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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: July 21, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Agricultural Practices Advisory Board:
Replacement of Members

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(59)

Resolution No. R-1024-09

Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners re-appoint the following persons to their second terms as members of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB):

- Jorge Abreu to fill the Nursery Industry Seat #2 as recommended by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association; and
- Robert Thompson to fill the Farm Labor Seat as recommended by the APAB.

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
The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) is a County Board whose members are appointed by the BCC. The Metropolitan Division of the Department of Planning and Zoning provides administrative and technical support for the APAB.

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

- Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association seat #2
  Mr. Jorge Abreu was selected for re-appointment by the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association. Mr. Abreu owns a nursery in southwest Miami-Dade County. Mr. Abreu is the current president to the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) of south Florida. *The FNGLA recommended the re-appointment of Jorge Abreu at their April 14, 2009 meeting.*

- Farm Labor seat
  Section 2-935(a) of the County Code directs the APAB to propose a nominee to fill a vacant seat if the member organization does not do so within 45 days of the vacancy occurring.

The Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations failed to submit a nominee for their vacant seat in the 125 days following the seat becoming vacant in January 2009. According to Mr. Thompson, who is the Chairman of the Coalition, the board members are scattered throughout the State of Florida, and have difficulty meeting on a regular basis to discuss issues such as this re-appointment. Mr. Thompson, whose first term as the Farm Labor representative expired in December 2008, expressed his desire to continue to serve on the APAB. The APAB exercised their authority, as described above, to recommend the re-appointment of Mr. Thompson to fill the vacant seat. *The APAB recommended the re-appointment of Robert Thompson at their May 6, 2009 meeting.*

The terms for both re-appointments will expire on December 31, 2012.

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 21, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 14(A)(59)

Please note any items checked.

✓ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

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

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

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

____ **Budget required**

____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

____ **Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation**

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

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

____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(59)
7-21-09

RESOLUTION NO. **R-1024-09**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TWO EXISTING MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

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 (APAB); and

WHEREAS, a vacancy of the second of two Nursery Industry representative seats exists on the APAB; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jorge Abreu has completed his first term as a Nursery Industry representative on the APAB and is eligible for a second term; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy of the Farm Labor seat exists on the APAB; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Thompson has completed his first term as the Farm Labor representative on the APAB and is eligible for a second term; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that the designated organization must provide at least one nominee; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs the APAB to propose a nominee to fill a vacancy if the member Organization fails to submit a nomination for a replacement member within 45 days of notification of a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the APAB are to be filled by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, and the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association, recommend that the Board of County Commissioners re-appoint Mr. Jorge Abreu to Nursery Industry seat #2; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, and the APAB in lieu of the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations, recommend that the Board of County Commissioners re-appoint Mr. Robert Thompson to represent the Coalition of Florida Farmworker Organizations in the Farm Labor seat,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Jorge Abreu and Mr. Robert Thompson are hereby re-appointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for one four-year term to end on December 31, 2012.

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

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman **aye**
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman **aye**

Bruno A. Barreiro	**aye**	Audrey M. Edmonson	**aye**
Carlos A. Gimenez	**aye**	Sally A. Heyman	**aye**
Barbara J. Jordan	**aye**	Joe A. Martinez	**aye**
Dorrin D. Rolle	**aye**	Natacha Seijas	**aye**
Katy Sorenson	**aye**	Rebeca Sosa	**aye**
Sen. Javier D. Souto	**aye**		

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of July, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **DIANE COLLINS** _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

CHC

Craig H. Coller

FNGLA

FLORIDA NURSERY, GROWERS and LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

February 4, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Dade Chapter of the Florida Nursery Growers, and Landscape Association would like to have Jorge Abreu remain on the Ag Practices Study Board.

Sincerely,

Miami-Dade Chapter FNGLA Board of Directors

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Jorge Abreu

Experience

2000 to present West Kendall Nursery, Inc. Miami, Fl

President/Owner

- Increased production area from 6 acres to 17 acres.
- Increased varieties of plants by 20% to clientele.
- 95% of material is grown from cuttings or liners to increase revenue.

1997-2000 Webster Veterinary Pharmaceutical Miami, Fl

Regional Sales Manager

- Increased regional sales to Hispanic doctors.
- Managed 200+ accounts in Miami-Dade County.
- Trained staff members to increase clinic revenue with products.

1995-1997 Sears Gainesville, Fl

Assistant Hardware Sales Manager

- Increased sales by 50% with team members.
- Increased lost sales by managing inventory.

Education

2000-2002 University of Florida Homestead, Fl

- B.S. in Environmental Horticulture.
- First graduate from program.

1991-1997 University of Florida Gainesville, Fl

- B.S. in Animal Biology.

1982-1998 Belen Jesuit Prep School Miami, Fl

Activities

CARET (Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching) delegate for the University of Florida, Director for FNGLA Miami-Dade Chapter.

DADE CHAPTER FNGLA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 14, 2009

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Jorge Abreu, Ivonne Alexander, Brian Evelyn, Mick Gnaegy, Lisa Greer, Allyson Humphries (via phone), Steve Leonard, Jane Spurling, and Sanford Stein

ABSENT: Manny Garcia (unexcused), Douglas Miller (excused), and June Ward (excused)

GUEST: Jim Ferrare, FPL Project Engineer, Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Sylvia Gordon, and John DeMott

Liaisons: Will Dukes and Charles LaPradd

Staff: Kathryn Walters

Jim spoke about the future plans of Florida Power and Light at Turkey Point. It is the number 3 plant in the USA and powers 2/3 of the State of Florida. Turkey Point is dedicated to a balanced approach. They are recommending building two more plants at Turkey Point in 2018 and this should be sufficient for forty years. Low profile cooling towers will be featured rather that canals. Questions should be directed to www.fpl.com/cleansafenuclear

John DeMott spoke toward getting grant money for marketing. He urged the BOD to send letter in support for the Virtual Farmers Market. Sandy made the motion for the Chapter to write letter in support, Steve seconded and all approved. He spoke about the importance of coordinating websites (Nursery Report, Botanical Auctions and Dade Chapter FNGLA).

John suggested that terms and conditions of the botanical auctions be put on a backup disk to be stored in office. The auction site needs to be up and running in order to be sure that site is running properly.

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER
Jorge called the meeting to order at 6:37PM.

ITEM #2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Steve made the motion to approve the March minutes, Steve seconded and all approved.

ITEM #3 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
Jorge congratulated Lisa on being selected FNGLA Outstanding Treasurer and reported that Gary Bird of bwi Companies was selected as Outstanding Division member.

ITEM #4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa presented the March financial report. Lisa was concerned that we were unfairly paying for all expenses for auction site. Steve made the motion to get 50% of the net profit for new gardens that join our auction. Figures for Montgomery and Flamingo would remain the same, Sandy seconded and all approved. After discussion she said we need to revisit the expenses for a better understanding concerning money. Ivonne made the motion to approve Treasurer's report, Brian seconded and all approved.

ITEM #5 STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Sandy presented copies of the Greenline. He reminded the BOD that the Greenline can be viewed every month from the FNGLA site and that the Convention will be held on June 25-27th at Palm Coast, FL.

ITEM #6 COMMITTEES

DINNER

April 28th is the Chili Cookoff at Schnebly's Winery from 6-9pm. Jimmy from Capri Restaurant will have a cash bar for the evening from 6-8pm.

There will be no general meeting in May.

Election night will be June 23rd at the auditorium at the Extension Office.

July Installation Banquet will be at the Homestead Speedway.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Charles spoke about the importance of writing grants for small businesses. One to consider is a state grant that state FNGLA received money from to improve our websites.

MEMBERSHIP

Sylvia reported that the committee has planned a five nursery tour on May 8th. The nurseries are Algers, High Hope, Bernecker's, Botanics Wholesale, Signature Trees and Palms. They are seeking sponsors for the bus and lunch.

MIAMI-DADE SCHOOLS

Will presented the April 26th Career Pathways EXPO in connection with Miami-Dade College. There will be education exhibits and he invited the industry to get a booth. Middle school students who are making life decision are encouraged to take advantage of the professional opportunities at this event.

OFFICE REPORT

Jorge will discuss the office job description to employees.

ITEM #7 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Seed Auction Website

The seed auction is still under production.

Miami-Dade County Landscape & Irrigation Ordinances

Potential BOD Candidates
A discussion was held on potential BOD candidates for 2009-2010. Members are urged to call the office with candidates. The selection committee must have a list of candidates to inform membership 30 days prior to election night. On the committee are Erik Tietig, Sylvia Gordon, Sandy Stein and Jorge Abreu.

ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS

Ag Practice Seat
Ivonne made the motion to have Jorge remain on the Ag Practice Board for another two years, Mick seconded and all approved.

Haines City FFA request for donations
BOD denied this request.

National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program
Charles gave out engine retrofit forms for members to fill out, which is sponsored by EPA. This National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program application should be turned in soon.

Irrigation and Landscape Ordinance
Charles LaPradd spoke and is going to forward the County irrigation schedule that was passed last month. The New landscape ordinance passed with requests put forth my members.

Crop Insurance Documentation
Ivonne questioned the reporting system for Insurance. Kathryn is going to talk with Rick Cummings to put a bullet point together to send out to the members.

Miami-Dade Parks Open Space System Master Plan
We will request their presentation for the next board meeting.

ITEM #9 ADJOURN
Sandy made a motion to adjourn, Brian seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

DADE CHAPTER FNGLA
NURSERY REPORT
APRIL 14, 2009

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Jorge Abreu, Ivonne Alexander, Brian Evelyn, Mick Gnaegy, Lisa Greer, Allyson Humphries (via phone), Steve Leonard, Jane Spurling, and Sanford Stein

ABSENT: Manny Garcia (unexcused), Douglas Miller (excused), and June Ward (excused)

Liaisons: Will Dukes and Charles LaPradd

Staff: Kathryn Walters

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER
Jorge called the meeting to order at 8:22PM.

ITEM #2 APROVAL OF MINUTES
Mick made the motion to approve the March minutes, Brian seconded and all approved.

ITEM #3 TREASURER'S REPORT
Lisa presented the March financial reports. After discussion Ivonne made the motion to accept, Sandy seconded and all approved.

ITEM #4 NURSERY REPORT UPDATE
Discussion was held on the Nursery Report cover. It was decided that we would introduce the new FNGLA logo.

Sandy made the motion to release the Nursery Report booth for TPIE 2010 show, Mick seconded and all approved.

ITEM #5 ADJOURN
Lisa made the motion to adjourn, Jane seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39PM.

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Robert Thompson
9975 Marlin Road
Miami, FL 33157

Experience
Department of Human Services

Contract Officer
1994-2000

Monitored community based organizations that received county funding and prepared written reports.
Prepared amendments to contracts.
Prepared agreements/contracts to be sent to the community based organizations.
Reviewed all contracts before sending them to the Director.
Acted as supervisor whenever the Director was not present.
Represented the Director at meetings and accompanied her to others.
Reviewed award letters for monetary accuracy.
Supplied technical assistance to CBO's.
Performed site monitoring.

Community Relations Program Officer
1975-1994

Supervised a staff of subordinates engaged in the identification and investigation of community problems and issues that related to the Community Relations Board's function to foster mutual understanding, tolerance and respect among all economic, social, religious and ethnic groups.

Participated with departmental administration in planning goals and objectives as well as the implementations of programmatic activities.

Served as a resource person and professional staff to committees and task force created by the CRB board or director.

Implemented methods and techniques to be used for the establishment of close working relationships with municipal, county, state and federal governmental agencies.

Functioned as a liaison/ombudsman with citizen groups and non-governmental bodies and organizations especially within South Dade.

Robert Thompson

Organized a monthly forum that brought together decision-makers, resource persons, providers and recipients of services at a monthly forum focusing their attention on county-wide issues. (The forum not only involved local resources, but state and federal as well).

Intergroup Relations Officer
1973-1975

Organized monthly interagency meetings that brought together resources to focus on localized geographical /functional community problems such as complaints, police/community relations, migrant/seasonal farm workers concerns.
Supervised the South Dade office and worked with all grassroots organizations in the area.

Administrative Officer I
1972-1973

Worked as a community outreach person in South Dade. Was a member of the first crisis response team that monitored the Democratic and Republican conventions on Miami Beach.

Other Activities

Consultant to N.B.C. on "Migrant 1980" documentary. This was the sequel to Edward R. Morrows "Harvest of Shame."

Consultant to Inspector General's Office of H.H.S. Washington D.C. on Migrant Affairs.

Consultant to the Office of Special Services of H.H.S. in conducting a survey of services to migrants in the United States.

Consultant for the U.S. Defense Department's Race Relations Institute, helping to design and administer four programs for military personnel in which young men and women in the service visited Miami-Dade County and underwent an intense three (3) day minority experience.

Organized the Coalition of Farm workers Immigration Office to address the concerns of IRCA in 1986.

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING SUMMARY
Miami-Dade Agriculture Center Auditorium
18710 SW 288 Street
Homestead, Florida
May 6, 2009

Board Members Present
James Humble, Chair; Larry Caudle, Vice Chair; Jonathan Borghi; Teena Borek; Robert Thompson, John DeMott, Jorge Abreu, Sam Accursio, Diego Rodriguez, Arie de Zwart

Board Members Absent
Vacant Redlands Citizen Association Representative, Vacant Florida Avocado committee, Erik Tietig (Excused)

Department of Planning and Zoning Staff (DP& Z)
Steve Foren Principle Planner; Aiman Hamdallah, Junior Planner.

Other Miami-Dade County and Government Staff
Police Department: Captain Scott Andress, Lieutenant Sheree Dibernardo
County Manager's Office: Charles LaPradd, Agricultural Manager
Office of Neighborhood Compliance: Daniel Vuelta
Board of County Commissioners (BCC): Sean McCrackine (Aide to Commissioner Sorenson), Dallas Manuel (Aide to Commissioner Moss)
County Extension Director: Don Pybas
Miami-Dade County Dept. of Environmental Resources Management: Carlos Espinosa, Director; Evan M. Skornick

Public Attendance
See sign-in sheets.

Chair's Report
Chair James Humble called the May meeting of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) to order at 9:00 am. Mr. Humble informed the APAB that the Wetland Regulation presentation scheduled for the May meeting was rescheduled for the June meeting.

Coordinators Report
Steve Foren informed the APAB that it is not a violation of the Sunshine Law if an APAB member or their secretary called other APAB members to remind them to attend the meetings as long as no more then two APAB members are on the phone at any given time.

Mr. Foren stated that the Landscape ordinance was approved by the BCC on May 5, 2009 with no modifications.

The Planning Advisory Board (PAB) heard the Florida Power and Light (FPL) CDMP application on April 27, 2009 and the FPL representatives will be presenting to the APAB shortly.

Mr. Foren also informed the APAB that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has responded to the APAB's request for background information on the Krome Avenue reconstruction project, and that the response was sent to the APAB members. Mr. Foren also advised the APAB that in addition to sending a letter to the BCC requesting their support against the planned median

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on the south end of Krome Avenue, the APAB could also send a letter to Mr. Gus Pego, the FDOT district 6 Secretary.

Mr. Humble informed the APAB that he and Teena Borek met with Commissioner Moss about the Krome Avenue reconstruction project to discus the issues regarding the Florida City Farmer's Market. He relayed that Commissioner Moss is opposed to the proposed median on Krome Avenue, and agreed that it will restrict truck traffic and affect business around the Farmer's Market.

Agricultural Patrol

Captain Scott Andress reported that during the month of April there were about 120 calls for service with 32 arrests five of which were felonies. Most of the crime committed during the month involved nursery thefts. The Agricultural Patrol also made two arrests involving diesel fuel thefts. Captain Andress informed the APAB that the Agricultural Patrol is still getting calls regarding re-bar thefts. Captain Andress explained that the re-bar is being sold to scrap metal recycling operators and recommended that farmers store the re-bar in a safe and secure location. The Agricultural Patrol is preparing for an increase in avocado thefts during the upcoming avocado season.

Agricultural Manager's Report

Mr. LaPradd was unable to attend this months meeting due to a BCC adoption hearing for the April 2008 amendment scheduled on the same day.

Presentation by Florida Power and Light

Steve Scroggs introduced himself as a Senior Director of Project Development for Florida Power and Light. FPL is requesting an application to the CDMP to allow borrow pits under special circumstances on specified agricultural lands just east of Homestead Air Reserve Base. The application would allow borrow pits on lands designated for agricultural use lying between the Military Canal (north) and the Florida City (C-103) Canal (south), and between SW 122 Avenue/Homestead Air Reserve Base (west) and roughly SW 107 Avenue (east). About 300 acres of FPL-owned agricultural land would be used for the borrow pit. Mr. Scroggs informed the APAB that the FPL application is consistent with agricultural interests in the region. The application supports establishing a salt-water intrusion barrier near the coast for the benefit of all landholders in the region and does not promote any changes to the current water management practices. The project would only go forward if the Department of Community Affairs, Miami-Dade County, Florida's Power Plant Site Certification, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission agree that there will be a net benefit supporting long term objectives. The fill from the borrow pits will be used to build a new nuclear power plant that will have a regional benefit. Mr. Scroggs stated it is more economically feasible to extract fill from this location because of its proximity to the proposed construction site. If fill would be purchased from rock miners in the north end of the County, fuel costs for trucking the fill to the construction site would be prohibitive. The nuclear power plant will have an approximate fuel savings of $114 billion in the first 40 years and these savings will be passed on to the customers of FPL. The construction of the new nuclear power plant will have an economic stimulus of about $6 billion during construction, $100 million in annual tax revenue and will create about 4,000 jobs during the 8-year construction period. The new power plant plans to use reclaimed wastewater from the Black Point wastewater plant in southwest Miami-Dade County. FPL plans to pipe about 90 million gallons a day from Black Point and further purify the water on site and use it in its cooling towers. This will support about half of the County's requirement to meet water permit and outfall legislation obligations. The project location and concept was developed with County, State and Federal agencies. The text amendment criteria provides for many means of control for the County. The main restrictions in the text amendment allows for the project to be geographically defined, it must support a ecosystem restoration project, revert the control of the property to the managing agency and specified uses and limits for the use of the fill. The acreage description of the project is 2,264 acres of which 59% is environmental, 28% will not

be affected and only 13% will be used by FPL for the borrow pits. The design would limit the depth of the borrow pits to prevent contact with the salt water-contaminated ground water level and monitoring measures would be put in place to ensure there will be no further saltwater intrusion. After the fill is extracted the land will be conveyed to the appropriate agency for long-term management. Mr. Scroggs stated that the project will have a low environmental impact due to the proximity to the construction site. The pit created will be a valuable addition to a planned ecosystem restoration project and it will provide a buffer against increased saltwater intrusion in to the local aquifers. It will benefit the Agricultural community by preserving the western acreage for agriculture by halting or slowing salt-water intrusion. The proposed borrow pit has no impact on current water management practices in the region and, Mr. Scroggs stated, may act as a draw to the area for agro-tourism and/or eco-tourism.

Martin Motes stated that he does not disagree with FPL building a new nuclear power plant to provide clean energy, but he does disagree with the fact that a borrow pit needs to be dug in this area to build it. He stated that the risk from the nuclear power plant is never zero and if an accident does happen the residents of south Miami-Dade County will bear the entirety of the impacts. Mr. Motes mentioned that all of the savings from the fill issue and the power plant in general will be distributed to the whole customer base of FPL, and to the share holders. This causes an unequal cost-benefit ratio for the local residents. Mr. Motes also asked Mr. Scroggs if the current canals and waterways in the area don't slow salt-water intrusion.

Mr. Scroggs said the there has been only one incident involving a serious accident in a nuclear power plant in the United States, that being Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania, and it did not result in any radiation leak or damage to the surrounding area. Mr. Scroggs addressed Mr. Mote's concern about the potential impact by stating that if the project is not approved by the many review agencies, and does not provide a net environmental benefit, then the project will not move forward. Mr. Scroggs stated that the $6 billion that will flow to the local economy through the construction of the plant, and the $100 million in annual tax revenue the County will receive does not warrant Mr. Motes suggestion that the residents of Miami-Dade County will be economically disadvantaged by the project.

John Alger, a landowner in the area of the FPL application, commended FPL for using reclaimed water but is concerned on how the borrow pit will affect his farm. Mr. Alger's main concerns are whether or not the water table in the area will be affected, if the borrow pit will cause salt-water intrusion, and how this use will impact the future use of his property.

Katie Edwards from the Farm Bureau wanted to address some text in the original FPL application. Ms. Edwards stated that FPL is not supporting agriculture when the application stated the following; "without significant human intervention on an annual basis the area is unsuitable for agricultural use". According to Ms. Edwards this statement is the Farm Bureau's underlying concern and if the language is not removed the Farm Bureau will not be supporting the application.

Mr. Scroggs responded that the language quoted by Ms. Edwards will be removed from the application at the first opportunity, but as the application is in the middle of the Amendment Cycle process, it could not be amended at this time.

The APAB had a brief discussion on farming in the application area and came to the conclusion that the application area is suitable of agriculture and can be farmed without significant human intervention on an annual basis.

Teena Borek asked Mr. Scroggs how FPL will get the reclaimed water from Black Point to the new power plant. Mr. Scroggs informed Ms. Borek that FPL will construct a pipeline along FPL's

existing transmissions lines corridor. Ms. Borek informed Mr. Scroggs that she likes the idea and supports using the reclaimed water since farmers cannot do so for health safety reasons.

Adoption of April 2009 Minutes

Teena Borek requested a change to the April minutes in the *Adoption of March 2009 Minutes* section. She would like the first sentence in this section to read as follows: Teena Borek would like the March minutes to be reviewed and adjusted to reflect some of the positive discussion the APAB had on agricultural use of endosulfans. John DeMott made a motion to approve the April 2009 minutes with the modification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Borek and passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Foren reminded the APAB that they had not taken any action in April on whether or not to withdraw the Procurement resolution that they approved in 2008 because it did not have a quorum at the time the issue came up on the agenda. The Procurement resolution requested the BCC to direct the Department of Procurement Management (DPM) to create a preference for local products in County bid contracts. Mr. Humble informed the APAB that DPM would not endorse the APAB's proposal. Mr. Foren explained that DPM would not endorse the resolution because they already have two mechanisms (small business and local vendor) that farmers may utilize to gain a preference when applying for a contract. Mr. Foren commented that DPM's position is based on the fact that it does not get many applications for County bids from the farming community and no one from south Miami-Dade County is taking advantage of the current preferences of small businesses or local vendor status, so they see no need to add another method of gaining a preference. The Board had a brief discussion on this issue and decided not to withdraw the resolution. Staff will forward it to the BCC.

Mr. Foren stated that he sent out the section of Miami-Dade County Code that explained the board member attendance requirements. Mr. Foren noted that the County Code only allows each board member two consecutive unexcused absences, and a total of three unexcused absences in a one-year period. If a board member has more then three unexcused absences in a one-year period, they are no longer considered to be a board member. Also, the APAB must vote to excuse a member from a meeting, it is not automatic, nor may the Chair do it alone. Mr. Foren then asked if the APAB will be excusing Erik Tietig. Larry Caudle stated that Mr. Tietig did not attend this month's meeting because he has the flu. Mr. Foren opined that the wording of the County Code gave a board member an automatic excused absence for medical reasons, so no vote was required by the APAB.

Don Pybas presented awards to two members of the National Weather Service Forecast Office on behalf of Miami-Dade Agricultural Community for their research on weather and its affect on agriculture.

Mr. Foren reminded the board members that the new enabling ordinance, adopted in September 2008, empowers the APAB to appoint someone to fill a vacancy on the Board if the nominating organization does not appoint a nominee within 45 days. Mr. Foren pointed out that Robert Thompson's organization had not nominated an individual within the 45-day period and asked the Board if they would like to nominate someone. The Board decided to reappoint Robert Thompson to represent the Coalition of Florida Farm Workers. John DeMott made a motion to reappoint Robert Thompson the motion was seconded by Ms. Borek and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Foren informed the APAB that the Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration team rescheduled its meeting on the seasonal drawdown, salt water intrusion and coastal wetlands. The meeting will be

held on May 8, at the NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center office on Virginia Key from 10:00 Am to 3:00 PM.

Set Agenda
DERM presentation on wetlands ordinance

Action Items
Make changes to the April 2009 minutes

Adjournment
With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 pm.

_____ Steve Foren, Coordinator