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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: January 21, 2010

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

From: George M. Burgess County Manager

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

Resolution No. R-30-10

Subject: Re-appointment of Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Members

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) re-appoint the following persons for a second term as members of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB):

- Larry Caudle to fill the Allied Agri-Business seat as recommended by the Dade County AgriCouncil, Inc.; and
- John DeMott to fill the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District Seat as recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District.

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

This section does not apply.

Background

The APAB consists of thirteen members representing a variety of agricultural industries. Section 2-935, Code of Miami-Dade County, requires that the 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.

Allied Agri-Business seat

Mr. Larry Caudle was selected for re-appointment by the Dade County AgriCouncil, Inc. Mr. Caudle has several years of experience as a cattle and grove farmer and has attended the University of Miami and North Carolina State University. *The Miami-Dade AgriCouncil recommended the re-appointment of Larry Caudle at their July 14, 2009 meeting.*

South Dade Soil & Conversation District

Mr. John DeMott graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Biology as well as a second Bachelor of Science in Environmental Horticulture. Mr. DeMott has been the owner and operator of Redland Nursery Inc.

since 1972. The *South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District recommended the re-appointment of John DeMott at their July 30, 2009 meeting.*

The terms for both re-appointments will begin on January 1, 2010 and expire on December 31, 2013.

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: January 21, 2010

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

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

Please note any items checked.

_____ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager'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(N)(1)(A)

1-21-10

RESOLUTION NO. **R-30-10**

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Sections 2-931 through 2-936 of the Code of Miami-Dade County provides for the creation, composition, terms, purpose and duties of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB); and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Larry Caudle has completed his first term as the Allied Agri-Business representative on the APAB and is eligible for a second term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John DeMott has completed his first term as the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District 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 organizations shall submit at least one nominee; 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 Dade County AgriCouncil, Inc. recommend that the Board of County Commissioners re-appoint Mr. Larry Caudle to Allied Agri-Business seat; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager and the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District recommend that the Board of County Commissioners re-appoint Mr. John DeMott to represent the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District seat,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Larry Caudle and Mr. John DeMott are hereby re-appointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for one four-year term to begin on January 1, 2010 and to end on December 31, 2013.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan 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	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2010. 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

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DADE COUNTY
AGRI COUNCIL INC.

October 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Larry Caudle was nominated for the position as representative on the Ag Practices Committee. It was discussed and approved that Mr. Caudle will serve a second term representing Dade County AGRI Council.

Sincerely,

Diane Massucci

Diane Massucci

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

July 30, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cooper McMillan, Chairman
Tom Davenport, Treasurer
Waldy Klassen, Supervisor
Morgan Levy, Administrator
Bill Townshend, Project Manager
Louise King, Vice Chair
John DeMott, Supervisor
Christine Coffin, NRCS
Norma H. Wilson, Administrative Assistant
Wendy Lobos, Consultant

Robert Perez, MIL
Don Grimsley, Nursery BMP Lab
Sonny Clayton, Sales
Kristy Rutledge

Meeting Called to Order by Cooper McMillan, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors at 9:45 a.m.

Meeting was held at 1450 North Krome Avenue, Suite 104, Florida City, Florida – USDA Service Center.

Last Month's Meeting Minutes were approved; John DeMott made motion to accept last month's financials that were presented at last meeting with the correction made to the Advisory Board's Report to reflect that John DeMott stated that the State Law supersedes the County Ordinance regarding recycling on the east side of Krome Avenue. Florida State Law supersedes the county regulation stating that you can recycle waste on your own property. Presently there are no Best Management Practices for this particular item and the district should look into writing policy BMP procedures.

Also, Bill Townshend to Administrator's report, he received the 2009 Recycle Florida Today – Outstanding Waste Reduction Recipient Award. Bill was able to attend this ceremony even after his arm accident that he had recently. We are very proud of Bill; his dedication and hard work at the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District is quite admirable.

Financial Report – Thomas Davenport

Financials for the month of June 2009 were approved; Cooper made motion to accept financials, and Louise King second the motion, a unanimous vote was made to accept June 2009 financials.

Wendy explained some of the items that needed clarification on the financial statements. Payroll is running smoothly and all quarterly reports have been filed.

Wendy and Norma have been working on setting up a better EPA reporting system for the EPA grant.

Norma Wilson reported that the situation with Pastran, CPA's is finally over. We have received our financial records that we had requested for a very long time. We had to make final telephone calls to Raul Pastran, owner, regarding the critical need to return our 2008 financials immediately.

We can now start our internal 2008 financial audit with our auditor Nestor Caballero. We need to check into finding another accountant to do our financials; taxes and final annual reports.

Chairman's Report - Cooper McMillan

Cooper advice us of the red bay ambrosia beetle, xyleborus gladbratus Eichhoff, and the associated fungus is affecting our Florida agricultural community. This beetle's fungus germinates in the avocado trees' tissue and can cause a tree to die in a matter of 30 days.

State officials and the agricultural farmers are very concerned about this infestation of the red bay beetle because it is very hard to detect which trees have been infested until the tree begins dying in a matter of weeks or months after it has been infected. The potential damage to the agricultural market could be devastating to the South Dade area. Researchers are working very hard to come up with an effective method of ridding the avocado groves of this major problem.

Cooper presented our guest, Dr. Reiza from the USDA, he spoke regarding his job position transfer to Georgia. The SDSWCD has written letters to the state representatives asking that Dr. Reiza from USDA be kept in the Dade County area and not be transferred because we need his service very much in this area.

The second guest Adam Kanter was introduced, he spoke to the SDSWCD Board and explained his interest in helping the District as an investor financer and bring funds to help finance composting projects. Morgan explained that Adam Kanter has financial expertise and we have the knowledge and field operations and technical experience in working with composting.

The Board has asked Adam Kanter to provide the Board with a draft letter explaining what exactly he is offering to do, how this funding works and how it will benefit the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District.

Cooper asked Morgan to send this information to the Board before the next board meeting.

Nursery BMP Lab Report – Donald Grimsley

See attached report

Nursery Lab is running smoothly and contractually on track. Donnie has negotiated a better contract for the new fiscal year. He has finished his last fiscal year very well.

Sonny stated the the CBO Grant's annual audit is requiring the District to have two signers added to each check that is written from CBO Grant funds.

A motion was made to change from one signature needed to two signatures needed on CBO Grant checks; Morgan is the first signer and either Cooper McMillan or Tom Davenport will be alternate signers. Louise seconds the motion and the board voted unanimously.

Mobile Irrigation Lab Report – Robert Perez *See attached report.*

Robert stated that the MIL is doing very good. The South Florida Water Management District- Mr. Berman says that he is a supporter of the MIL Lab.

Robert asked the Board to write letters to the AFDAC to support the MIL Lab.

Ag Practices Advisory Board Report – John De Mott said that he was interested in continuing his participation as Ag Practices Advisory Board for the next two years. Louise made a motion to have John De Mott continue in his position, Waldy second the motion and the Board voted unanimously to keep his in this position.

NRCS Report - see attached report

Christine Coffin gave a report on the NRCS activities.

She reported that the EPA was awarded $2 million dollars. The NRCS is accepting applications for the 2010 Farm Bill, October 30, 2009 is the deadline.

NRCS is transferring Marcos Loperena to Kissimmee, FL in August 2009. He will no longer be working with Christine.

Administrator's Report – Morgan Levy

See attached report

Morgan stated that Bill Crispin advised us on how to resolve the problem with Raul Pastran at Pastran, CPA.

SDSWCD has received a renewal of contract for the next 3 years.

The sludge situation is better this month. This sludge is essential to the agricultural growers in the community and we have been having a very hard time getting it on a timely basis from MDWS. Hopefully this problem will not continue in the future.

The Board has been working on several power-point presentations for composting and educational purposes.

Louise, Waldy, and Tom along with Morgan, Bill and Norma from the District have been working with the composting power-point presentation that will be sent presented at the AFCD – Jacksonville, Fl annual conference.

We will be using a new composting sales company. BW Organics had some problems with one of the in-vessel composters and now we will be using Bright Star, Inc. as soon as possible.

Morgan stated that Tom and Waldy have experience in writing grants and that they will be working with the District to request funds from grants.

We had Sandi Nanni and Robin Wright come and give the Distric a presentation of their grant writing experience. We are looking for funds to help the District be able to work more projects and create more revenue.

Project Manager Report: Bill Townshend

Bill Townshend is re-cooperating very well from his arm accident. He has been talking to customers about the Pilot Composting Projects at the Breakers Resort and other sites.

He has been looking into getting a meat grinder for another one of our other projects.

He is also working with Morgan on getting a patent on the composting expertise that he has gathered during the past.

Announcements – Cooper McMillan adjourned the meeting -Meeting at 1:00

Next meeting to be held August 20, 2009.

AGRI COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Phil Marraccini, at Cooperative Extension. Officers present: Diane Massucci, Idania Kestel, and Jessica Borek. Directors present: Debbie Brady, Mary Lamberts, Harry Miller, Joann Speers & Carol Troutman. Also in attendance was Larry Caudle.

ABSENT: PRESIDENT HAUGHTON-JAMES, JONATHAN BORGHI, DIANA COLLINGWOOD, ROBBIE COX, CHRIS ELLIS, STEVE GREER,JUAN CARLOS HERNANDEZ, DENNIS LATSON, TOM VICK & SHOUAN ZHANG.

MINUTES: It was motioned by Mary Lamberts and seconded by Idania Kestel to accept the minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: It was motioned by Jessica Borek and seconded by Mary Lamberts to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. We received the Fair check in the amount of $10,000 in June. The Money Market account is up for renewal and after a brief discussion it was motioned by Mary Lamberts and seconded by Debbie Brady to renew the CD for 6 months. Motion approved. Debbie Brady asked for final figures for the Fair and the Ag Tour. The Tour profit was $101. and the Fair profit was $1,676. Idania Kestel will provide a final figure for the 2008 Golf Tournament.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Friday, October 23, 2009.
Redland Golf & Country Club. Diane Massucci presented Save the Date, flyer, etc. to be approved by the Board so she can start sending out the information to our members, previous players and sponsors. It was discussed that Diane would check with Joan at the Country Club to see if we can bring bagged lunches for the players and waters on the cart. She will also check into having appetizers immediately following the tournament at the awards reception.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Larry Caudle attended the meeting in order for the Board to nominate him for a second term to represent Dade County AGRI Council, Inc. on the Ag Practices Board. Diane Massucci motioned to re-nominate Larry as Dade County AGRI Council, Inc., representative, seconded by Debbie Brady. Motion approved. It was then motioned by Mary Lamberts and seconded by Diane Massucci to name Larry Caudle as an Ex Officio on the AGRI Council Board of Directors. Motion approved.

Mary Lamberts suggested we put together a Website for AGRI Council so our information could reach more people. It was discussed that Larry Caudle would

contact Ian Maquire at TREC for his assistance in helping us to design a Website.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER ADJOURNMENT:
Phil Marraccini Emailed Diane saying he thinks we can get 6" subs from Subway for about $2.50. We can put them in a bag with chips and a drink for about $3.50. If we are not allowed to do the drinks, maybe we could issue and them drink tickets and still be under $5.00.

Diane contacted Ian Maquire and he is working on a proposal in designing a Website for us. She will forward it to the Board as soon as she receives it.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009** AT ***NOON at the Ag Center – 18710 SW 288 Street.***

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

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

Started/Owner Brasilian Grafted Cactus Inc. 1972 to 1986

Cattle Farmer and Grove /Farmer 1978 to present

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

Agriliance - 10 years Ag sales 1998 to present

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

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

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

John C. DeMott **Feb, 2006** 305-248-5109
18455 SW 264 St. Redland, Florida 33031 Redland@Netrus.net

Profile

DOB April, 1948, Larchmont NY

Moved to South Florida 1951

St. Brendan grade school Miami, through 7th grade

Redland Jr. High School

South Dade High graduating in 1966

Professional Accomplishments

Aerospace

- Commercial Pilot License

Agriculture

- Redland Nursery Inc. Est. 1972
- Alpha Foliage Inc. Est. 1981
- 2B Farms Inc. Est. 1985
- Keys Foliage 1979
- Florida Keys Botanical Center Inc. Est. 2004
- Tropical Treasures Inc. Est.1987
- Greenland Nursery Est. 2002
- Zone10 Inc. Est. 1996
- East Glade Tropical Est. 1982
- FNGLA Seed-bank Est. 1997 Http://www.botanicalauctions.com
- Helped Defeat Flora Board (A marketing order, they still get their funding from our industry via. bond money placed on selective buyers of horticulture products.)
- Past President of the Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nursery and Growers Association. 1980
- VP of Friends of Chapman Field (grass roots organization that helped keep this ARS station from closure and becoming part of, or another, Dearing Bay Yacht and Country Club) 1996

Family

- Married to Carol DeMott since 1970
- Children Jeff, Jennifer
- Both engaged
- Both in Collage

Work History

Watercraft operator **US Army** 1970-1972

Ft. Rucker Alabama, Fort Eustis

	Virginia, Eglin Air force Base Florida,	
Firefighter	Miami Dade County, Florida	1972- 2000
Ornamental Horticulture	Dade County	1970-present

Education

AA in Aerospace	Dade Community Collage,	1969
(Burnies' Bombers)	South Miami, Fla.	

AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES STUDY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 2009

MEMBER	ORGANIZATION	ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT DATE	CURRENT TERM EXPIRATION	Eligible for Additional Four Year Term
Jorge Abreu	Florida Nursery, Growers, & Landscape Association	April 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2012	No
Jonathan Borghi	Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce	Dec. 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2010	Yes
Teena Borek	Dade County Farm Bureau	April 31, 2003	Dec. 31, 2010	No
John DeMott	South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District	May 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2009	Yes
Sam Accursio	Dade County Farm Bureau	Dec. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2012	Yes
James Humble	Agricultural Practices Advisory Board	Sept. 31, 2004	Dec. 31, 2012	No
Gary Dufek	Florida Avocado Committee	Dec. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2012	Yes
Larry Caudle	Miami-Dade AgriCouncil	Dec. 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2009	Yes
Arie de Zwart	Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida	Dec. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2012	Yes
Martin Motes	Redland Citizens' Association	Dec. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2012	Yes
Diego Rodriguez	Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida	Dec. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2012	Yes
Robert Thompson	Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations	April 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2012	No
Eric Tietig	Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association	Dec. 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2010	Yes