# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported) June 30, 2008

#### Alico, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

### <u>Florida</u>

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

#### 59-0906081

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

# Post Office Box 338 LaBelle, Florida

(Address of principal executive offices)

### <u>33975</u>

(Zip Code)

# (863) 675-2966

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

#### Dan L. Gunter appointed CEO; Compensation amended.

Effective July 1, 2008, the Company appointed Mr. Dan L. Gunter, President and Chief Operating officer of the Company since April 2006, to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer. His appointment was announced in a press release issued on June 30, 2008, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. In connection with the promotion, Mr. Gunter will receive a regular base salary of \$300,000 annually and remains eligible for an annual incentive bonus under the Company's cash-based pay-for-performance annual incentive plan based on employment, his performance of specified incentive goals as outlined by the compensation committee and Company performance for the fiscal year 2008 performance period. In addition, restricted stock awards previously granted to Mr. Gunter will continue to vest in accordance with the original terms of the grants.

#### John R. Alexander Transition, Severance, Non-compete and Consulting Agreement

Also effective July 1, 2008, Alico, Inc. (the "Company") and John R. Alexander entered into an agreement (referred to herein as the "Agreement") with respect to Mr. Alexander's retirement as Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Alexander will continue with the Company as its Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Alexander retired from his position as the Company's Chief Executive Officer on June 30, 2008. His departure was announced in a press release issued on June 30, 2008, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Set forth below is a summary of the material terms of the Agreement.

Mr. Alexander will separate from the Company on June 30, 2008 (the "Separation Date"). He will continue as the Company's Chairman. Mr. Alexander remains eligible to receive a pro rata payment for calendar year 2008 under the Company's cash-based pay-for-performance annual incentive plan, which payment will be equal to three-quarters of the value of his annual incentive plan award based on employment, his performance of specified incentive goals as outlined by the compensation committee, and Company performance for the full 2008 performance period. In addition, the restricted stock previously granted to Mr. Alexander will fully vest on the Separation Date in accordance with the original terms of the grants.

Pursuant to the Agreement, after the Separation Date, the Company will pay Mr. Alexander a total of \$600,000 from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011 payable in monthly installments of \$20,833.33 per month beginning July 1, 2008 and continuing to June 30, 2009, \$16,666.67 per month beginning July 1, 2009 and continuing to June 30, 2010 and \$12,500 per month beginning July 1, 2010 and continuing to June 30, 2011. In addition, the Company will reimburse Mr. Alexander for any out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred by him in connection with the performance of his duties subject to the expense reimbursement and pre-approval policies of the Company during the Consulting period. Additionally, the Company will pay Mr. Alexander a non-accountable office expense allowance of \$5,000 per month during the consulting period. The Agreement specifies that Mr. Alexander in turn will provide consulting services to the Company during the period of the Agreement and refrain from competitive activities as defined therein, during the term of the Agreement.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated June 30, 2008, announcing the appointment of Dan L. Gunter as Chief Executive Officer and the retirement of John R. Alexander as Chief Executive Officer and his continuance as Chairman of the Board.

Exhibit 99.2 Transition, Severance and Consulting Agreement.

# **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

# ALICO, INC.

By: /s/ John R. Alexander
John R. Alexander
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

Dated: June 30, 2008

# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No. Exhibit

Press release, dated June 30, 2008, announcing the appointment of Dan L. Gunter as Chief Executive Officer and the retirement of John R. Alexander as Chief Executive Officer and his continuance as Chairman of the Board.

#### Alico Inc. Appoints Dan L. Gunter as Chief Executive Officer

LaBelle, FL, June 30, 2008 — Alico, Inc. (NASDAQ: ALCO), a land management company, announced that Dan L. Gunter, President and Chief Operating Officer, was named Chief Executive Officer of the Company effective July 1, 2008. Mr. Gunter will succeed John R. Alexander who held the CEO position since February 2005, following Mr. Alexander's retirement. Mr. Alexander will continue in his role of Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Gunter has served as the Company's President and Chief Operations Officer since April 17, 2006. He previously served as Executive Director of the Florida Department of Citrus from 1986 through 1992 and again between July 2004 and April 2006. Mr. Gunter also served as an officer in various executive positions for Lykes Bros. Inc. and its subsidiary Vitality Beverages, Inc., with a focus on sales and marketing management, as well as specific operating P&L responsibilities. He has also held the positions of Assistant and Associate Professor in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida.

Mr. Gunter stated, "I am honored by this opportunity and look forward to continuing to work for the shareholders in order to maximize profits and persist in the exploration of opportunities for diversification. Alico's reputation, financial strength and employees are well positioned for growth and building shareholder value."

Mr. Alexander stated, "I think that Mr. Gunter is the perfect choice to lead this Company forward in the direction we have developed. I remain excited and challenged every day with my responsibilities at Alico and I intend to continue to be an active Chairman of the Board."

#### About Alico, Inc.

Alico, Inc., a land management company operating in Central and Southwest Florida, owns approximately 135,500 acres of land located in Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Polk counties. Alico is involved in various agricultural operations and real estate activities. Alico's mission is to grow its asset values through its agricultural and real estate activities to produce superior long-term returns for its shareholders.

#### **For Further Information Contact:**

Dan L. Gunter La Belle, Florida (863) 675-2966

Statements in this press release that are not statements of historical or current fact constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other unknown factors that could cause the actual results of the Company to be materially different from the historical results or from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained herein are also subject generally to other risks and uncertainties that are described from time to time in the Company's reports and registration statements filed with the Securities



#### Exhibit 99.2

#### TRANSITION, SEVERANCE, NON-COMPETE AND CONSULTING AGREEMENT

This Agreement by and between John R. Alexander ("JRA") and Alico, Inc. ("Alico") is dated this 30th day of June 2008.

WHEREAS, JRA has served since February 2004 as Chairman of the Board of Alico and since December 2004 as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Alico and in such capacities has rendered valuable and good service to Alico;

WHEREAS, pursuant to a leadership transition initiated by JRA in January of 2008, JRA is transitioning out of his Chief Executive Officer duties; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure and orderly transition and retain the availability to Alico of access to JRA for consultation and advice during the next three years after the transition, Alico wishes to enter into this Transition, Severance and Consulting Agreement with JRA, and JRA is willing to do so in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereto, for good and valuable consideration, agree as follows.

- 1. <u>Transition.</u> Effective July 1, 2008 (the "Effective Date"), JRA will relinquish all duties as Chief Executive Officer of Alico and as an officer and or employee of Alico and any of its subsidiaries. JRA will continue to serve as a Director and at the Board's discretion as its Chairman for the remainder of his unexpired term and any additional terms during the Consulting Period to which he is elected by the shareholders and the Board and until he is otherwise removed or replaced. During this period he will perform such duties as are assigned to him by the Board.
- 2. Continuing Consulting Services. From the Effective Date until June 30, 2011 (the "Consulting Period"), JRA shall serve as a consultant for Alico with such consulting duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors of Alico or by the Chief Executive Officer of Alico including serving on the boards of directors of organizations such as the Florida Land Council and the Florida Chamber of Commerce as the designated representative of Alico. In addition, JRA shall be available during the Consulting Period to provide transition services to the Chief Executive Officer as requested so as to insure an orderly transition of his responsibilities as Chief Executive Officer to his successor. In this regard, he shall provide any information requested by the new Chief Executive Officer concerning events or transactions which occurred during JRA's term as Chief Executive Officer and lend assistance to the Chief Executive Officer as requested. Unless otherwise agreed by JRA, the maximum amount of time devoted by JRA in performing the services contracted for hereunder shall not exceed 100 hours per month during the first twelve months of the Consulting Period; 75 hours per month during the next 12 months of the Consulting Period and 50 hours per month during the last twelve months of the Consulting Period.

- **3.** <u>Consideration.</u> As consideration for JRA's consulting services to be rendered hereunder, during the Consulting Period, JRA shall be paid a total of \$600,000 (the "Total Consulting Compensation") which shall be payble as follows:
  - a. For the period from July 1, 2008 to June 30 2009, Alico shall pay JRA the sum of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Thirty Three Cents (\$20, 833.33) per month payable on or about the last working day of each such month or on such other date during the month as otherwise mutually agreed;
  - b. For the period from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, Alico shall pay JRA the sum of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Sixty Seven Cents (\$16,666.67) per month payable on or about the last working day of each such month or on such other date during the month as otherwise mutually agreed; and
  - c. For the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, Alico shall pay JRA the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) per month payable on or about the last working day of each such month or on such other date during the month as otherwise mutually agreed.

In addition to the foregoing, JRA shall be entitled to be reimbursed for any out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred by him in connection with the performance of his duties subject to the expense reimbursement and pre-approval policies of Alico from time to time in effect during the Consulting Period and additionally, JRA shall be entitled to continue to receive a non-accountable office expense allowance of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per month during the Consulting Period.

The Parties agree that the services to be rendered hereunder are not likely to be proportionate during the Consulting Period and that it is likely that the consulting services to be rendered will be greater at the beginning of the Consulting Period than later. They further understand that JRA will possibly be forgoing other opportunities in order to remain available for consulting services pursuant to this Agreement. Accordingly, the Parties agree that unless JRA voluntarily terminates this Agreement without cause or Alico terminates this Agreement for Cause as defined in paragraph 4 below, the Total Consulting Compensation shall be paid to JRA or if deceased, his personal representative, in accordance with terms hereof, whether or not JRA dies or becomes disabled during the Consulting Period and whether or not Alico terminates this Agreement for any reason or otherwise fails to avail itself of the consulting services contracted for hereunder. The consideration set forth above shall be in lieu of any other compensation, benefits or payments from Alico during the Consulting Period including any payments for service on or attendance at meetings of Alico's Board of Directors or as the Chairman of the Board or service in any other Board office during the Consulting Period, including any stock compensation program otherwise available to directors for the payment of director fees. Without limiting the foregoing, JRA will not be entitled to any health insurance or other employee benefits from Alico during the term of this Agreement and JRA will be an independent contractor and not an employee of Alico during the Consulting Period.

4. <u>Term and Termination.</u> This Agreement begins on the Effective Date and will terminate on June 30, 2011 unless voluntarily terminated by JRA prior thereto. This Agreement may not be terminated by Alico except for Cause, which shall be defined as being charged with a crime classified as a felony or otherwise being subject to the order of a court or regulatory agency of competent jurisdiction which bars him from rendering the services contracted for hereunder. The death or disability of JRA during the Consulting Period shall not be considered as an event entitling Alico to terminate this Agreement.

- 5. <u>Transition Provisions.</u> Upon the Effective Date, in accordance with Alico's customary policies, JRA shall turn in all credit cards and other Company property and provide to Alico all expense reimbursement requests for periods prior to the Effective time. Subject to the terms and conditions of Alico's Senior Executive Compensation Plan, JRA shall be entitled to be considered for a pro rata portion of his previously set 2008 Executive Compensation Target Bonus award based on the pro rated portion of the 2008 fiscal year during which he acted as the chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. Such award, if any, is discretionary with the Alico Board and is based on performance criteria previously outlined by the Board and its Compensation Committee. Except as provided in paragraph 6 below, there shall be no limitation on JRA's non consulting activities so long as such activities do not unreasonably interfere with or hender his duties hereunder.
- 6. Non Compete. During the term of this Agreement, JRA agrees that he will not serve either directly or indirectly as an officer director, employee of, or consultant to any company whose stock is traded on a national securities exchange or national securities market and is a reporting company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (a "Reporting Public Company") and which is engaged in any business in the State of Florida which is competitive with any of the businesses in which Alico is engaged as of the date of this Agreement provided that nothing contained herein shall prohibit JRA from serving as an officer, director or employee or consultant to Atlantic Blue Group or any of its affiliates whether or not such company becomes a Reporting Public Company. JRA represents and warrants to Alico that his engagement hereunder does not conflict with and will not be constrained by any pre-existing business relationship or agreement to which JRA is a party or otherwise is bound.

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- **8.** <u>Assignability and Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and, as to Alico, its respective successors and assigns. This Agreement is of a personal nature as to JRA and may not be assigned by him.
- **9.** Governing Law. The validity and construction of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida without regard to conflicts of law provisions that would result in the application of laws of another jurisdiction.
- 10. Section Headings. The Section headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not effect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 11. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision to any party or circumstances shall be determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to such person or circumstances other than those to which it is so determined to be invalid and unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each provision hereof shall be validated and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 12. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set their hands as of the day and year first above written.

ALICO, INC. ("Alico")

By: /s/ Dan L. Gunter
Name: Dan Gunter
Its: President

John R. Alexander
John R. Alexander

("JRA")

# EXHIBIT A

Boards and Councils on which JRA may continue to serve during the term of this Agreement:							