

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** March 12, 2013  
**Department:** Environmental Resources Management  
**Advisory Board:** Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve: A. Reappoint one member and B. appoint one new member to the Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board (GNRPB) for a term of three (3) years beginning March 12, 2013 through March 11, 2016.

**A. Reappoint**

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Seat No.</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
Art Cobb	Citizen of PBC	5	Commissioner Taylor Commissioner Burdick Commissioner Abrams

**AND**

**B. New Appointment**

W Mason	Attorney licensed to practice in Florida	2	Palm Beach County Bar Association
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**Summary:** Ordinance 92-20, as amended, and Article 2.G.3.F.3 of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) provide for a seven (7) member GNRPB. The membership consists of one (1) professional engineer, one (1) attorney, one (1) hydrologist or hydrogeologist, one (1) a citizen possessing expertise and experience in managing a business, one (1) biologist or chemist, one (1) citizen of PBC, and one (1) member of an environmental organization. Ordinance 92-20 and Article 2.G.3.F.3. of the ULDC requires Seat No. 5 to be filled by a citizen of PBC and Seat No. 2 to be filled by an attorney licensed to practice in Florida. No other nominations were received. Countywide (SF)

**Background and Justification:** The GNRPB has the powers and duties to hold hearings as necessary to enforce ULDC Article 14, Environmental Standards, and to issue any orders necessary to achieve compliance. Art Cobb as a citizen of PBC and W Mason as an attorney licensed to practice in Florida meet this requirement. The new terms will expire March 11, 2016.

This board has 7 seats, 6 currently filled, and a diversity count of White: 5. The gender ratio (male: female) is 6:0.

**Attachments:**

1. Board Appointment Information Forms
2. Nominee Resumes
3. Article 2.G.3.F.3, ULDC
4. Current GNRPB membership and attendance list

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**Recommended by:**  2/21/13  
**Department Director** **Date**

**Legal Sufficiency:**  2/25/13  
**Assistant County Attorney** **Date**

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Residence Address: 1002 Aspri Way

City & State Riviera Beach, FL Zip Code: 33418

Home Phone: (561) 881-0784 Business Phone: ( ) Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (561) 574-7565 Fax: ( )

Email Address: cobbplm@aol.com

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

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 2300 N. Jog Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):**

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:

Commissioner's Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/14/13

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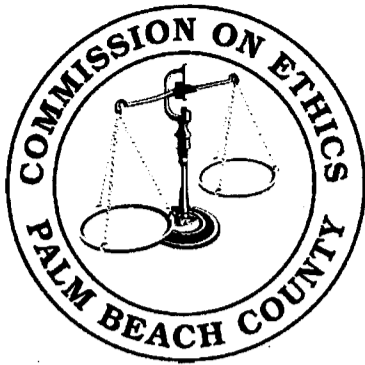
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT  
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TRAINING FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES,  
ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND  
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

Legal Name: Artice (Art) Cobb, Jr.

(Please print clearly)

Employee Identification Number: N/A

Department/Board: Groundwater Natural Resources Protection

- ENV. RES. MGMT.
- Env. Bnk. & Restoration
- Natural Resources Stewardship
- Resources Protection
- Mosquito Control
- Finance & Support Services
- Director
- Deputy Director
- Other

RECORDED

**Check those items that apply**

I acknowledge that I have read a copy of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (printed or posted on the intranet/internet) and completed additional training by:

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I understand that I am responsible for understanding and abiding by the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics as I conduct my assigned duties during my term of employment. I also understand that the information in this policy is subject to change. Policy changes will be communicated to me by my supervisor or through official notices.

Artice Cobb, Jr.  
(Legal Signature)

02.09.2013  
(Date)

**Employees:** Submit signed form to your Department Head  
**Department Heads:** Submit signed forms to Records, Human Resources  
**Advisory Board Members:** Submit signed forms to Appropriate Municipal Representative

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO APROPRIATE PARTY AS HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE  
PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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Hotline: 877.766.5920 E-mail: [ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com](mailto:ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com)  
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Name: Mason W Scott  
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Attorney  
Owner  Employee  Officer

Business Name: Fox Rothschild, LLP

Business Address: 222 Lakeview Ave, Suite 700

City & State: West Palm Beach, FL Zip Code: 33401

Residence Address: 2429 San Pietro Circle

City & State: Palm Beach Gardens, FL Zip Code: 33410

Home Phone: 561.833.2262 Business Phone: 561.804.4432 Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: 561.543.0306 Fax: ( )

Email Address: wmason@foxrothschild.com

Mailing Address Preference:  Business  Residence

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## Kim Esau

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**From:** Bonnie Finneran  
**Sent:** Friday, January 25, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** Patrick Wille; Kim Esau  
**Cc:** Bonnie Finneran  
**Subject:** FW: Licensed Attorney nomination requested for PBC Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board

Letter from the PB Bar for the Board item.

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**From:** Patience Burns [<mailto:pburns@palmbeachbar.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 20, 2012 11:42 AM  
**To:** Bonnie Finneran; [pburns@palmbeachbar.org](mailto:pburns@palmbeachbar.org)  
**Cc:** Patrick Wille  
**Subject:** RE: Licensed Attorney nomination requested for PBC Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board

Bonnie, our board of directors met this past Monday and have selected the following individual:

W Mason  
Fox Rothschild  
222 Lakeview Avenue, Suite 700  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
(561) 804-4432  
[wmason@foxrithschild.com](mailto:wmason@foxrithschild.com)

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**From:** Bonnie Finneran [<mailto:BFinnera@pbcgov.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 29, 2012 12:21 PM  
**To:** Patience Burns  
**Cc:** Patrick Wille  
**Subject:** Licensed Attorney nomination requested for PBC Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board

Patience,

Thank you for assisting to fill this position.

Provided below is information regarding the Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board (GNRPB) and a link to the Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Resources Protection Division website. The GNRPB meets on Thursday afternoons 6 times a year to hear cases. The nominee selected by your organization must complete Section II of the attached PBC BCC Advisory Board Nominee Information Form and submit a resume. The selected nominee will be determined by vote during a Board Of County Commissioner meeting.

Please submit to:

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Preservation; B., Wellfield Protection; C., Protection of Native Vegetation; and D., Prohibited Invasive Non-Native Vegetation Removal; Article 4.D. Excavation; Ordinances 2004-050, Stormwater Pollution Prevention; 93-3, Water and Irrigation Conservation; 2003-20, Petroleum Storage Systems; and 2003-21 Petroleum Contamination Cleanup Criteria.

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The GNRPB has the powers and duties to adopt rules of procedure; issue subpoenas; take testimony under oath; issue orders having the force of law commanding whatever steps necessary to achieve compliance with violations; lien property; and, assess administrative fines and penalties.

2) For GNRPB specifics, see page 76 of ULDC Article 2.G.3.F.  
<http://www.pbcgov.com/pzb/uldc/articles/Article2.pdf> and Article 10.C. attached.

3) ERM Resources Protection Website: <http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/erm/permitting/>

Feel free to contact me at (561) 233-2525 should there be any questions.

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**Qualifications Summary**

Highly self motivated and diverse skilled professional with thirty (30) years experience in governmental and private sector business development and management consulting. Diverse public and private background in directing and managing fiscal resources with a balance approach relative to program resolutions.

**Professional Experience**

**Managing Partner, Richer life Associates, Phoenix, Az. 2009- Present**

(Private-family held professional publication company)

Manage southeast region office focusing on new business and acquisitions programs.

**Managing Partner, People South Consulting, Charlotte, N.C. 1999-2007**

(Private-family held professional business development and coaching company)

Directed southeast regional office with focus on new business acquisitions, private and public sector programs and solid waste and facilities management)

**Director of Public Services, City of Pahokee, Fl. 2007-2009**

(Public governmental services)

Managed road/street, drainage, water/waste and solid waste programs.

**Waste Management, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 1993- 2003**

(privately held- environmental waste collection and disposal company)

**Director of Special Projects**

Managed special governmental residential activities and community relation programs.

**Director of Safety and Compliance**

Managed safety and compliance (DOT and OSHA) risk management training programs.

**Director of Business Development**

Managed and developed new business and contract retention in the public sector market.

**Managing Partner, Political Consultant Group, Atlanta, Ga. 1990- 1992**

Managed political statewide campaigns of Andrew (Andy) Young for Governor (Ga.) and Sanford Bishop for Congress (2<sup>nd</sup>-Ga.).

**Executive President, Home Builders Association, Atlanta, Ga.1990-1993**

(privately held national building trade Association)

Managed and directed membership contracting network and fundraising programs.

**City of Riviera Beach, Riviera Beach, Fl. 1968-1989**

(public governmental services)

**Minimum Housing Inspector**

Conducted and enforced minimum building standards on existing housing structures.

**Assistant Director of Building and Zoning**

**Code Administrator**

Managed the city's code enforcement, building permits, housing and zoning programs.

**Director of Public Works**

Managed the City's municipal service solid waste, roads/street, drainage buildings and facilities and vehicle maintenance program. Directed the city's emergency hurricane disaster management programs.

**Education**

BS, Business Management, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.  
MBA, Executive Management Program, FAU, Boca Ration, Florida

**Military Experience**

United States Army  
3 Years Active Duty  
6 Years Reserve Duty

**Awards and Recognitions**

US Army Commendation Award  
Bronze Medal of Honor Award  
National Defense Medal Award  
Vietnam Service Medal Award

Jaycees Citizen of Year Award  
City of Riviera Beach Employee Award 3x  
Outstanding Young Man of America Award  
Urban League's Businessman of Year Award

**Advisory Boards and Public Service Experience**

City of Riviera Beach Civil Service Board- Past  
City of Riviera Beach Planning and Zoning Board- Past  
City of Riviera Beach Housing Authority- Present  
Palm Beach County Natural Resources Board- Present  
Palm Beach County Solid Waste Advisory Board- Present  
Palm Beach County (CEDS) Advisory Board- Present  
South Florida Regional Planning Executive Board-Present

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### Bar Admissions and Legal Organizations

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- Florida State Courts
- United States District Court for the Southern and Middle District of Florida
- United States Appeals Court, Eleventh Circuit
- Member, Palm Beach County Bar Association
- Foundation Liaison, Board of Trustees, Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court LIV
- Co-Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Federal Bar Association, Palm Beach County Chapter
- Co-Chair, Commercial Litigation Section, Bench Bar Conference Committee

### Experience

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**Fox Rothschild, LLP, West Palm Beach, Florida** March 2012 to Present  
*Associate* - Commercial, Banking, and Construction Litigation

- Counsel clients in commercial and construction litigation matters in federal and state courts.
- Represent design professionals, developers, contractors, and subcontractors in contract, construction defect, and lien enforcement claims.
- Participate in trial and binding arbitration inclusive of questioning and cross-examining witnesses.
- Present arguments and successfully negotiate complex resolutions on behalf of clients in alternative dispute resolution conferences involving multiple parties.

**Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A., West Palm Beach, Florida** October 2008 to March 2012  
*Associate* - Commercial, Employment, Professional Liability, and Construction Defect Litigation

- Draft and argue dispositive motions, discovery motions, and other pre-trial motions.
- Take and defend depositions of parties and witnesses and prepare clients for giving testimony.
- Conduct comprehensive and efficient discovery and investigation in order to identify significant issues and strategize to bring cost effective resolution to complex cases.
- Assist senior attorneys with trial preparation by identifying relevant evidence, preparing witnesses for examination, and drafting pre-trial stipulations, jury instructions, and other pre-trial submissions.

**Pratt-Thomas, Walker, P.A., Charleston, South Carolina** May 2007 to August 2007  
*Summer Associate* - General Civil Litigation

- Drafted substantive pleadings, motions, and legal memoranda in complex civil matters.
- Assisted attorneys with client meetings, motion hearings, depositions, and mediations.

### Education

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**Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana**

Juris Doctor, May 2008

Managing Editor, *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law*

Advanced Bankruptcy Seminar with Judge Douglas D. Dodd of the United States Bankruptcy Court

**Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida**

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, August 2006

**Connecticut College and College of Charleston**

Member of the Varsity Sailing Team

### Interests

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Competitive yacht and dinghy racing, golf, and saltwater fly fishing

## ARTICLE 2.G.3.F.3, ULDC

### F. Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board

#### 1. Establishment

There is hereby established a Groundwater and Natural Resource Protection Board (GNRPB).

#### 2. Powers and Duties

The GNRPB shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. to hold hearings as necessary to enforce Article 14, ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. ERM may refer alleged violations of Art. 14 Environmental Standards, and Art. 4.D, Excavation, Ord. 2003-020, Petroleum Storage Systems, Ord. 2003-021, Petroleum Contamination Clean-up criteria, Ord. 2004-050, Stormwater Pollution and Prevention, Natural Areas, Ord. 1994-014 and Ord. 1993-003, Water and Irrigation Conservation as amended to the GNRPB, if there has been a failure to correct a violation within the time specified by the Code Inspector, if the violation has been repeated, or is of such a nature that it cannot be corrected; [Ord. 2006-004] [Ord. 2010-022]
- b. to adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of hearings;
- c. to issue subpoenas compelling the presence of persons at Board hearings. Subpoenas may be served by the PBC Sheriff's Department, or other authorized persons consistent with Florida Law;
- d. to issue subpoenas compelling the provision of evidence at GNRPB hearings;
- e. to take testimony under oath;
- f. to issue orders having the force of law commanding whatever steps are necessary to achieve compliance with the violation of Article 14, ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS;
- g. to lien property; and
- h. to assess administrative fines and costs pursuant to Article 14, ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.

#### 3. Board Membership

##### a. Qualifications

The GNRPB shall be composed of seven members appointed by the BCC upon a recommendation by the organization listed in Table 2.G.3.F, GNRPB Membership. The membership of the Board shall consist of a professional engineer registered by the State of Florida, an attorney licensed to practice in Florida, a hydrologist or a hydrogeologist, a citizen possessing expertise and experience in managing a business, a biologist or a chemist, concerned citizen and a member of an environmental organization. [Ord. 2011-001]

**Table 2.G.3.F - GNRPB Membership**

Affiliation	Organizations
Professional Engineer	Palm Beach Chapter Florida Engineering Society
Attorney	Palm Beach County Bar Association
Hydrologist or Hydrogeologist	Florida Association of Professional Geologists Society
Citizen with Business management expertise	At Large
Biologist or Chemist	Florida Association of Environmental Professionals
Environmental Organization	Native Plant Society
Concerned Citizen	At Large
[Ord. 2011-001]	

##### b. Terms of Office

All members shall serve a term of three years. All members serving on the GNRPB on the effective date of this Code shall complete their terms according to their prior appointments.

#### 4. Secretary and Staff

The Director of ERM shall serve as Secretary of the GNRPB. ERM shall be the professional staff of the GNRPB.

#### 5. Meetings

##### a. General

General meetings of the GNRPB shall be held no more frequently than once every month. Special meetings may be called by the Chair of the GNRPB, or in writing by a majority of the members of the Board. Staff shall provide 24-hour written notice to each Board member prior to a special meeting.



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Groundwater and Natural Resources Protection Board  
**2012 MEMBER ATTENDANCE LISTING**

MEMBER NAME	Seat No. 1	Seat No. 2	Seat No. 3	Seat No. 4	Seat No. 5	Seat No. 6	Seat No. 7	ATTORNEY(S)	MEETING TIME		
	WILLIAM SNOW	LLOYD COMITER	ALLEN TREFRY	KIRT RUSENKO	ARTICE COBB	JONATHAN SHAW	MAL BEHL		START	END	
MEMBER SINCE	04/05/2008	08/18/2009	05/18/2010	06/19/2012	03/09/2010	08/23/1988	09/23/2008				
TERM START	05/03/2011	03/18/2009	05/18/2010	06/19/2012	03/09/2010	03/16/2011	11/01/2008				
TERM EXPIRES	05/02/2014	08/17/2012	05/02/2014	07/30/2013	03/03/2013	03/15/2014	10/31/2014				
CHAIR/VICE	CHAIR						VICE				
VOTING CONFLICT											
<b>2012 MEETING DATES</b>											
01/19/2012	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	RESIGNED	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	Fox/Helfant	1:34PM	2:29 PM	
03/15/2012	MEETING CANCELED										
05/17/2012	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	Fox/Helfant	1:35 PM	3:20 PM	
07/19/2012	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	Fox/Helfant	1:35 PM	NR	
09/20/2012	MEETING CANCELED										
11/15/2012	MEETING CANCELED										

