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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(10)

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

DATE: December 12, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution reappointing Thomas
(Tommy) Vick to the
Agricultural Practices Advisory
Board

Resolution No. R-1093-23

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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Memorandum



Date: December 12, 2023

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

From: Daniella Levine Cava 
Mayor

Subject: Appointment of One Agricultural Practices Advisory Board Member

Recommendation

The Dade County Farm Bureau, pursuant to Section 2-933 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), recommends Thomas (Tommy) Vick be reappointed to the Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB) as the vegetable 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. Vick is attached as Exhibit A.

Vegetable Industry Representative

Mr. Tommy Vick was nominated by the Dade County Farm Bureau as its nominee for reappointment. Mr. Vick is the owner of V&B Farms and is the previous owner of Tom Vick Farms. Mr. Vick began gaining experience in farming as a 4-year-old with Vick Farms Palms, and over the years worked for Daigle Farms, Super-Six Farms and Richard Borek Farms prior to owning Tom Vick Farms from 1994 to 2009. He has participated in the Homestead Florida City Chamber of Commerce's "Green Committee" event, the Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show, and the Homestead Centennial Celebration, and has been a member of the Dade County Farm Bureau, Dade County Agri-Council, and Future Farmers of America. Mr. Vick is a 2001 graduate of South Dade Senior High School. Mr. Vick's resume and the minutes of the meeting at which he was selected are attached as Exhibit A.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer

Tommy Vick, V & B Farms

Education/Certifications

1998-2001 High School Diploma- South Dade Sr. HS
4/17/2012 Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) Food Safety Program (V&B Farms, LLC)

Awards/Accomplishments

1998-2001 Member of Future Farmers of America (FFA)
1998-2001 Agriculture Ambassadors for Dade County Fair & Expo
1999-2001 Junior Board Member of Dade County Agri-Counsel
2001-2007 Board Member of Dade County Agri-Counsel
2010 Dade County Farm Bureau Agriculture Advocate Award
2010-present Director of Dade County Farm Bureau
2011-present Dade County Board of County Commissioners Ag Practices Committee Member

Community Involvement

2001 –present Donate time and materials to promote FFA at South Dade Sr. HS
2001 –present Various donations to Not-For-Profit Organizations such as Agape Women’s Center,
Redlands Community Church Pantry & First United Methodist Christian School
2013-February Homestead Centennial Celebration agricultural display
2011- 2013 Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show agricultural display
2013- August Homestead Florida City Chamber Green Committee event “Meet the Grower”

Experience

1987-1996 Vick Farms Palms (4-yrs old) – pulled weeds in the nursery
1994-1996 Daigle farms (potatoes)
1996-2000 Super Six Farms – tractor driver (corn, beans, tomatoes)
2001-2008 Richard Borek Farms – General Manager (corn, beans, tomatoes)
1994-2009 Tom Vick Farms, Owner
2009-present V&B Farms, Owner

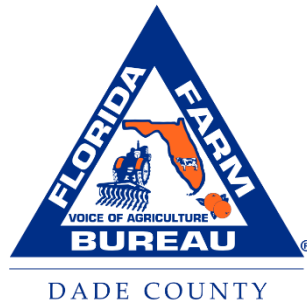
Crops Grown

Sweet Corn
Green Beans
Wax Beans
Cranberry Beans
Zucchini squash
Crookneck squash
Straight-neck squash
Sunburst squash

Round tomatoes
Grape tomatoes
Plum tomatoes
Strawberries
Sweet onions
Cucumbers
Pickles
Seedless cucumbers
Cantolope melon
Honeydew melon
Jalapeno pepper
Longhot pepper
Red,yellow,green bell pepper
Sweet peas snow peas
Okra
Bok choy
Baby bok choy
Sugarcane
Broccoli
Cauliflower
Green & Red Cabbage
Lettuce
Carrots
Italian eggplant
Chinese eggplant
Indian eggplant
Thai eggplant
Potatoes
Basil
Mint
Rosemary
Thyme
Lemon Thyme
Sage
Oregano
Dill
Chives
Curly parsley
Flat parsley
Lychee
Longan
Avocado

Mango

Palm trees



Dade County Farm Bureau

Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 13, 2023 at 10:30 AM via phone conference

President: Barney Rutzke Jr called an special meeting to respond to a Miami Dade County request to reappoint Tom Vick as the Vegetable Industry representative on the Miami Dade County Agricultural Practice's Advisory Board, as his tern expired on 12/31/2022.

Also, to confirm Sam Accursio Jr's representation on the (APAB) should also be renewed.

Executive Board members present: President Barney Rutzke Jr., Secretary Steve Hoveland, Treasurer David Hanck, Larry Dunagan, Vice President Heather Moehling, Past President Sal Finocchiaro and State Director Mark Wilson.

Executive Board members absent: Tom Rieder, Hal Arve

Others present: none

President's Report: Barney Rutzke Jr.

Barney discussed the need to respond to Miami Dade County's request prior to Tuesday, January 31, 2023 on Tom Vick's reappointment to (APAB) as the Vegetable Industry Representative and confirming Sam Accursio Jr's representation on the (APAB) should also be renewed.

All Executive Board members present were in unanimous agreement to reappoint both Tom Vick and Sam Accursio Jr to Miami Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board (APAB).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM



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(Revised)

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DATE: December 12, 2023

FROM: 
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 _____

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12-12-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1093-23

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THOMAS (TOMMY) VICK 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 Dade County Farm Bureau has recommended the reappointment of Mr. Thomas (Tommy) Vick to serve as one of two Vegetable Industry representatives 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. Thomas Vick is hereby reappointed as the Vegetable 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 **Anthony Rodriguez** ,
 who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**
 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	absent	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	absent
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 12th day of December, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: **Basia Pruna**
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
 to form and legal sufficiency.

Cristina M. Rabionet