

September 22, 2020

Letter from the President

Neighbors,

What a strange year this has been. Covid-19 has thrown a monkey-wrench into the lives of everyone, including those of us here in Berry Farms. I sincerely hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy and holding up against this terrible disease. Above all else, stay safe, we will get through this pandemic.

As you all know, the Berry Farms Board of Directors postponed the Annual Board Meeting normally scheduled for March of this year. The Board took this action as Covid-19 established it's hold here in the United States and in Texas. We consider the safety of Berry Farms residents paramount. We intended to reschedule the Annual Meeting at a later date. At the time, no one, especially Board members, expected this disease to stay as virulent as it has for as long as it has. Even now, medical authorities discourage in-person gatherings for safety reasons.

Along with trying to manage the effects of Covid-19, the Board suffered several resignations during the year. Along with several term-limited members, the Board found itself with only 2 serving members. To address this issue, the Board held a meeting on September 02, 2020 and appointed Frank Seddio and Brandon Owens as temporary Board members. We extended a temporary appointment to Garret Baker, but he declined at that time. You may recall that the POAs most recent ballot included each of these names, along with Richard Bennet. Richard Bennet did not attend the 09/02/2020 meeting. The Board fully expects Richard to stand for election during the upcoming balloting.

Unfortunately, the two appointments left the Board with only 4 members. Norma Mendez worked tirelessly to recruit additional volunteers and at an Emergency Board Meeting, called by me, on September 08, 2020, to appoint additional temporary Board members. I have included a listing of all temporary Board Members below for your consideration. Please join me in welcoming each member to the board and thank each volunteer for his or her service. Temporary Board members will serve until the next election cycle.

To business, at a meeting on September 16, 2020, to discuss current and pending Board business. Given the current state of the pandemic and the hesitancy most feel to join large in-person gatherings, the Board has subsequently decided to cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting. The Board will instead focus its energy on preparing for the 2021 Annual Meeting. The Board fervently hopes to, once again, hold in-person meetings at that time. In the meantime, the Board will have minutes from the Sept 02, Sept 08, and Sept 16, 2020 meetings posted to the BF web site as soon as possible. The Board also decided not to sponsor National Night Out activities this year for the same reasons.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Board members by email at [poa\\_board@berryfarmspoa.com](mailto:poa_board@berryfarmspoa.com) or from the web site. Select the Contact tab at the top of our website at [berryfarmspoa.com](http://berryfarmspoa.com). All Board members have phone numbers listed.

Current Board Members:	Spencer Ruggles Ginger Minton	President / ARB Secretary
Temporary Board Members:	Frank Seddio Deb Cave Jose Quinones Tom Bosquet Norma Mendez Don Hawthorne Brandon Owens	Vice-President Treasure ARB ARB Member Member Member