Rodriguez 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 Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc. for reappointment. Mr. Rodriguez is a third generation shade tobacco farmer, received his undergraduate degree in agronomy, owns a pine tree farm in Gadsden County, Florida, and currently has approximately 600 acres of avocados, mangos, mamey and papaya which his company packs and sells from Florida City. Mr. Rodriguez's resume and nomination letter, and the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting of the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc. at which he was recommended for reappointment, 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

JAMES S. HUMBLE

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Thirty-year veteran in water resource issue management with experience in consensus-building on water use and land management policies

EDUCATION: University of Miami, B.A., 1972

OCCUPATION: Owner, PITA Groves, South Miami-Dade County

EXPERIENCE: Member, South Florida Water Management District Water Resources Advisory Committee, 2002-Present

- Advises the Water Management Board on current issues affecting water quality, flood protection and environmental restoration

Chairman, Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices and Study Advisory Committee, 2007-Present

- Chair a committee of diverse stakeholders who advise the Board of County Commissioners on the potential and realized effects of current and proposed legislation that may impact agriculture

Member, Combined Structural and Operating Plan Advisory Committee, 2004-2007

- Joined environmental, agricultural, marine, homeowner and governmental stakeholders in assisting the Army Corps of Engineers in developing a plan to implement Comprehensive Everglades Restoration projects

Member, South Florida Water Management District Agriculture Advisory Committee, 1997-2000

- A precursor to the Water Resources Advisory Committee, committee members guided South Florida Water Management District staff in developing balanced policies that protected both water resources and agriculture as an economic industry

Member, Florida Department of Agriculture Agricultural Advisory Committee, 1997-2000

- Appointed by Commissioner Bob Crawford and reappointed by Commissioner Charles Bronson

- Provided input to the Commissioner on innovative ways to keep agriculture profitable and competitive

Member, Florida Department of Community Affairs "380 Committee", 1986

- Appointed by Sen. Bob Graham
- Advised the Secretary on East Everglades matters as they related to its designation as an Area of Critical Concern

AWARDS:

Agriculturist of the Year, Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce, 1984

Agricultural Advocacy Award, Dade County Farm Bureau, 2007

PERSONAL:

Married to Patricia Ireland, Esq.

**AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING SUMMARY**

John D. Campbell Agricultural Center Auditorium
18710 SW 288 Street, Homestead, Florida
August 3, 2016

Board Members Present

Larry Caudle (Chair), Sam Accursio (Vice Chair), John DeMott, James Humble, Bill Losner, Martin Motes, Diego Rodriguez, Erik Tietig, Tommy Vick and Arie de Zwart

Board Members Absent

Ivonne Alexander (Excused), Jonathan Borghi and Arturo Lopez

Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) staff

Jerry Bell, Assistant Director for Planning

Mark Dorsey, Planning Division

Martha Garcia, Rashid Istambouli and Alex Roberts, Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)

Cleveland Thompson, Development Services Division

Maritza Vasquez, Neighborhood Compliance

Other Miami-Dade County and Government Staff

Rebecca Elliott, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Office of Agricultural Water Policy (FDACS-OAWP)

Lt. Richard Garcia, Miami-Dade Police Department: Agricultural Patrol

Charles LaPradd, Agricultural Manager,

Dallas Manuel, Commission District 9 (Commissioner Moss)

Lidia Martinez, Master Gardener, Miami-Dade

Raul Nillo and Lazaro Solis, Office of the Property Appraiser

Teresa Olczyk, Cooperative Extension Service: Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department

Mike Worley, South Florida Water Management District

Public Attendance

Jorge Abreu, Dade County Farm Bureau

Gary J. Dufek

Alice Pena, Las Palmas

Don Pybas, Avocado Committee

Arlene M. Samalion, Redland Citizens Association

Markos Santos, Ebenezer Farm

Mary Waters

Chair Caudle called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Reports

Chair's Report

N/A

Coordinator's Report

Mr. Mark Dorsey introduced Mr. Jerry Bell, the new Assistant Director for Planning, who will replace the current Assistant Director, Mark Woerner, when he retires in April 2017. Mr. Bell introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Dorsey also announced that Mr. Lazaro Solis, Deputy Property Appraiser, Office of the

Property Appraiser (PA Office), is here to introduce Mr. Raul Nillo, who is replacing Mr. Elier Fernandez, who recently retired from that office. Mr. Solis introduced himself and announced that the PA Office will continue to support and work with the Ag Board. He said Mr. Nillo has worked under Mr. Fernandez for many years in the Agricultural Section of the PA's Office.

Mr. Dorsey announced that Mr. Rashid Istambouli, Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), will address the illegally dumped toxic material, and six (6) Board members are up for reappointment: Mr. Accursio, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Humble, Mr. Losner, Mr. Motes and Mr. Rodriguez. He said Mr. Humble is an At-Large Board Member; therefore, the Ag Board can decide to nominate and reappoint him or another candidate. Mr. Dorsey asked those members up for renomination to encourage their organizations to expedite their applications to the Planning Division.

Agricultural Patrol Report

Lieutenant Richard Garcia, Agricultural Patrol, reported 164 cases for July 2016, with 127 written reports which included: 48 arrests; 9 burglaries; 7 thefts; 19 civil citations; and 15 animal-related cases. Some of the thefts included stolen palms, a horse, mamey and mangos. Lt. Garcia said that avocado thieves were arrested; a fence was cut and an air compressor stolen from the property; and that the civil citations issued were for not having the proper vehicle markings. Vice Chair Accursio asked if the stolen horse was the one found slaughtered. Lt. Garcia replied that it was, and was one of two that were stolen in the last two weeks from the Okeechobee Road area and taken to Las Palmas area and killed.

Agricultural Manager's Report

Mr. Charles LaPradd reported the approval to move forward on the Code (Code of Miami-Dade County) language on the removal of, or to cite, property owners who do not remove Laurel Wilt-diseased avocado trees. He said the PA's Office has also taken steps to remove the agricultural classification on neglected properties.

Board Member Losner asked about medical marijuana. Mr. LaPradd said there was only one reading. He said a zoning hearing identified the locations where medical marijuana could be sold and dispensed, such as within 500 feet of a school or church, which severely limits the number of dispensary locations. However, dispensaries can locate in the agricultural area if tied to a production site. He said many people view the dispensaries similar to a liquor store and/or drug store. He then reported there has been an increase in illegal rock mining. He said code enforcement officers are issuing citations, and the DEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) and the District (South Florida Water Management District) will conduct site visits later this month. In response to a question, Mr. LaPradd said digging a fish pond, or for fish farming, is allowed but digging for aggregate to sell is illegal, and there is a black market for it, including developers.

The Board also discussed spraying for the Zika virus. Mr. LaPradd said more attention is being given to bromeliads; oil, which suffocates the mosquito larvae, is the recommended treatment. Board Member DeMott said the State of Florida recently received \$24 million for the citrus industry and asked if the lime and/or avocado industry received any of those funds. Mr. LaPradd replied that we have only 40 acres of limes, but we received none of those funds. He said the money was directed to institutional research, the citrus industry and others, but not growers. And Vice Chair Accursio asked for an update on the Oriental Fruit Fly and USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) post-harvest treatment information. Mr. LaPradd said that was the number one request the State received in their follow-up discussions with growers, to find feasible updated post-harvest treatment practices; however, there was no clear answer.

Cooperative Extension Report

Ms. Teresa Olczyk provided an update on the Zika virus. She said Cooperative Extension has information on their website, and they are working with County and State offices to inform the public, which is to "drain and cover" areas of standing water. She announced that Ms. Donna Lowe has retired and has been replaced by Mr. Andres Barela. She announced two available positions, a "4-H Youth Development

Extension Agent" and a "Sea Grant Extension Agent." She also provided updates on classes, and invited Ms. Adrian Hunsberger, Urban Horticulture Agent, to speak on Zika and mosquitos at next month's meeting.

Office of the Property Appraiser Report

Mr. Raul Nillo, Office of the Property Appraiser (PA Office), introduced himself. He said 647 agricultural classification applications had been filed before the July 1 deadline. Of those, 150 were granted and there were several partial denials. They are still accepting applications, but are now considered late. He also said they are working on Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) notices, which will be mailed to property owners in mid-August.

Vice Chair Accursio said one of the landlords he leases from, who had never filed agricultural exemption, recently filed and the PA's Office has required that he provide Mr. Accursio's tax return, which Mr. Accursio will not provide. He said the property has been farmed for 25+ years, which can be verified from aerial photos, site visits and other means. Mr. Nillo replied that the owner can submit a lease agreement to show the relationship between the two, the tax return is one type of document required by State statute. But Board Member Motes said the Property Appraiser is violating State law, as it does not require that every document listed be provided to the PA's Office. Mr. Solis said there are a series of documents the PA's Office can accept, and they will work with the Vice Chair and the landlord to determine what is needed. He suggested the landlord apply for an agricultural exemption and provide a lease agreement, insurance or other appropriate documents.

Public Comment/Board Announcements

Mr. Jorge Abreu, Dade County Farm Bureau (DCFB), announced that Mr. Paul DiMare has won the Florida Farmer of the Year Award and is now a finalist for the Southeast Region.

Ms. Alice Pena, Las Palmas, expressed thanks for supporting the Oriental Fruit Fly petition, which received more than 500 signatures. She also announced that the area recently flooded and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) installed pumps which has addressed the flooding, and an ongoing issue with lychee vendors along Krome Avenue. She also reported that a property owner paid over \$7,000 to remove illegal mulch installed after Hurricane Katrina, and spent \$400 to remove tires from an adjacent property. The Board further discussed her issues, flood control and mitigation, and unequal application of zoning and code enforcement.

Mr. Mike Worley, South Florida Water Management District (District), reported that increased water deliveries to the northeast Shark River Slough has increased ground water levels, and the District's Governing Board and the Corps have expedited some of their recent flood mitigation projects. He said Corps' contractors are installing a water control structure to connect the seepage canal that parallels Richmond Drive with the C-357 canal for wet and dry season uses, and the Corps is working on Contract 8 and other projects. He also said the field station is clearing aquatic vegetation in canals to improve water flow in the C-103 and C-102 lateral canals connecting the L-31 West Canal to Biscayne Bay. The vegetation is left to dry before being taken to the landfill. Board Members Motes and DeMott said they would be interested in using it locally. Mr. Worley also stated that the District continues to have issues with trespassing and vandalism on District property.

Ms. Rebecca Elliott, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, announced there is an Environmental Impact Statement for public review on the C-111 Canal (Contract 9) with public comments due by September 4. She also said several "emergency operations" are ongoing to lower water levels in the C-111 and direct water to S-197, that will continue until the next operations. She said South Dade issues at tomorrow's Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting include moving water to Florida Bay, and pump stations for the C-111 project. Those interested can log into the District's website, and the

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meeting and presentations are available for download. There was a question as to how the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow is counted. Some Board members were skeptical of the methodology. Ms. Elliott replied that she is somewhat familiar with it, but believes the count is reliable. The main concern is single species management in ENP.

Mr. Don Pybas, Avocado Committee, announced they completed the grant-funded aerial surveys in June for a total of 36 flights, 9 for the avocado industry. Within the last year, they have found more than 1,300 infected trees, and identified 152 new properties with at least 1 infected tree. He said the committee has been working with the PA's Office and Mr. LaPradd to work with property owners, many of whom live out of state. He said the committee has completed a grant application through FDACS which, if awarded, would be available in January 2017.

New Business

Dumping of potentially toxic road construction material

Mr. Rashid Istambouli, Chief, Pollution Regulation Division, DERM, addressed the issue of reclaimed road asphalt being dumped in this area. He said DERM currently has one property under enforcement (26000 SW 162 Avenue) which found reclaimed asphalt illegally stockpiled and spread onto the property. He said a violation notice was sent to the property owner on July 16, and the County will meet with FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) because, although a contractor is doing the work, FDOT is responsible for where the material is being disposed. Mr. Istambouli said reclaimed asphalt can either be re-used for other roadway projects, stored on a construction contractor's property until needed, or disposed of at a permitted County re-use facility of which there are none in the agricultural area.

Board Member DeMott asked if it is illegal to stockpile and redistribute, and should it be taken to a landfill. Mr. Istambouli replied that it is illegal to stockpile reclaimed asphalt. He would prefer that it be re-used rather than be taken to the landfill, but it has to be re-used with certain controls since it is considered both hazardous material and solid waste by State and local (Chapter 24) codes. He said the property owner spread the material on the 1-acre site without the proper road base or fill, which deemed the site contaminated, and the owner could spend almost \$100,000 to remove it from the property. In response to a comment, he said the owner may be able to recoup some of the cost if it can be resold.

Board Member Losner said other property owners have done this and the community should be made aware this is a violation. Vice Chair Accursio asked why this use is different from paved roadways and if the toxicity is the same. Mr. Istambouli said for roadway projects, a road base is applied, the asphalt is milled and banded (so that gravel doesn't spread), and runoff is diverted to proper stormwater drainage. He said DERM is sensitive to where it is used because it is petroleum-based. He recommended that residents to call the DERM hotline at 305-372-6955 to report any potential violation(s).

Mr. LaPradd added that some dump truck drivers are presenting fake letters, on County letterhead, which state they are allowed to dump material. There are also two dump trucks in the area with what appears to be the County logo, but having a different name. He said these vehicles should be reported if seen.

Wet/flooded agricultural land at SW 72 Street and SW 169 Avenue

The Chair introduced the item. Mr. Dorsey replied that he contacted the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) but was unable to have staff speak at this meeting. He said there is no wellhead at that location, but a wellhead is located/proposed north of this area. Vice Chair Accursio said the question is whether WASD has reduced its water usage in this area because water levels are too high to farm, and growers want to know if they should continue farming this land.

Mr. LaPradd said that he spoke with Mr. Doug Yoder, WASD Deputy Director, who said the operations for that wellfield area are determined by the Corps, the District and the U.S. Department of Interior and

are mandated to the County. Mr. LaPradd said the system was built to draw approximately 45 million gallons per day (mgd), but is only drawing 15 mgd because they (the Corps, District and Interior) don't want too much water drawn from the Everglades; hopefully the curtain wall will alleviate that concern. He said elevated groundwater, not consumption, is what has changed within the last 10 years.

At-Large APAB Nomination

Board Member DeMott made a motion to nominate Board Member James Humble to serve as the At-Large Member on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. Board Member Motes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Ivonne Alexander	Absent	Martin Motes	Yes
Jonathan Borghi	Absent	Diego Rodriguez	Yes
John DeMott	Yes	Erik Tietig	Yes
James Humble	Absent	Tommy Vick	Yes
Arturo Lopez	Absent	Arie de Zwart	Yes
Bill Losner	Yes		
	Larry Caudle, Chair	Yes	
	Sam Accursio, Vice Chair	Yes	

Unfinished Business

MDX SR 836/Dolphin Expressway Southwest Extension

The Chair introduced the item from last month's meeting. Mr. Dorsey said the Board is charged with making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, so the Board cannot directly ask MDX (Miami-Dade Expressway Authority) to add them to the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC). However, he said the Board's individual organizations can ask MDX directly if they may participate on the CAC. Board Member DeMott asked if the Dade County Farm Bureau (DCFB), rather than the other organizations, could ask MDX to allow a representative join the CAC, and have that person report to the Board. Mr. Abreu agreed that the DCFB would do so.

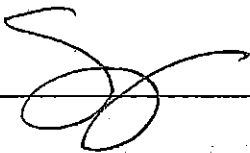
Adoption of Minutes

N/A

Set Agenda

Adjournment

With no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 A.M.



Stephen M. Dorsey, AICP, Coordinator

ATTACHMENT B

Curriculum Vitae

Martin R. Motes

DOB December 23, 1944

Professional

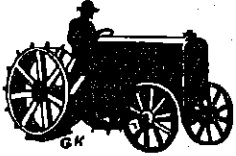
- 1959 Founded Motes Orchids
- 1964 AS Miami-Dade Community College - Botany
- 1966 BA University of Miami - English
- 1968 MA " " "
- 1972 PhD Miami University " "
- 1972-76 Assistant Professor of English, Wright State University
- 1975-76 Senior Fulbright Lecturer, University of Pristina, Kosovo
- 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 Encycilia 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)

Redland Citizens Association, Inc.



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PLANNING DIVISION

We support:

- Agriculture
- Conservation
- General Area Improvement
- Pollution Control
- Public Safety
- Tax Control
- Zoning

September 19, 2016

Miami-Dade County
Department 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

Redland Citizens Association, Inc.



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MEETING AGENDA

September 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mike Hatcher, Maryannette Robinson, Sidney Robinson Arlene Samalion, Dewey Steel & Lee Steele, Louise King, A quorum

Special meeting held at the home of Sid & Maryannette Robinson with 7 members present.

- (1) Discussed several zoning up coming applications to be heard at Community Council #14.
- (2) Possible violations & reporting of illegal dumping of asphalt road fill on private property, located at 26200 S.W. 162nd Avenue.
- (3) Martin Motes to be reappointed to the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practice Advisory Board for another four years representing the Redland Citizens Association. Motion made by Sidney Robinson and seconded by Mike Hatcher for the reappointment. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

Maryannette Robinson
Secretary/Treasurer



Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.

18710 SW 288 St., Homestead, FL 33030 Telephone: (305) 401- 1502 Fax: (305) 246-2932
Email: tropicalfruitgrowers@earthlink.net Website: www.tropicalfruitgrowers.com

Diego Rodriguez

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.



Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.

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Website: tropicalfruitgrowers.com Email: tropicalfruitgrowers@gmail.com

October 19, 2016

Stephen M. Dorsey, AICP
Principal Planner
Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources
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PER-PLANNING DIVISION

Dear Mr. Dorsey,

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
TFGSF Vice President
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Special Meeting
Ag Practices Rep
October 13, 2016 6:00 pm

Present: Dr. Steve Green, Mr. Don Chafin, Mr. Harry Miller, Mr. Dewey Steele,
Mr. Jonathan Wilcox, Ms. Louise E. King

Ag Practices Representative nomination

On October 13, 2016 the TFGSF Board of Directors held a special meeting to nominate the tropical fruit industry representative for the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Board. Steve noted that our current representative, Diego Rodriguez's term is about to end.

Motion: Don Chafin – Move to nominate Diego Rodriguez to represent the tropical fruit industry on the Agricultural Practices Board.

2nd – Dewey Steele

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

Louise will submit paperwork to Mr. Dorsey.

Meeting adjourned.

<p>Ag Patrol Contact number Non-emergency - (786) 218-8344 Emergency- 911</p>



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 7, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)
2-7-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT MR. JAMES HUMBLE, DR. MARTIN MOTES, AND MR. DIEGO RODRIGUEZ 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. James Humble is currently serving as the At-Large Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, and the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board has recommended Mr. James Humble to serve another term in the same capacity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Motes is currently serving as the Redland Citizens' Association representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, and the Redland Citizens' Association, Inc. has recommended Dr. Martin Motes to serve another term in the same capacity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diego Rodriguez is currently serving as one of two Fruit Crop Industry representatives on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board, and the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc. has recommended Mr. Diego Rodriguez to 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. James Humble is hereby reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve another four year term as the At-Large Representative beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 2. Dr. Martin Motes is hereby reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve another four year term as the Redland Citizens' Association representative beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2020.

Section 3. Mr. Diego Rodriguez is hereby reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve another four 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2017. 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