

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

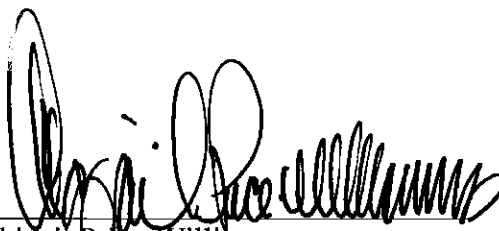
DATE: February 4, 2020

FROM: Abigail Price Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Marc
Ellenby to the Agricultural
Practices Advisory Board for
the remainder of a four-year
term

Resolution No. R-115-20

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

APW/lmp

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Date: February 4, 2020

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From: Carlos A. Giménez
Mayor 

Subject: Appointment of One Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Member

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) appoint Mr. Marc Ellenby as the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Representative to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board as recommended by the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Marc Ellenby meets the requirements under Section 2-11-38 of the Miami-Dade County Code regarding membership on boards. The term for this appointment begins upon the Board's approval and expires on December 31, 2022.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board have a countywide impact.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Track Record/Monitor

The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Planning Division, monitors the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Background

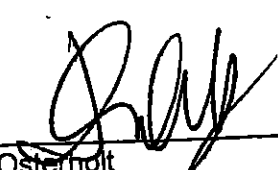
The Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) consists of thirteen members representing a variety of agricultural industries. Section 2-935, of the Miami-Dade County Code, requires that the Board fill vacancies occurring on the APAB. Pursuant to Section 2-933 of the Code, each designated organization shall submit, for Board 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 Mr. Ellenby is attached.

South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District Representative

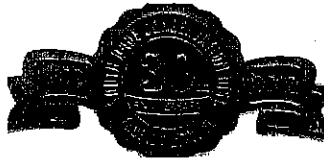
Mr. Marc Ellenby was nominated by the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District as its nominee due to the death of Mr. John DeMott. Mr. Ellenby is the owner and production manager of LNB Groves, Inc. of Homestead which has been in business since 1988. LNB Groves has extensive experience in tropical fruit tree production, bamboo cultivation and the marketing of fruits and live specimen bamboo plants. LNB Groves' home farm is USDA organic certified; the company has cultivated 50 acres of tropical clumping bamboo and 25 acres of fruit trees and perennial tropical crop production areas alongside a second growth forest in Belize, and has established ±1,900 acres of wildlife habitat in Belize. Mr. Ellenby received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois in 1974, later studied at Clemson University, and received a Master's Degree in Agriculture from the University of Florida in 1978.

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Mr. Ellenby meets the residency and other requirements outlined under Section 2-11-38 of the Miami-Dade County Code regarding membership on boards. The term for this appointment begins upon the Board's approval and will expire on December 31, 2022.



Jack Osterholt
Deputy Mayor



SOUTH DADE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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PER-PLANNING DIVISION

February 21, 2019

Jerry Bell, AICP, Assistant Director for Planning
Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
111 NW 1Streert, Suite 1250
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Jerry Bell,

It is with great pleasure and confidence that the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors recommend Marc Ellenby to fill the open Seat of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

Marc has great knowledge and experience with South Florida Agriculture. He also regularly attends the Ag Practices monthly Board meetings and stays apprised of the issues at hand. With a solid reputation for possessing good business savvy combined with the fact that he possesses the type of experience that is required, we know Marc Ellenby has everything it takes to be a successful member of the Ag Practices Board.

Sincerely,

Cooper McMillan

SDSWCD Board Chairman

The South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

The South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Marc J. Ellenby

25250 SW 194th Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33031
Home: 305.248-7595 - Cell: 305.345-6650 - LNBgroves@msn.com

Summary

Owner and production manager of LNB Groves, Inc. including many diversified tropical fruit orchards and landscape bamboo plantings on 150 acres in the Redland agricultural area, Homestead, Florida.

Highlights

Tropical fruit specialist
Extensive native plants knowledge
Sustainable forestry

Tropical bamboo grower
Detail-oriented horticulture
Organic farm certification
Sustainability initiatives

Experience

Self-employed, Owner / production manager, small business Farm-entrepreneur
January 1988 to Current

LNB Groves, Inc. - Homestead, Florida

Extensive experience in tropical fruit tree production, bamboo cultivation, and marketing of fruits and live specimen bamboo plants.

Field production manager
August 1978 to December 1987

Brooks Tropicals - Homestead, Florida

Managed all aspects of avocado, mango, and lime production for a progressive fruit grove management company on 1800+ acres. Scheduled daily, weekly, and monthly activities for field crew and Contractors.

Accomplishments

Developed tropical fruit orchards and live bamboo plant production and marketing.
Transitioned to USDA Organic certification on Home farm in the Redland agricultural area.

Cultivated 50 acres of tropical clumping bamboo and 25 acres of fruit trees and perennial tropical crop production areas alongside a Belize second growth rainforest, demonstrating agro-forestry and Permaculture principles.

Established 1900+ acres of wildlife habitat through forest conservation and trail mapping in Belize.

Improved wildlife corridor management practices.

Education

Master of Agriculture: Horticulture, Fruit crops 1978
University of Florida - Gainesville, Florida

Clemson University - Horticulture/Botany studies, 1976-1978, Clemson, South Carolina

Bachelor of Arts: Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1974
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

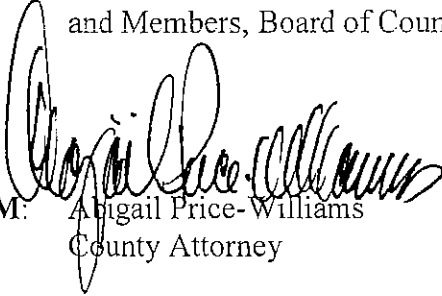


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(Revised)

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County Attorney

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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
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-115-20

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARC ELLENBY TO THE
AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE
REMAINDER OF A FOUR-YEAR TERM**

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Marc Ellenby is hereby appointed to the South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District seat of the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board beginning on the effective date of this resolution and ending on December 31, 2022.

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

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of February, 2020. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Linda L. Cave

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AM", written over a horizontal line.

Alisha Moriceau