

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** September 12, 2006

**Department:** Cooperative Extension Service

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** **Staff recommends motion to approve:** Appointment of the following individual to the Agricultural Enhancement Council (AEC) to complete the term of Joseph Cialone, wholesale nursery representative for the term September 12, 2006 to April 21, 2007.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Seat</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>
William Churchill	5	Wholesale Growers, FNGA, PBC Chapter

**Summary:** Based on Resolution No. 94-1760, the AEC consists of nine (9) seats from agricultural-related entities. Due to the vacancy of Seat 5, Mr. William Churchill has been recommended by Wholesale Growers, FNGA, PBC Chapter to complete the above-referenced term, which expires April 21, 2007.

**COUNTYWIDE (AH)**

**Background and Justification:** The Agricultural Economic Development Program requires direct input from the agricultural industry. Resolution No. 94-1760 provided an opportunity for the industry to nominate representatives to serve on the AEC. These individuals are nominated to meet specific criteria necessary to implement the Agricultural Economic Development Program approved December 6, 1994, by the Board of County Commissioners (Resolution 94-1760). Nine (9) entities were identified to provide nominations. Staff is requesting appointment of William Churchill to complete the term of Joseph Cialone, seat #5, representing the wholesale nursery industry.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 94-1760
2. Board Appointment Form
3. William Churchill biography

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**Recommended by:** Audrey R. Norman 8/22/2006  
Department Director Date

**Legal Sufficiency:** Anne Helgert 8/23/06  
Assistant County Attorney Date

RESOLUTION NO. -R-94-1760

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL  
ENHANCEMENT COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the agriculture and food processing industry has been identified as one of the four base industries in Palm Beach County with tremendous opportunities for job creation; and

WHEREAS, an Agricultural Economic Development Program (hereinafter the "Program") has been prepared, presenting an indepth proposal to enhance agriculture, and agriculture marketing, research, and diversification; and

WHEREAS, the Program calls for the establishment of the Agricultural Enhancement Council to make recommendations concerning the promotion of opportunities in Palm Beach County, including the Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. Creation. There is hereby created the Agricultural Enhancement Council (hereinafter the "AEC") which shall serve as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners on matters concerning agricultural businesses and associated topics within Palm Beach County.

2. Purpose/Duties. The purpose and goal of the AEC is to identify promotion opportunities in Palm Beach County, including the Program, and to provide recommendations on the oversight and direction of same. The AEC shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding the implementation of all enhancement activities associated with agricultural economic development in the County, except the administration of the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program.

3. Membership. The AEC shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Appointments shall be made from a slate of nominees who represent business associated interests in the County, members of the farming community, and other citizens associated with agriculture in the County. The nominees shall be forwarded for final approval to the

Board of County Commissioners by the various entities identified next to the categories set forth below.

- a) One agricultural reserve agricultural producer and land owner (Rangeline Coalition).
- b) One coastal agricultural producer outside the Agricultural Reserve (Palm Beach County Farm Bureau).
- c) One representative of the sugar cane industry (Sugar Cane Industry).
- d) One agricultural lender (Farm Credit of South Florida).
- e) One nurserymen (Palm Beach County Wholesale Growers Association and the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Palm Beach County Chapter).
- f) One marketer, wholesaler, or processor of agricultural products (Cooperative Extension Service).
- g) One representative of the agricultural support industry (Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau).
- h) One vegetable producer from the Everglades Agricultural Area (Agricultural Awareness Council).
- i) One representative from the equine industry (Palm Beach County Horse Industry Council).

All AEC members must be residents of Palm Beach County and owners or operators of an agricultural business within the county other than the agricultural lender at the time of appointment and while serving on the Council. The entities making recommendations shall be encouraged to review the qualifications of the members of the Citizens Agricultural Committee and, if any member meets the qualifications set forth herein, those members so qualified shall be given first consideration as appointment recommendations.

4. Term. Each member shall serve for a period of three (3) years. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve.

5. Meetings. Reasonable public notice of all AEC meetings shall be provided and all such meetings shall be open to the public at all times. A quorum must be present for the conduct of all meetings. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a

quorum. All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

6. Attendance at Meetings. Members shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as: failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall constitute lack of attendance. Excused absences due to illness, absence from the county, or personal hardship, if approved by vote of the AEC, shall not constitute lack of attendance. Excused absences shall be entered into the minutes at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the AEC. Members removed under this paragraph shall not continue to serve until a new appointment is made and removal shall create a vacancy.

7. Ethics. Members shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Ethics Resolution No. R-94-693. Abstention from voting due to a conflict of interest on more than three separate matters during any calendar year shall result in automatic removal.

8. Powers. The AEC shall have the authority to:

A. Hold public information meetings for the purpose of receiving public input on matters relating to the agricultural industry. All meetings shall be held in accordance with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes.

B. Review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on all matters relating to problems and programs affecting the agricultural industry in Palm Beach County.

C. Recommend priorities for maintaining and promulgating the existence of agricultural industries within the County.

D. Recommend methods to facilitate the continued operation of agricultural businesses within Palm Beach County.

9. Fiscal Responsibility. Funding for agriculture enhancement related programs shall be through the Cooperative Extension Service budget. The County Extension Director shall have the responsibility for administering the funds. Future funding for the agriculture enhancement programs may be supplemented by fees

from a Palm Beach County agricultural products logo. Further funding will be sought from federal and state programs promoting agriculture.

10. Administration The County Extension Director of the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service will act as the executive staff member to the AEC. An Economic Development Coordinator and support staff will be hired by the County Extension Director to implement the Agricultural Economic Development Program, taking into consideration the recommendations of the AEC. Offices of the AEC and its staff will be provided at the Clayton E. Hutcheson Agricultural Center.

11. Consultants and Specialists. The County Extension Director shall, as necessary, recommend contracts with outside resources, including the University of Florida, specialized nonprofit organizations and independent private consultants to assist in the implementation of AEC programs.

12. Travel Reimbursement. Travel reimbursement is limited to expenses incurred only for travel outside Palm Beach County necessary to fulfill AEC member responsibilities when sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available, and upon the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

13. Annual Report. The AEC shall submit an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners. The form, substance, and submittal dates for annual reports are established by a Policy and Procedure Memorandum (PPM).

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Aaronson who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newell, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed as follows:

COMMISSIONER MARY McCARTY	- Aye
COMMISSIONER KEN L. FOSTER	- Aye
COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS	- Aye
COMMISSIONER CAROL A. ROBERTS	- Aye
COMMISSIONER WARREN H. NEWELL	- Aye
COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON	- Aye
COMMISSIONER MAUDE FORD LEE	- Aye

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly

passed and adopted this 6 day of December,  
1994.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk

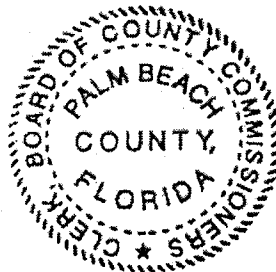
By

Vivian J. Leiva  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:

Denise M. Dwyer  
County Attorney



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**BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION FORM**

**Part I:**

Board Name: AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT COUNCIL

☒ At Large Appointment                      or                      ☐ District Appointment

Term of Appointment: 3 years.      From April 22, 2004 To April 21, 2007

Seat Requirement: Nursery Industry                      Seat # 5

☐ \*\*Reappointment                      or                      ☐ New Appointment

or ☒ to complete the term of Joseph Cialone

due to:                      ☒ resignation                      ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

completion of term to expire on: April 21, 2007

**Part II:      *APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT***

Name: WILLIAM CHURCHILL

Occupation/Affiliation: Nursery Owner / Manager

Business Name: Michael's Nursery, LLC

Business Address: 8325 State Road 7

City & State: Boynton Beach, Fl                      Zip Code: 33437

Residence Address: 1233 Kinglet Terrace

City & State: Wellington, Fl                      Zip Code: 33414

Home phone: 561.793.4678                      Business phone: 561.734.3110

Mailing Address preference: ☒ Business Address    ☐ Residence Address or ☐ other:

**Minority Identification Code:**

☐ IF (American Indian Female)

☐ AF (Asian Female)

☐ BF (Black Female)

☐ HF (Hispanic Female)

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☐ IM (American Indian Male)

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☐ BM (Black Male)

☐ HM (Hispanic Male)

☒ WM (White Male)

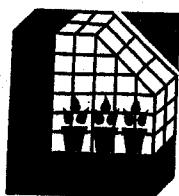
**Part III:      COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* When a person is being considered for re-appointment, the number and nature of previously disclosed voting conflicts shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.**

N/A Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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NURSERY

#### **Bill Churchill - Bio**

I'm married with two children, Katherine, a graduate of the University of Florida and a teacher at Seminole Trails Elementary School and Geoffrey is a recent graduate of the University of Florida. My wife Debra Johnson is the principal of the Renaissance Learning Center, a Palm Beach County Charter School for children with autism. We have been Palm Beach County residents since 1975 and Wellington residents since 1976. I graduated in 1974 with a Bachelors degree in Biology from the State University of New York at Cortes. I worked for the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry for about 5 years as a nursery inspector. Since 1981 I have been employed in the foliage nursery industry and been a partner in Michaels Nursery since 2001. I was a board member of the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association and the Palm Beach Wholesale Growers Association for 2 years and served as Secretary for the FNGLA this past year.