



J. Peter Chaires
Manager

Citrus Administrative Committee Meeting

June 26, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

via Zoom

BOARD PARTICIPATION:

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

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

GUESTS

Jennie Varela – USDA-AMS

STAFF

Peter Chaires

Lucy Torres

Mr. Chaires called the roll:

Grower Members

Greg Nelson

John Husted

Cody Estes, seated for Rusy Banack

Jon Marone, seated for Tom Jerkins

Julie Obney, seated for Emma Ezell

Dennis Broadway, seated for Ed Pines

Lindsay Raley, seated for Ellis Hunt

Shipper Members

George Hamner

Gee Roe, Treasurer

Steven Callaham

Daniel Hunt, Secretary

Melanie Ressler, seated for Larry Black

Chairman Tom Mitchell seated for Dan Richey

Frank Hunt, seated for Kevin Paffrath

Al Finch, seated for Paul Genke

Lisa Gaskalla, Public Member Alternate, seated for Ernie Neff

Vice Chairman Hamner called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Chairman Mitchell was present on the call, but was only able to be heard after resolving some audio difficulties.

Mr. Roe reviewed the financial statements. It was discussed that 2019/20 shipments came in much higher than expected. The 2019/20 budget was based on a projected carton movement of 8.5 million cartons and the season concluded at slightly over 11 million cartons. The Committee had set reserves at \$120,000 to approximate one season's budget. Currently, reserves are approximately \$50,000 above the target reserve. Mr. Chaires cautioned that the last time assessments were lowered, severe volume decline were experienced following a hurricane. However, it is important that the Committee is comfortable with the level of reserves being held. The Committee agreed by consensus that the 2020/21 budget should be based on anticipated shipping volume of 8.5 million cartons. Considering current fund balances, anticipated off-season expenses and assessment revenue to be collected prior to fiscal year-end, the end of the year balance is estimated at \$187, 831. Estimated fund balance on October 1, 2020 is \$171,831. Current projections show that the Committee will have approximately \$50,000 in excess reserves by fiscal year-end. Considering the uncertainty presented by Covid-19 concerns and the potential impact of tropical events, the committee deemed this reasonable.

Mr. Roe made a motion, second by Mr. Callaham to approve the draft 2020/21 budget as presented, and establish the 2020/21 assessment rate at \$.015 per packed carton to cover budgeted expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Raley made a motion, second by Mrs. Ressler, to approve the May 31, 2020 financial statements as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

President Mitchell called for nomination recommendations for the soon to be seated 2020/21 Committee. Mr. Callaham made a motion, second by Mr. Roe, to recommend the following:

Chairman	George Hamner
Vice Chairman	Gee Roe
Secretary	Tom Mitchell
Treasurer	Daniel Hunt

Motion passed unanimously. This slate will be recommended to the new committee once seated.

Mr. Chaires reviewed the proposed amendment to the Bylaws to extend the term for officers from one year to two years, in order to coincide with the term of the Committee itself. This was previously discussed by the Committee, but no action was ever taken. Mr. Hamner made a motion, second by Mr. Raley, to approve the change to the Bylaws as presented.

There being no further business, Mr. Mitchell made a motion, second by Mrs. Ressler, to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.