

**CITRUS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE**



**J. Peter Chaires**  
Manager

**Citrus Administrative Committee Meeting**

**The Grove House**

**June 4, 2019 – 1:00 PM**

**BOARD PARTICIPATION:**

Affiliation	Member / Alternate	Fname	Lname	Present	Dialed-In
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Rusty	Banack		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Cody	Estes	√	
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Greg	Nelson	√	
	<i>Alternate</i>	Steve	Cassens		
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Trey	Smith		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Griffin	Greene		
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Tom	Jerkins		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Jon	Marone	√	
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Lee	Jones		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Sam	Jones		
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Emma	Ezell		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Julie	Obney		√
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Ed	Pines		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Anthony	Pascher		
Cooperative	<i>Member</i>	John	Husted		√
	<i>Alternate</i>	Dennis	Broadaway		
Cooperative	<i>Member</i>	Ellis	Hunt	√	
	<i>Alternate</i>	Lindsay	Raley, Jr.	√	

Affiliation	Member/ Alternate	Fname	Lname	Present	Dialed-In
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Larry	Black		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Melanie	Ressler		√
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Paul	Genke	√	
	<i>Alternate</i>	Doug	Feek		
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Kevin	Paffrath		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Russell	Gravlee		
Independent	<i>Member</i>	George	Hamner	√	
	<i>Alternate</i>	Rusty	Varn		
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Dan	Richey		
	<i>Alternate</i>	Tom	Mitchell	√	
Independent	<i>Member</i>	Gee	Roe	√	
	<i>Alternate</i>	Alex	Heller	√	
Cooperative	<i>Member</i>	Daniel	Hunt	√	
	<i>Alternate</i>	Frank	Hunt, III	√	
Cooperative	<i>Member</i>	Steven	Callaham	√	
	<i>Alternate</i>	Al	Finch		
Public	<i>Member</i>	Ernie	Neff		√
	<i>Alternate</i>	Lisa	Gaskalla		

**GUESTS**

Jimmy Johnson Premier Citrus Packers  
Jen Varela USDA AMS

**STAFF**

Peter Chaires

Chairman Mitchell directed the Committee's attention to the minutes provided from the May 28, 2019 meeting. Mr. Ellis Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes as provided, second by Mr. Hamner. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chaires reviewed the financial statements through May 31, 2019. Mr. Hamner made a motion, second by Mr. Raley, to approve the financial statements as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chaires presented a draft budget of the 2019/20 and assessment rate. After discussion, Mr. Callaham made a motion, second by Mr. Ellis Hunt Jr. to approve the preliminary budget and rate as presented. The approved budget total was \$113,160.00 with an assessment rate of \$.015 per carton.

Mr. Hamner engaged the Committee in a discussion of terms of office for officers. After discussion, Mr. Chaires was asked to work with Ms. Varela to develop language to increase the terms of officers to two years and bring it to the Fall meeting for a vote.

The Committee discussed whether the Committee can legally assess intrastate shipments. Ms. Varela informed the Committee that this was not permissible, as the State of Florida already regulates and assesses this volume and there cannot be overlap or duplication.

Mr. Mitchell engaged the committee in a discussion of officer nominations. After rigorous debate, Mr. Hamner made a motion, second by Mr. Ellis Hunt Jr., to approve the current slate of officers for another one year term. Motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Varela conducted an orientation session for the committee, addressing rulemaking procedures and methods. A Q& A followed.

Ms. Varela reminded the Committee and Manager that a Handler Report (Supplier list) should be done each year.

Ms. Varela was asked to clarify what would be required to fund research through the CAC. She replied that it would require a line item in the budget and a written justification.

The Committee discussed a series of possible rule changes. Mr. Hamner made a motion, second by Mr. Ellis Hunt Jr., that staff and USDA AMS work together over the summer to draft language to address the following changes and return to the Committee for a vote:

- 905.22
  - Add language for nominations and elections to be handled by mail or by electronic means.
  - Move due date for nominations to April 30<sup>th</sup>. The 20<sup>th</sup> of June is too late.
  - Eliminate the reference to two members being cooperatives and consider reducing Committee size to 11.
- 905.34
  - Change the quorum to 60% of the Committee
  - Change the requirement for five grower votes and replace this with two grower votes
  - Part C – remove reference to telegraph
- 905.80
  - Remove reference to Parcel Post and replace with US Mail or Courier.

The Committee did not take action on the issue of making regulation areas and Districts match. It was viewed as unnecessary.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.