

# Shane E. Bevilacqua



## **Business Owner | Agricultural Entrepreneur | Board Development**

Shane Bevilacqua is a Florida-based business owner, agricultural entrepreneur, and operations leader with a strong track record of working alongside city and county entities on planning, zoning, and development initiatives. His professional experience spans agritourism development, agriculture infrastructure, and executive leadership, with a consistent focus on partnerships, responsible growth, regulatory compliance, and overall community impact.

Shane currently serves as Co-Owner of Golden Ridge Groves in Polk County, Florida, where he leads the planning and development of an agritourism destination and farm market. In this role, he worked closely with local and county departments throughout the permitting and construction process—coordinating site development approvals, inspections, and compliance across food service and agricultural operations. His work required navigating zoning considerations, land use planning, and multi-agency coordination to bring a complex, multi-use property to life.

In parallel, Shane serves as Vice President of Farm Ops for KLM Farms, where he has been directly involved in the engineering and development of Citrus Under Protective Screen (CUPS) structures—an innovative agricultural system designed to support long-term citrus production in Florida. His responsibilities include collaborating with local officials on permitting for agricultural infrastructure such as wells, coordinating with utility providers on land development adjustments, and working with engineering firms to design site layouts, access points, and easements. This work has deepened his understanding of land use planning, infrastructure development, and the regulatory environment impacting agricultural properties.

Prior to his work in agriculture, Shane held executive leadership roles in the non-profit sector - with a focus on high net worth individuals, city and state government advocacy, board development, and budget management. Shane's professional background is complemented by over a decade of community leadership and personal board service. He has served in roles supporting organizations such as the Children's Home Society of Florida, the Freemasons, and Toys For Tots. His experience working with boards, stakeholders, and community partners has strengthened his ability to balance diverse perspectives while driving thoughtful, forward-looking decisions.

With a unique blend of hands-on development experience, agricultural innovation, and executive leadership, Shane brings a practical and collaborative approach to planning and zoning matters. He is committed to supporting responsible growth, preserving the character of local communities, and ensuring that development decisions are both economically sound and aligned with long-term community interests.

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## Clifton StrengthsFinders - Top 5 Strengths: Strategic, Relator, Communication, Competition, Futuristic

Project Management  
Public Speaking

Budget & Finance Oversight  
Strategic Planning

Strategic Partnerships  
Agronomics

### Employment History

Current - 2024

**Co-Owner** – Golden Ridge Groves, Polk County, Florida

- Led planning and development of the farm market and agritourism facilities, working closely with county and city departments throughout the permitting and construction process.
- Plan and execute annual farm operations strategic plan.
- Coordinated site development approvals, inspections, and regulatory compliance for retail, food service, and agritourism operations.
- Build and maintain partnerships with organizations including Visit Central Florida and Florida Farm Bureau to support agricultural tourism and local economic activity.
- Oversee business planning, operations, and long-term growth strategy for the farm and visitor experience.

Current - 2023

**Vice President of Farm Operations** – KLM Farms, Polk County, Florida

- Assist with the engineering and structural design of Citrus Under Protective Screen (CUPS) systems used for our commercial citrus production.
- Assist in the building of our farms annual operational plan and ensure local, state, and federal Best Management Practices (BMPs) are followed.
- Partner with the University of Florida on citrus trials, data capture, and outcomes.
- Collaborate with SWFMUD to secure permitting for new agricultural wells and coordinate with the electric utility to remove legacy power lines and poles during property development.
- Work with a local engineering firm to design site layout plans, including access, easements, and infrastructure considerations for agricultural development.
- Supported planning and development efforts to optimize land use and infrastructure for long-term agricultural operations.

2023 - 2017

**Regional Executive Director** – JDRF International, Orlando (HQ) | Tampa | Jacksonville

- Responsible for full budget management and oversight.
- Served as the organization's primary representative, building strategic relationships with city, government, corporate, and community stakeholders.
- Worked with city and county departments across multiple markets to coordinate large-scale public events, community initiatives, and fundraising activities.
- Provided inspired and motivating leadership to staff while planning for and delivering year over year organizational growth.
- Develop overall goals, timelines, and budgets in partnership with the (3) independent Board of Directors.
- Understand JDRF's core program KPIs and effectively use JDRF systems to monitor progress and outcomes – with a focus on Salesforce CRM.
- Evaluate human and financial resources and develop plans that support maximum market penetration.
- Managed the high net worth donor portfolio and the strategic initiatives therein.
- Develop opportunities to engage C-level and other senior corporate executives to grow board depth
- Provide mentorship, training, and guidance to ensure staff are well-prepared to achieve success

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2017 -2011

**Senior Manager** - American Cancer Society, Palm Beach County/Treasure Coast/Brevard County

- Responsible for chapter budget, staff team management, and collaborating with the board of directors.
- Developed strategic partnerships with community leaders, major employers, and public-sector partners to support mission initiatives.
- Attend Chamber of Commerce, Association of Fundraising Professionals, and Rotary meetings; maintain American Cancer Society visibility in the market.
- Coach and develop my team in the areas of fund development, sponsorship, stewardship, relationship management, event production, and networking.
- Coordinated large-scale fundraising events requiring collaboration with city and county departments, including permitting, public safety coordination, and community engagement.
- Built and maintained relationships with key opinion leaders, civic organizations, and corporate partners throughout the region.
- Execute monthly staff development trainings.
- Oversee county-wide volunteer training opportunities led by staff and leadership volunteers.
- Work with our board of directors to deliver on high level constituent engagement and fund development.
- Personally build high-level relationships in the community to yield personal/corporate gifts, strategic partnerships, and volunteers.
- Collaborate with other departments within the company to deliver on organizational objectives.

## Volunteer Leadership | Organizational Participation

Current-2007

Director Emeritus, **International Free and Accepted Modern Masons Organization**

2024-2022

Committee Member, **Children's Home Society of Florida**

2022-2018

Mentor, **Eda & Cliff Viner Community Scholars Foundation, Inc.**

2019-2015

Board Member, **Association of Fundraising Professionals, Treasure Coast**

2013-2011

Volunteer, **Second Harvest Food Bank of Daytona Beach**

2015-2007

Volunteer Leader, **Toys For Tots**

2012-2010

Advisory Board, **Keiser University**