

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 2, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution reappointing Arie de
Zwart to the Agricultural
Practices Advisory Board

Resolution No. R-411-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor PortMiami, Resiliency, and Sustainability Committee.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Appointment of Aquaculture Industry Representative to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board

Recommendation

The Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida, pursuant to Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), recommends Arie de Zwart be reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) as the Aquaculture Industry representative. Section 2-935 of the Code requires that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) fill vacancies occurring on the APAB. Pursuant to Section 2-934 of the Code, members of the APAB serve four-year terms commencing upon appointment by the Board.

Scope

The recommendations and actions of the APAB have a countywide impact.

Delegation of Authority

The proposed resolution does not delegate authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee.

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 APAB consists of thirteen (13) members representing a variety of agricultural industries:

- Two (2) representatives from the Tropical Fruit Crops Industry of Miami-Dade County, one (1) recommended by the Florida Avocado Committee, and one (1) recommended by the Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida, Inc.;
- Two (2) representatives from the nursery industry, recommended by the Miami-Dade County Chapter of the Florida Nursery Growers & Landscape Association;
- Two (2) representatives from the vegetable industry, recommended by the Dade County Farm Bureau;

- One (1) representative of the aquaculture industry, recommended by the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida;
- One (1) representative of a citizens' association supportive of agriculture, recommended by the Redland Citizens' Association;
- One (1) representative of allied agribusiness recommended by the Dade Agri Council;
- One (1) representative of agri-banking, agri-financial consulting, or agri-lending recommended by the (South Dade) Chamber of Commerce;
- One (1) representative of Farm Labor, recommended by Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Organizations;
- One (1) representative of the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, recommended by the South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District; and
- One (1) at large representative recommended by the Miami-Dade Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

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. de Zwart is attached as Exhibit A.

Aquaculture Industry Representative

Mr. Arie de Zwart was nominated by the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida as its nominee for reappointment. Mr. de Zwart is the owner of Ruineman's Aquarium Inc. in Miami, Florida which has been in operation since 1985, and he has been in the aquaculture industry for more than 45 years. 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 January 24, 2023, board meeting. Mr. de Zwart's resume and the minutes of the meeting at which he was selected are attached as Exhibit A.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer

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
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Miami, Fl. 33176
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January 27, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Dorsey & Staff:

The Ornamental Aquaculture Association Board of Directors has met on January 24th, 2023 by tele-conference and re-nominated the following member from the Ornamental Aquaculture Association to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to re-fill his current position. Our Board of Directors consists of Rick Biro, Laif DeMason, and Arie DeZwart.

Nomination :	Arie DeZwart.	Cell: (305) 282-6981
Location:	Ruinemans Aquarium Inc. 19150 SW 248 Street Homestead, FL 33031	Bus: (786) 610-0611
Mailing:	PO Box 972087, Miami FL 33197	

Mr. DeZwart has already served on this board for the OAA for several years.

Our Ornamental Aquaculture Association feels that Arie DeZwart should be considered for re-appointment, 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



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(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
- ☐ 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 _____

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5-2-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-411-23

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ARIE DE ZWART 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, the Ornamental Aquaculture Association of South Florida has recommended the reappointment of Mr. Arie de Zwart to serve as the Aquaculture Industry representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board; and

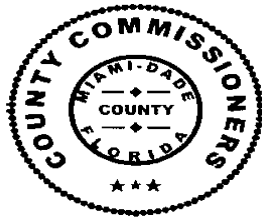
WHEREAS, section 2-935 of the Code of Miami-Dade County directs that vacancies on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that Mr. Arie de Zwart is hereby appointed as the Aquaculture Industry representative on the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board to serve a four-year term beginning on the effective date of this resolution.

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

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023. 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

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

Basia Pruna

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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

Cristina M. Rabionet