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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 7, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution to appoint one Board member and reappoint one Board Member to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

Resolution No. R-448-11

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Department of Planning and Zoning and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Lynda Bell.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: June 7, 2011

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Alina T. Hudak
County Manager

Subject: Appointment and Reappointment of Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Members

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Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC):

A. Appoint the following person to a first term on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB):
   - Tommy Vick to fill the Vegetable Industry Representative #2 seat as recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau.

B. Reappoint the following person for a second term as a member of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB):
   - Erik Tietig to fill the Nursery Industry Representative #1 seat as recommended by the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association.

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.

- Vegetable Industry Representative #2 seat
  Mr. Tommy Vick was nominated by the Dade County Farm Bureau as one of two candidates for this appointment. Mr. Vick is a fourth generation vegetable farmer and is the owner and operator of Tom Vick Farms. Mr. Vick has also served as Director on the Dade County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, the Dade Agri Council and the Miami-Dade School Board Agricultural Advisory Committee. *The Dade County Farm Bureau recommended the appointment of Tommy Vick at their April 5, 2011 meeting.*

- Nursery Industry Representative seat
  Mr. Erik Tietig completed his first term on the APAB in December 2010, and is eligible for reappointment for a second and final term. Mr. Tietig is currently the Vice President of Pine Island Nursery & Tree Farm, Inc. Mr. Tietig has also held various positions with the Dade County Farm Bureau, Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and the Rotary Club of Homestead. Mr. Tietig has a Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Florida. *The Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association recommended the re-appointment of Erik Tietig at their March 8, 2011 meeting.*

The terms for the appointment and re-appointments began on January 1, 2011 and will expire on December 31, 2014.

Susanne M. Torriente, Director
Office of Sustainability

MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

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

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

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

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County 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 _____

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6-7-11

RESOLUTION NO. R-448-11

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE BOARD MEMBER AND REAPPOINT ONE BOARD MEMBER 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, a vacancy of the Dade County Farm Bureau Vegetable Industry Seat #2 exists on the APAB; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Erik Tietig has completed his first term as the Nursery Industry Representative #1 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 vacancies on the APAB are to be filled by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager and the Dade County Farm Bureau recommend that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Mr. Tommy Vick to the Vegetable Industry Representative #2 seat; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager and the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association recommend that the Board of County Commissioners re-appoint Mr. Erik Tietig to the Nursery Industry Representative #1 seat,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Tommy Vick is hereby appointed to the Vegetable Industry Representative #2 seat and Mr. Erik Tietig is hereby

reappointed to the Nursery Industry Representative #1 seat of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board for one four-year term to begin on January 1, 2011 and to end on December 31, 2014.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Jose "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of June, 2011. 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.

Dennis A. Kerbel

Erik Tietig
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Education:

1994-1998 University of Florida
I graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis on international relations, U.S. government, western European politics, sub-Saharan African politics, and hegemony and culture.

Work Experience:

1995-1998 W.T. Riley Construction Company
Working as a laborer I gained experience in residential and commercial building construction, building materials, and heavy equipment operation.

1998-1999 Law Offices of Edward C. Tietig P.A.
Working as a paralegal I gained experience in constitutional property law with emphasis on government takings, Harris Act claims, and civil rights litigation.

1999-2007 Pine Island Nursery & Tree Farm Inc.
I currently act as the Vice President of the company which specializes in the production of tropical fruit, nut, and spice trees. I have gained experience in plant propagation, pest and disease identification, sales and marketing, and small business operations. The single greatest contribution to the company that I have made is transitioning the business from primarily acting as a grove supplier to a wholesale and retail supplier of fruit trees to the dooryard market.

Trade Associations and Civic Organizations:

2000-2007 Florida Nursery Grower's and Landscape Association

Dade Chapter FNGLA Director	2000-2002
State FNGLA Director and Chapter State Representative	2002-2006
Dade Chapter FNGLA First Vice President	2005-2006
Dade Chapter FNGLA President	2006-2007

2002-2007 Dade County Farm Bureau

Director	2002-2003
Secretary	2003-2004
Treasurer	2004-2005
Director	2005-2007

2004-2007 Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida
Treasurer 2004-2007

2000-2006 Rotary Club of Homestead

Sgt. at Arms	2001-2002
Director	2002-2003
Secretary	2003-2004
Pres. Elect	2004-2005
President	2005-2006
Past President	2006-2007

2002-2006 Miami-Dade County Agriculture and Rural Areas Study
Citizens Advisory Committee- County Commission Appointment

2006-2007 Community Bank of Florida
Executive Advisory Committee- Board of Directors Appointment

2006-2007 UF Tropical Research and Education Center Advisory Committee
Chairman- Center Director Appointment

Awards
2005-2006 Presidential Citation awarded by Rotary International
2006-2007 FNGLA Young Nursery Professional of the Year
2006-2007 Southern Nursery Association Young Nursery Professional of the Year

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Tommy Vick

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Miami, FL 33177
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PROFILE:
Fourth generation farmer of vegetables and owner/operator of Tom Vick Farms since 2000.

EMPLOYMENT:
Tom Vick Farms – Owner and operator of a vegetable farm that is producing 41 different commodities.

LEADERSHIP:
Dade County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Director
Dade Agri Council, Director
Miami-Dade School Board Ag Advisory Committee, Director

HOBBIES:
Hunting and fishing

DADE CHAPTER FNGLA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 8, 2011

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Allyson Humphries, Ivonne Alexander, Brian Evelyn, Mick Gnaegy, Sylvia Gordon, Lisa Greer, Jenn Helms, Steve Leonard, and Jane Spurling,

STAFF: Kathryn Walters

ABSENT: Claudia Fajardo and Gustavo Santana

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER
Allyson called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

ITEM #2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Sylvia made the motion to approve the February minutes, Ivonne seconded and all approved.

ITEM #3 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
Allyson said that we have some new advertisers. June Ward of Emerald Forest and Kenny St Germain have risen to the challenge and we appreciate all the efforts but things are still not good. We need to cover our expenses and "the chapter is what it is". Kathryn called and was able to get the deposit back from the Fairchild Event.

After a disturbing call from an advertiser, Kathryn and Christy are required to refer all such calls to the president.

ITEM #4 TREASURER'S REPORT
Lisa presented the February financial report and discussion was held by the BOD. Ivonne made a motion to accept, Steve seconded and all approved.

ITEM #5 STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
Sylvia presented the State Representative report and discussed items with the BOD. The BOD is discussing a one day leadership during the convention rather than several days in June.

She stated that FNATS layout booths are changing.

She reminded everyone that June 23-26th would be this years convention would be held in Naples at the LaPlaya.

ITEM #6 COMMITTEES

DINNER
March would be bwi Companies scholarship barbecue. Teresa will be conducting seminar for 2 CEU's.

April 7th is possibly for the Chili Cookoff at Stick & Steins. Jorge Abreu will be in chairing this event.

May will be casino night and we are asking Kathryn to find out what tables the Shrine Club has.

June will be election night

July will be installation night.

BYLAWS
Lisa presented the changes in the bylaws that will be voted on in June. It was agreed upon to remove the word regular in front of monthly meetings and monthly schedule. Allyson asked to have the change of bylaw to be published in the April & May editions of the Grapevine. Ivonne made the motion to accept the changes in the bylaws as published in April and May issues of the Grapevine. This will be voted on the third Tuesday in June at the Election meeting.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
Jenn reported that the City of Homestead is modifying their budget.

She stated that the City is being sued by the Air Force Base for their variance program. The City had scheduled meetings at this time and more will be reported.

MEMBERSHIP
Brian reported that 3 members have joined our Chapter. This gives us a total of 247 members. The office will send letters to welcome these new members.

NURSERY TOUR
None at this time.

MIAMI-DADE SCHOOLS
None at this time.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
None at this time.

OFFICE REPORT
After discussion Ivonne moved that henceforth for any articles that are to be purchased must have three bids before final bid is accepted, Sylvia seconded and all approved. Mick amended to read that all purchases over $50 must have three bids.

ITEM #7 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Water Restrictions and BMP's
Ivonne stated that Phase One water restrictions would be put into place. Nurseries are concerned about the media blitz versus scientific facts on rules for watering new plants by consumers. She feels that there should be different rules for native plants. Some nurseries feel that the media does not represent the true facts and used scare tactics for effect.

2. Dick Fuhr Fishing Tournament
Allyson reported that the committee did not submit three bids for the printing of the post card. Brian will speak to them about this.

3. Backwater Fishing Tournament
No report at this time.

4. Chili cookoff and/or riboff location and date
See above.

5. Weather Service
Steve spoke to Alan Archer about this year's predictions being less accurate than previous years. Alan explained that coldest potential spots in your nurseries will vary.

6. Immigration
Ivonne reported that workers are being stopped for any little item on their vehicle and they are being asked more identification. They are being put in jail for 30 days and shipped to their home land. We are losing valuable worker that have been good citizens and have lived her for years. This unfair practice continues to plague our industry.

ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominate Erik Tietig to Ag Practices
The Dade Chapter FNGLA recommends to the County Commission that Erik Tietig be re-appointed to the Ag Practices Committee. Sylvia made the motion, Jenn seconded and all approved.

2. Administrative Fee
Ivonne reminded the BOD that the chapter is to charge 10% administration fee designed to generate money for the Chapter.

3. Fire Marshal Visits
Ivonne reminded the BOD that government agencies have had funds cut from their budget and are seeking to generate the shortfall. Fire- marshals are inspecting nurseries. She advised us to allow them entrance and to cooperate.

ITEM #9 ADJOURN
Jenn made a motion to adjourn, Mick seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Dade County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2011

Directors Present: Ivonne Alexander, George Butler, Lenny Cavallaro, Angela DelliVeneri, Bob Epling, Steve Hoveland, David Kaplan, Bill Losner, Phil Marraccini, Bob McMillan, Steven Meeks, Robert Moehling, Alice Pena, Diego Rodriguez, Tom Vick, Mark Wilson

Directors Absent: John Alger, Albert Arazoza, Teena Borek, Kern Carpenter, Larry Dunagan, Sal Finocchiaro, Steve Greer, Neal Spencer, George Sprinkle, Carolann Swanson, Vito Strano

Others Present: Debbie Brady, Lt. Sheri DiBernardo, Kelvin Moreno, Teresa Olczyk, Charles LaPradd, Capt. Steve Rasmussen, Charles Shinn, Theresa Smith, Ray Timmons

President-Elect Ivonne Alexander called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Alexander reported that on Thursday, March 31, a neighbor on 344th started shooting and locked himself in his home with an AK47. 23 of her employees were in danger. Alexander described the event details and lauded the efforts of Lt. Sheree DiBernardo in helping secure the safety of the workers.

Ag Patrol: Capt. Steve Rasmussen thanked Robert Moehling for providing refreshments for the Ag Patrol officers who worked the stand-off with the shooter. Rasmussen reported that for the month of March, Ag Patrol received 139 calls for service, 41 arrests, 7 felonies. Moreno asked about problems in North Miami regarding crimes against cattle and other livestock. Rasmussen said he hasn't received a request for assistance from the Miami Lakes area, but he will call and check with them. LaPradd mentioned that livestock is not permitted in that area of the county. Discussion ensued. LaPradd continued to say that the county code needs to be amended. The process is in place to change the code.

Extension Report: Teresa Olczyk reported on the Extension Open House – 350 people attended. Olczyk thanked Brady for hosting the Farmer's Market, which was stocked by generous local growers. All proceeds were donated to 4-H. Olczyk thanked Theresa Smith for continuing the communications of their opportunities. Olczyk reviewed recent and upcoming workshops. UF/IFAS will conduct a listening session on April 28, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Ag Extension Auditorium.

County Ag Manager: LaPradd reported that the Ag Bill (previously vetoed by Gov. Crist last year) flew through the Florida House and the Senate last week. It expected to become law on April 29, 2011. Alexander asked about the recent fire inspection and reported that no fees were required of her. Lapradd explained the Health/Safety license does require a fee, but wholesales nurseries are not required to have business licenses and therefore are exempt from fire inspections. If wholesale growers do get a bill – they

make a copy of the exemption letter, staple to bill, and mail it back to the county.

LaPradd reported that a recent aerial survey shows 105 dead bay trees, resulting from the Red Bay Ambrosia Beetle.

Federation Report: A printed report from staff is enclosed in the board packet.

Treasurer's Report: Pena presented the written financial statement to the directors. Epling moved to accept the financial report, Butler seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: March minutes were presented by email. Phil Marraccini requested a correction to show his presence at the meeting. Butler moved to accept minutes as corrected. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Agency Manager's Report: Timmons reported "income up, expenses down." Agents and staff are selling barbecue and truck tickets. Alexander inquired about homeowners' insurance policies now being sold. Alexander recently referred a friend who was very pleased with the service she received here at Farm Bureau. Timmons reported that Farm Bureau was given the only "A" rating in the state.

Women's Committee Report: Jessica Borek reported on the upcoming Ag Literacy Day where Women's Committee members have volunteered to read at schools. Members of the committee will also be on hand volunteering at the barbecue.

Charlie Shinn reported on current water situations in South Dade. He offered the opportunity of a presentation from SFWMD. Shinn reported that the filling of the seats on the SFWMD governing board is in progress, and he expects that all candidates will be personally interviewed. The governor has yet to make the appointments. Alexander reported that the water restrictions guidelines stated that growers that are BMP compliant are exempt from restrictions. Shinn will verify. Discussion ensued.

Smith reported on the communications with Miami-Dade Department Planning and Zoning regarding nominations to the Ag Practices board. All directors received a link to the county code that addresses the Ag Practice Board members via email. Discussion ensued. LaPradd provided clarification. Tommy Vick remains the board's first choice to serve. Since Bill Losner is not eligible to be the alternate candidate, Lenny Cavallaro volunteered to serve. Butler moved to submit Lenny Cavallaro as an alternate candidate. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.
Timmons reported on ticket sales, and encouraged directors to sell, sell, sell. Rodriguez recommended that directors that don't sell their tickets should buy them.

Brady provided barbecue sponsorships update – we have received $21,000 so we're at the halfway mark to last years' numbers- $41,000.

Alice mentioned asking COFFO to bring volunteers to work the barbecue.

Epling reported that the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on May 10.

Moreno reported that YF&R on the state level is organized and looking good. He has plans for the future of DCFB's YF&R. He'd like to see more involvement in the YF&R summer conference. He reported that they had a good turnout in Tallahassee. Rodriguez asked about the immigration issue. Moreno restated the FFB position – immigration is a national issue. Alexander reported that her business has seen a huge drop in seasonal labor. Losner expressed that we understand the need for migrant workers, but the rest of the county, state and nation do not.

Butler reported on the Farm Bureau Days in Tallahassee. Discussion revealed that due to the number of freshmen in the Senate and House, a farm tour is essential.

The Farm Bureau seat on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors needs to be filled. Butler nominated Smith. Delliveneri seconded. Motion carries.

Brady offered that the scholarship presentation be done at the barbecue. The directors agreed that the sound system is too poor for that. The scholarship winners will be notified to attend the April 26, 2011 board meeting to receive their checks.

Smith announced that Jessica Borek was named Volunteer of the Year by the Homestead Women's Club. She will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday, April 9, 2011.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Marraccini
Secretary