

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 1, 2014

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution reappointing  
three Board members to the  
Agricultural Practices Advisory  
Board  
Resolution No. R-613-14

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chair Lynda Bell.



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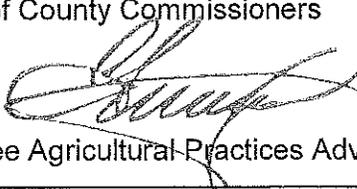
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# Memorandum



**Date:** July 1, 2014

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Re-appointment of three Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Members

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## **Recommendation**

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

- A. Larry Caudle as the Allied Agri-business representative as recommended by the Dade County Agri-Council, Inc;
- B. John DeMott as the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District representative as recommended by the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District; and
- C. Arie de Zwart as the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida representative as recommended by the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida.

## **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 Agricultural Practices Advisory Board 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 Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. By Code, each designated organization listed in Section 2-933 of the Code shall submit for BCC review at least one nominee for their vacant position(s), including the nominee's resume and the minutes of the organization's meeting at which the nominee was selected. The required documentation for the nominee is attached.

### **A. Allied Agri-business Representative**

Mr. Larry Caudle was nominated by the Dade County Agri-Council, Inc. as its nominee for reappointment. Mr. Caudle is currently the Chair of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has more than 40 years of experience in the agricultural industry. He has worked as an agricultural and farm supply salesman, has been the founder/owner of two horticultural businesses, and has been a cattle

farmer and grove farmer since 1978. Mr. Caudle has also served as the Chair of the Dade County Schools Citizen's Advisory Board, as Past President and Board Member of the Redland School PTA, and as a soccer coach. Mr. Caudle attended the University of Miami and North Carolina State University, and is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The Dade County Agri-Council, Inc. recommended the reappointment of Larry Caudle at its December 10, 2013 board meeting.

B. South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Representative

Mr. John DeMott was nominated by the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District as its nominee for reappointment to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. Mr. DeMott recently completed his first full term on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and has more than 40 years of experience in the agricultural industry. He has established and/or worked for the Redland Nursery Inc., Alpha Foliage Inc., 2B Farms Inc., Florida Keys Botanical Center Inc. and many others. He is also a Past President of the Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nursery Growers' and Landscapers Association (1980), and is a former Vice President of the Friends of Chapman Field (1996). Mr. DeMott is a former Miami-Dade County Firefighter (1972-2000) and has a commercial pilot's license. The South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District recommended the reappointment of John DeMott at its December 19, 2013 meeting.

C. Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida Representative

Mr. Arie de Zwart was nominated by the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida as its nominee for reappointment to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. Mr. de Zwart is the owner of Ruinemans Aquarium Inc. in Miami, Florida and has been in operation since 1985. He served as President of the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida (2003-2007), has worked with the Dade County Farm Bureau's local President's Council, and has served on the Board of Directors for the Florida Tropical Fish Farms Association since 2005. The Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida recommended the reappointment of Arie de Zwart at its November 28, 2012 meeting.

The terms for these re-appointments begin on January 1, 2014 and will expire on December 31, 2017.



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Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor



# 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 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(M)(1)  
7-1-14

RESOLUTION NO. R-613-14

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THREE 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County specifically provides for the designated organizations to recommend at least one nominee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Larry Caudle completed his second term as the Dade County Agri-Council Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for reappointment to a third term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dade County Agri-Council has recommended Mr. Larry Caudle to a third term as the Dade County Agri-Council Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. John DeMott completed his first term as the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for reappointment to a second term; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District has recommended Mr. John DeMott to a second term as the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Arie de Zwart completed his first term as the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board and is eligible for reappointment to a second term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida has recommended Mr. Arie de Zwart to a second term as the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; 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 the Board of County Commissioners,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that Mr. Larry Caudle is hereby reappointed for a third term to the Dade County Agri-Council seat, that Mr. John DeMott is hereby reappointed for a second term to the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District seat, and Mr. Arie de Zwart is hereby reappointed for a second term to the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida seat. Each individual listed above is hereby appointed to serve one four-year term beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2017.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**  
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
 to form and legal sufficiency.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell



December 10, 2013

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PLANNING & ZONING  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING SECT

Mark R. Woerner, AICP  
Assistant Director, Planning Division  
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources  
Planning Division, Metropolitan Planning Section  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 1250  
Miami, FL 33128-1902

Dear Mr. Woerner,

The Dade County AGRI Council, Inc. would like to reappoint Mr. Larry Caudle as our representative to the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB). Attached please find the minutes of a special meeting of our board which was called this morning for this purpose.

Sincerely,

*Mary Schneider*

Mary Schneider, President

Dade County AGRI Council, Inc.  
Board of Directors Special Meeting - Minutes  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Present: *Officers:* Schneider, Spurling, Lamberts & Kestel; *Directors:* Alexander, Haughton-James, Latson, Philcox, Seal

Absent: *Excused:* Marraccini

Agenda

*Call to Order* – 9:00 a.m. by President Schneider

President Schneider reported that she had received a letter from Mark R. Woerner, Assistant Director of the Planning Division of the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources.

Larry Caudle's term as our representative on the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board will expire on December 31, 2013. He is eligible for reappointment for another four year term, but this needs our recommendation.

Motion to approve by Director Philcox, second by Director Haughton-James. This resolution passed unanimously.

*Adjourn* at 9:10 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 14 at 8:45 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Lamberts*

Mary Lamberts, Secretary

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

Work Experience: Started/Owner International Flower Marts 1970 to 1977  
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



January 13, 2014

Stephan Mark Dorsey, AICP  
Dept of Regulatory, Planning Division  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 1220  
Miami, FL 33128-1902

Dear Mr. Dorsey & Staff:

The Ornamental Aquaculture Association has met on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and re-nominated the following member from the Ornamental Aquaculture Association to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to fill the present position.

Nomination :       Arie DeZwart.                               Tel: (305) 279-2349  
(Preferred)       11345 SW. 95<sup>th</sup> Street                               Fax: (305) 274-8562  
                              Miami, FL 33176

Mr. DeZwart has already served on this board for the OAA for over three years. He has owned and operated Ruineman's Aquarium since 1985 in Miami, but worked in this industry for 45+ years. Arie's ornamental fish business is located on agricultural zoned land in the Kendall area.

Alternative:       Rick Biro   Tel: (305) 245-2608  
                              26050 S.W. 202<sup>nd</sup> Ave.                               Fax: (305) 245-4358  
                              Homestead, FL 33031

Rick Biro currently owns and operates Florida Exotic Fish Sales located in Homestead.

Our Ornamental Aquaculture Association feels that Arie DeZwart should be considered as a preferred nomination, since he currently serves on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours truly,

Laif DeMason  
Interim president, OAA

19255 S.W. 260 Street • Homestead, Florida 33031

**Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida.**

**Meeting minutes and summary. J.D. Campbell Agriculture Center Homestead, Florida.**

**November 28th, 2012**

Members present : Rick Biro (Pres.), Laif DeMason (Treasurer), Phil Marraccini, Enrique Schmalbach, Paul Radice, Leo Baumer, Oskian Yaziciyan, Arie De Zwart.

President Rick Biro opened the meeting at 6.45 p.m. and announced that he wants to resign as President of the organization at present time. Laif DeMason offered to be the interim president for the time being which was approved by all members and chaired this meeting. It was agreed was to accept nominations for a new president at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Laif DeMason for tabling the minutes from previous to the next meeting. Seconded by Paul Radice. Motion passed.

A nomination was needed to appoint a representative for the Miami Dade Agricultural Practices Advisory Board. A motion was made by Laif DeMason to re-appoint Arie De Zwart. He accepted the nomination. Second by Paul Radice. Motion passed.

Reports were given by Arie de Zwart on the Dade Ag Advisory Board, FTFFA board, FTFFA 2013 show, and FTFFA new co-op. Phil Marraccini gave reports on the Ag Council and Dade Farm Bureau.

Phil Marraccini was asked recently by the Dade County Farm Bureau to represent aquaculture for the FFB at state level and offered to continue the representative for our organization. A motion to approve was made by Rick Biro and seconded by Oskian Yaziciyan. Motion passed.

A suggestion was made by Arie de Zwart to approach consumption fish companies to join our group as associate members. Laif DeMason suggest another list of marine tropical fish companies as possible members. A motion was made by Rick Biro to write a letter and make these companies accessible to our organization. Second by Laif DeMason. Motion passed.

Rick Biro asked if the FSA send their usual NAP renewal letter to any member this year for fin fish. No one received the annual letter this August before the NAP due date for the next season.

The members decided was to keep the annual membership dues at \$ 35.00. Noted by the Treasurer that membership fee's are still due.

Discussed was a request for a donation to support an Aquaculture project at the Redland Middle School. Members agreed to request a presentation from the student(s) and a motion will be made for approval for the donation in next meeting.

The proposed first "All Florida Fish Show" in Ft Myers next year was discussed. A date for the next meeting was not been set.

With no further matter for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

Miami, December 3, 2008

Re: Resume to fill a vacancy on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

My name is Arie de Zwart. I was born on October 18, 1946 in the Netherlands I'm 62 years old, married with 2 sons and four grandchildren.

From 1962 till 1966 I worked in Agriculture for a tomato, cucumber and lettuce grower.

In 1966, at the age of 19 years old, I started my career in Aquaculture working with Ornamental Tropical fish with Ruinemans Aquarium B.V. in the Netherlands and worked my way up to become the General Manager.

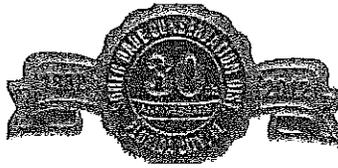
In 1985, I started the parent company Ruinemans Aquarium Inc. in Miami, Florida and have been operating this tropical fish business located on agricultural zoned land in Kendall. Since 1992, I own the business and became the co-owner of Ruinemans Aquarium B.V. in the Netherlands. I have served as president for the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida for four years (2003- 2007). I have worked with the Dade County Farm Bureaus local Presidents Council I serve at the Board of Directors of the Florida Tropical Fish Farms Association located in Winter Haven, Florida since 2005.

My purpose serving at the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board is to represent the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Arie de Zwart  
President, Ruinemans Aquarium Inc.  
11345 S.W. 95 Street,  
Miami, Fl. 33176  
Tel. 1(305) 279 2349  
Fax 305274 8562  
ruinemansmiami@earthlink.net



## **SOUTH DADE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

1450 N. Krome Ave., Suite 104 ~ Florida City, FL 33034

Telephone: (305) 242-1288 ~ Fax: (305) 242-1292

E-Mail: southdadeswcd@southdadeswcd.org

Website: southdadeswcd.org



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PLANNING & ZONING  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING SECT

Dear Mark R. Woerner,

This letter is to inform you that John DeMott's reappointment for the Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) was unanimously approved from the Board of Supervisors for South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District at the December 19, 2013 Board Meeting. I also have a copy of the December 19<sup>th</sup>'s Board Meetings showing that he was approved. Please Let us know if there is anything else that you need.

Thank You,

Gina Dolleman, Administrative Assistant  
South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District  
1450 N. Krome Ave. Suite 104  
Florida City, FL 33034  
Telephone-305-242-1288/Fax-305-242-1294



## South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District

15300 SW 288 Street, Homestead, FL 33030

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[www.southdadeswcd.org](http://www.southdadeswcd.org)

### Board of Supervisors Meeting December 19, 2013 Minutes

**PRESENT:** Cooper McMillan, Chairman; John DeMott, Board Supervisor; Tom Davenport, Board Treasurer; Wendy Lobos, SDSWCD; Morgan Levy, SDSWCD; William Townshend, SDSWCD; Robert Perez, MIL; Don Grimsley, AL; Gina Dolleman, SDSWCD.

**ABSENT:** Lucina Joseph, Board Supervisor; Christine Coffin, NRCS; Louise King, Board Vice Chairperson; Sonny Clayton, SDSWCD

Chairman McMillan called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Chairman McMillan gave opening remarks. The Chairman gave an update on The City of Homestead project, ribbon cutting, and praise for Donnie in helping to get everything prepared.

#### Administrator's Report, Morgan Levy

See attached written report.

#### URR LLC. Partnership

Supervisor John DeMott moved to approve as per Mr. Levy's Administrator's Report. Treasurer Tom Davenport seconded motion.

*Cooper McMillan: YES, Louise King: ABSENT, Supervisor John DeMott: YES, Supervisor Tom Davenport: YES, Supervisor Lucina Joseph: ABSENT*

#### Mayor Carlos Gimenez Letter

Treasurer Tom Davenport moved to send letter to Mayor Gimenez. Supervisor John DeMott seconded motion.

*Cooper McMillan: YES, Louise King: ABSENT, Supervisor John DeMott: YES, Supervisor Tom Davenport: YES, Supervisor Lucina Joseph: ABSENT*

#### November 21, 2013 Minutes

Supervisor John DeMott moved to accept the minutes. Treasurer Tom Davenport seconded motion.

*Cooper McMillan: YES, Louis King: ABSENT, Supervisor John DeMott: YES, Supervisor Tom Davenport: YES, Supervisor Lucina Joseph: ABSENT*

APAB John DeMott Re-appointment

Treasurer Tom Davenport moved to Re-appoint John DeMott to Ag Practices Board. Chairman Cooper McMillan seconded motion.

*Cooper McMillan: YES, Louise King: ABSENT, Supervisor John DeMott: YES, Supervisor Tom Davenport: YES, Supervisor Lucina Joseph: ABSENT*

2014 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Cooper McMillan moved to approve 2014 meeting schedule. Treasurer Tom Davenport seconded motion.

*Cooper McMillan: YES, Louise King: ABSENT, Supervisor John DeMott: YES, Supervisor Tom Davenport: YES, Supervisor Lucina Joseph: ABSENT*

November Financials

Supervisor John DeMott moved to accept the November financials. Treasurer Tom Davenport seconded motion.

*Cooper McMillan: YES, Louise King: ABSENT, Supervisor John DeMott: YES, Supervisor Tom Davenport: YES, Supervisor Lucina Joseph: ABSENT*

Bertha Marie Vick Revocable Trust Three Month Loan Extension

Supervisor John DeMott moved to accept the extension of the loan due date to March 1, 2014. Treasurer Tom Davenport seconded motion.

*Cooper McMillan: YES, Louise King: ABSENT, Supervisor John DeMott: YES, Supervisor Tom Davenport: YES, Supervisor Lucina Joseph: ABSENT*

Top Level Change Order

It was unanimously agreed we will be getting all emails and paperwork in order in case legal action is taken.

Ag Lab Donald Grimsley

See attached written report.

M.I.L. Robert Perez

See attached written report.

Christine Coffin

See attached written report.

*Unanimous vote to adjourn at 12:06 p.m.*

## Profile

DOB April, 1948, Larchmont NY

Moved to South Florida 1951

St. Brendan grade school Miami, through 7<sup>th</sup> 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](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