Agenda Item #: 6 - C - 1

# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 

May 1, 2007

Department:

**Cooperative Extension Service** 

**Advisory Board Name:** 

**Agricultural Enhancement Council** 

#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** A) Appointment of one (1) new member to Seat 6 of the Agricultural Enhancement Council for the term of April 22, 2007 to April 21, 2010;

#### **Nominee**

Name

Category

Seat Number

Matthew Miller

PBC Cooperative Extension Service

Seat 6

**(B)** Reappointment of eight (8) members to Seats 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 of the Agricultural Enhancement Council for the term of April 22, 2007 to April 21, 2010.

<u>Name</u>	Category	Seat Number
Glenn Whitworth	Rangeline Coalition	Seat 1
Lewanna Caruso	PBC Farm Bureau	Seat 2
Mark Sodders	Sugar Cane Industry	Seat 3
Don Rice	Farm Credit of South Florida	Seat 4
William Churchill	Wholesale Growers, PBC Ch FNGLA	Seat 5
Burton Ashton	PBC Cooperative Extension Service	Seat 7
Daniel Coffman P	PBC Horse Industry Council	Seat 9

**Summary:** Based on Resolution No. 94-1760, nine (9) agricultural related entities were requested to nominate one (1) member each to the Agricultural Enhancement Council (AEC). Eight (8) nominations are being submitted at this time with seat 8 vacant at this time. <u>Countywide (AH)</u>

**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). The AEC is responsible for making recommendations regarding the implementation of all enhancement activities associated with agricultural economic development in Palm Beach County; except the administration of the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Each member shall serve for a period of three (3) years, and there is no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve.

Attachments:

- 1. Board Appointment Information Forms
- 2. Resolution No. 94-1760
- 3. List of Nominees

Recommended By: Audrey R. Norman 4/16/2007
Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency: Anne Welgent

Date

**Assistant County Attorney** 

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## BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION FORM

Part I:
Board Name: Agricultural Enhancement Council
[ ] At Large Appointment or [X ] District Appointment
Term of Appointment: 3 years. From April 22, 2007 To April 21, 2010
Seat Requirement: Rangeline Coalition Seat # 1
[X] **Reappointment or [ ] New Appointment
or [ ] to complete the term of
due to: [ ] resignation [ ] other
completion of term to expire on:
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT
Name: Wade Glenn Whitworth
Occupation/Affiliation: Farmer
Business Name: Whitworth Farms
Business Address: 11400 SR 7
City & State: Boynton Beach, FL Zip Code: 33437
Residence Address: 9345 Spanish Moss Rd. E.
City & State: Lake Worth, FL Zip Code: 33467
Home phone: 561 969-1039 Business phone: 561 364-8881
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) [ ] WF (White Female) [ ] WF (White Female) [ ] 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.
Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts.  Signature: Date: 3/1/07

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#### Part I:

Board Name: Agricultural Enhancement Council
[X] At Large Appointment or [ ] District Appointment
Term of Appointment: 3 years. From April 22, 2007 To April 21, 2010
Seat Requirement: Farm Bureau Seat #2
[ **Reappointment or [ ] New Appointment
or [ ] to complete the term of
due to: [ ]resignation [ ]other
completion of term to expire on:
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT
Name: Lewanna S. Caruso
Occupation/Affiliation: Palm Beach County Farm Bureau
Business Name: Palm Beach County Farm Bureau
Business Address: 13121 Military Trail
City & State: Delray Beach, FL ZipCode: 33484
Residence Address: 4060 Sabal Lakes Road
City & State: Delray Beach, FL Zip Code: 33445
Home Phone: 561-495-1724 Business Phone: 561-498-5200
Mailing Address preference: [ ] Business Address [ ] Residence Other or [ ] other:
Minority Identification Code:
[ ]IF (American Indian Female)[ ]IM (American Indian Male)[ ]AF (Asian Female)[ ]AM (Asian Male)[ ]BF (Black Female)[ ]BM (Black Male)[ ]HF (Hispanic Female)[ ]HM (Hispanic Male)[X]WF (White Female)[ ]WM (White Male)
Part III: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:
*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number and nature of previously disclosed voting conflicts shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.
4 Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts.
Signature: Lucas Causo Date: 3-8-07
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Part I:
Board Name: Agricultural Enhancement Council
[ X] At Large Appointment or [ ] District Appointment
Term of Appointment: 3 years. From 4/22/2007 To 4/21/2010
Seat Requirement: Sugar Cane Industry Seat # 3
[X] **Reappointment or [ ] New Appointment
or [ ] to complete the term of
due to: [ ] resignation [ ] other
completion of term to expire on:
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT
Name: Mark Sodders
Occupation/Affiliation: Farm Owner Plesinewr
Business Name: Lakeview Farms, Inc
Business Address: PO Box 200
City & State: Pahokee, FL Zip Code: 33476
Residence Address: 505 Greenway Drive
City & State: N. Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33408
Home phone: 561 622-2045 Business phone: 561 924-7666
Mailing Address preference: [X] Business Address [ ] Residence Address or [ ] other:
Minority Identification Code:
[ ] IF (American Indian Female) [ ] IM (American Indian Male) [ ] AF (Asian Female) [ ] AM (Asian Male) [ ] BF (Black Female) [ ] BM (Black Male) [ ] HF (Hispanic Female) [ ] HM (Hispanic Male) [ ] WF (White Female) [X] WM (White Male)
Part III: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
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Signature: Mark 1 Sodilus Date: 3/1/07

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Board Name: Agricultura! Enhancement Council	2007
[X] At Large Appointment or [ ] District Appointment	
Term of Appointment: 3 years. From April 22, 2007 To April 21, 2010	
Seat Requirement: Seat #4	
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or [ ] to complete the term of	
due to: [ ]resignation [ ]other	
completion of term to expire on:	
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT	
Name: Don Rice	
Occupation/Affiliation: Farm Credit CEO	
Business Name: Farm Bureau Credit	
Business Address: 11903 Southern Blvd, Suite 200	
City & State: Royal Palm Beach, FL ZipCode: 33411	
Residence Address: 6450 Rock Creek Drive	
City & State: Lake Worth, FL Zip Code: 33467	
Home Phone: 561-433-4618 Business Phone: 561-965-9001	
Mailing Address preference: [ ] Business Address [ ] Residence Other or [ ] other:	
Minority Identification Code:	
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Signature: Date: March & 2007	

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[X] At Large Appointment or [ ] District Appointment
Term of Appointment: 3 years. From 4/22/2007 To 4/21/2010
Seat Requirement: NURSERY INDUSTRY Seat # 5
[X] **Reappointment or [ ] New Appointment
or [ ] to complete the term of
due to: [ ] resignation [ ] other
completion of term to expire on:
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT
Name: William Churchill
Occupation/Affiliation: Wholesale Plant Nursery Owner
Business Name: Michael's Nursery
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) [ ] WF (White Female) [ ] WM (White Male)
Part III: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:
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Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts.
Signature: William Aurbrill Date: 2/28/07

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Part 1:
Board Name: Agricultural Enhancement Council
[X] At Large Appointment or [ ] District Appointment
Term of Appointment: 3 years. From April 22, 2007 To April 21, 2010
Seat Requirement: PBC Cooperative Extension Service Seat #_ 6
[ ]Reappointment or [X] New Appointment
or [] to complete the term of
due to: [ ]resignation[ ]other
completion of term to expire on:
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT
Name: Matthew Miller
Occupation/Affiliation: Sales Manager
Business Name: Pro Source One
Business Address: 8245 State Road 7
City & State: Boynton Beach, FL ZipCode: 33437
Residence Address: 12781 52 Road North
City & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33411_
Home Phone: 561-793-1716 Business Phone: 561-436-1954
Mailing Address preference: [ ] Business Address [X] Residence Other or [] other:
Minority Identification Code:
[ ]IF (American Indian Female) [ ]IM (American Indian Male) [ ]AF (Asian Female) [ ]AM (Asian Male) [ ]BF (Black Female) [ ]BM (Black Male) [ ]HF (Hispanic Female) [ ]HM (Hispanic Male) [ ]WF (White Female) [ X]WM (White Male)
Part III: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:
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Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts.
Signature: Matthew Miller Date: 4/11/07

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Seat Requirement: Palm	ı Beach Countyy(	Cooperative Ext	tension Seat # 7	
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completion of term to expir	re on:			
	:	•	BE A COUNTY RESIDENT	
Name:	Burton L. Asht	on		
Occupation/Affiliation:	Agribusiness			
Business Name:	A. Duda and Sc	ons, Inc		
Business Address:	PO Box 2015	eller tillimming sammalarinden i hons vil til medlikkeliger i har st		
City & State:	Belle Glade, F	L	Zip Code:33430	
Residence Address:	13578 Edith Ro	l.		
City & State:	Loxahatchee, E	Ľ.	Zip Code: <u>33430</u>	
Home phone:	561 792-0702	Business phone	e: <u>561 996-7621</u>	
Mailing Address preferen	ice: [ X] Business	Address [ ] R	esidence Address or [ ] other	er:
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#### Part I:

Board Name: Agricultural Enhancement Council [XX] At Large Appointment or [ ] District Appointment
Term of Appointment: 3 years. From April 22, 2007 To April 21, 2010
Seat Requirement: Equine Seat # 9
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or [] to complete the term of due to: []resignation []other
completion of term to expire on:
Part II: APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT
Name: Daniel R. Coffman Occupation/Affiliation: PBC Horse Council
Business Name: PBC Horse Industry Council
Business Address: 10201 Lantana Road
City & State: Zip Code: 33467
Residence Address: 16087 E. Pimlico
City & State: Loxahatchee, FL Zip Code: 33470
Home Phone: 798-8258 Business Phone: 798-2354
Mailing Address preference: [X] Business Address [] Residence Other or [] other:
Minority Identification Code:
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Signature: Date: 3/4/2007
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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. <u>Purpose/Duties</u>. 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. <u>Membership</u>. 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. <u>Fiscal Responsibility</u>. 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.

- 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 <u>Aaronson</u> who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner <u>Newell</u>, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed as follows:

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

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly

passed and adopted t	this 6 day of Decembe	<u> </u>
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	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMM	ISSIONERS
	Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk	
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APPROVED AS TO FORM LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  By: County Attorney	AND  AND  COUNTY  COUNTY  COUNTY  COUNTY	THE STANDS

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#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

#### **LIST OF NOMINEES**

<u>Name</u>	Recommended by	Seat #
Glenn Whitworth	Rangeline Coalition	1
Lewanna Caruso	PBC Farm Bureau	2
Mark Sodders	Sugar Cane Industry	3
Don Rice	Farm Credit of South Florida	4
William Churchill	Wholesale Growers, FNGLA, PBC Chapter	5
Matthew Miller	PBC Cooperative Extension Service	6
Burton Ashton	PBC Cooperative Extension Service	7
Daniel Coffman	PBC Horse Industry Council	9