

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing
Matthew Porter to the
Agricultural Practices
Advisory Board

Resolution No. R-298-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

GBK/smm

Memorandum



Date: April 20, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Appointment of One Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Member

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) appoint Mr. Matthew Porter as the Fruit Crop Industry Representative to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board as recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida. The term for this appointment begins on upon the effective date of the resolution and expires on December 31, 2024.

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

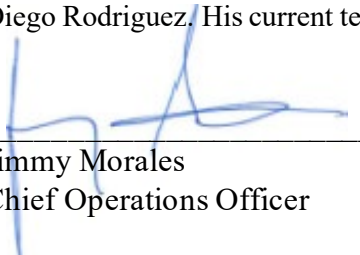
The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Planning Division, monitors the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

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. Porter is attached to this memorandum as Exhibit A.

Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida Representative

Mr. Matthew Porter was nominated by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida as its nominee to represent the Fruit Crop Industry. Mr. Porter is currently the Farm Manager of Porter Grove in Miami, which primarily produces lychees, longans and several varieties of mangos. He is also president of the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and is a member of the Tropical Beekeepers Association and the Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Society. He recently completed the Master Gardener’s Program with the Dade County Agricultural Extension Agency and is a volunteer at Fruit & Spice Park. Mr. Porter is a U.S. Navy veteran and American Airlines retiree having served 31 years as an Aircraft Structures Mechanic, Aircraft General Mechanic, Quality Assurance Inspector and Non-Destructive Testing Inspector. The current Fruit Crop Industry Representative to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board is Diego Rodriguez. His current term expired on December 31, 2020.


Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.

18710 SW 288 St., Homestead, FL 33030

Website: tropicalfruitgrowers.com Email: tropicalfruitgrowers@gmail.com

September 14, 2020

TFGSF Directors meeting

Due to the COVID-19 social gathering restrictions,
this meeting will be held online using the Zoom conferencing software.

New Business

Welcome – M. Porter

Ag Manager Report – C. LaPradd

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Ag Patrol Report – submitted by Sgt. Farina

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Ag Practices Report – M. Porter

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Secretary's Report – L. King, approval of August meeting minutes

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Treasurer's Report – L. King, approval of August Financial report

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Lychee Erinose Mite & Pest update – J. Crane

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

TFGSF Graduate Student Scholarship – L. King

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

By Law Adoption/Vote – M. Porter

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Reaffirm TFGSF Mission – M. Porter

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

APAB representation & Vote – L. King

Louise told the group that the term of the current tropical fruit representative on the Ag Practices Board, Diego Rodriguez, will be up in December 2020 and that the Board needs to either re-nominate Diego or chose another representative. The Board unanimously voted to nominate Matthew Porter as the new representative to the Ag Practices Board.

Action: Louise will send in the required documents to Jerry Bell and Marc Dorsey which are: the recommendation letter, Matt's resume, and these meeting notes documenting the vote of the Board.

Old Business

Avocado, LWD, & Ambrosia beetle – J. Crane

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Meetings & Conferences – J. Crane

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Last Minute Items – L. King

Information is redacted as it is irrelevant to the APAB representation vote.

Adjourned 7:14

We plan to have the **next** TFGSF Board of Directors meeting on **Monday, October 12, 2020**. We will notify you of further details.

Ag Patrol Contact number

Non-emergency - (786) 218-8344 Emergency- 911

Matthew E. Porter

13250 SW 224th Street

Miami, Florida 33170

Contact: 817-879-2826

Current Occupation: Farm Manager, Porter Grove, Miami Florida

Former Occupation: 1983-2019- Aircraft Structures Mechanic, Aircraft General Mechanic, Quality Assurance Inspector, Non-Destructive Testing Inspector.

Born: August 13, 1957

London, England, United Kingdom

Education: Graduated Lowell High School, San Francisco

After graduating High School I spent four years working part time and going to college part time. I attended San Francisco State University and worked in various industries, primarily Mortgage Lending and Banking but also in the travel industry.

Eventually I enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1979. I was attached to Patrol Squadron Forty (VP-40) and made four Pacific coast WestPac deployments to Japan and Diego Garcia

After serving four years in the United States Navy from 1979 -1983, I began working in the civilian aviation industry, initially as a structural repair specialist for Standard Aero Corporation in Phoenix.

In 1986 I went to work for AirCal in Oakland, California which eventually merged with American Airlines. I was at AA for 31 years working in Oakland, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Fort Worth, Texas

Following the passing of my father I retired from AA and moved to Miami to care for my mother and manage the family orchard. Generally our grove produces Lychees and Longans as the prevalent crops however we also produce several varieties of Mangoes.

I am a current member and president of the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, The Tropical Beekeepers Association and the Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Society.

Additionally I just finished the Dade County Agricultural Extension Agency Master Gardner's program and have been volunteering at the Fruit and Spice Park.



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
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Gen Bonzon-Keenan
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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)
4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-298-21

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW PORTER TO THE
AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES ADVISORY BOARD

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

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; 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, Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc. has recommended Mr. Matthew Porter to serve as the Fruit Crop Industry Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

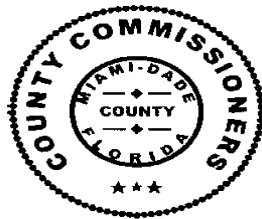
WHEREAS, section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Matthew Porter is hereby appointed as the Fruit Crop Industry Representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board beginning on the effective date of this resolution and ending on December 31, 2024.

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

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 2021. 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

By: **Melissa Adames**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "CMR".

Cristina M. Rabionet