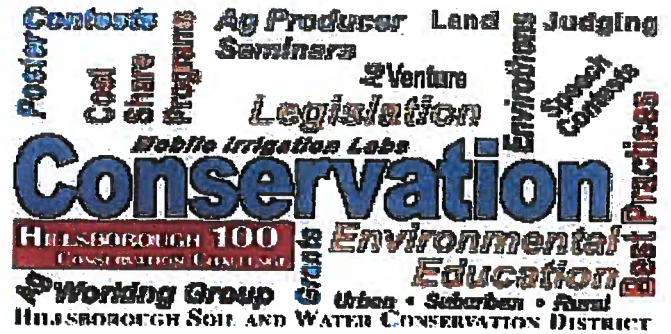


Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors * District Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 @ 4:30 pm
Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District Office
201 South Collins Street, Suite 202
Plant City Florida 33563



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Introduce Board Members and the Public – *Public Comment*
Minutes of October 23, 2019 – *Chairman Mark Proctor*
Treasurer's Report - *Treasurer Susan Dumke*
Presentation by Hillsborough County Attorney Rudy Haidermota
NRCS Report – *Diana Avellanet-Echevarria, District Conservationist*
Agribusiness Development – *Simon Bolin, Agribusiness Development Manager*
SWFWMD Farms Program & Ag Team Update – *Matt Vinzant, Project Manager*
FDACS Update – *Lisa Strange, Environmental Specialist III*
Request for Non-Agenda Items – *Chairman Mark Proctor*

BUSINESS

- Update on Cost Share programs, etc. - Ag Technician Bailey Buchanan
- Update on Education Programs – Betty Jo Tompkins
 - Poster Contest – Due March 31, 2020 – Theme: “Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?” - Promotional Materials and Distribution Process
 - 2020 Envirothon – March 12, 2020 – Training Workshop held 9am – 1 pm, January 25, 2020
 - Continuing work on Ag Venture, Land Judging and Speech Contests
- Director's Report, review of Overall Programs- *Betty Jo Tompkins*
 - Farm Bureau Day, December 10, 2019, Tallahassee – Exhibit, Legislative Meetings, report by Andrew Brooks & Tompkins
 - Hillsborough County Fair – October 22 – 25 & October 29 – November 1, 2020
Plans underway/Fair Board meetings - Exhibit in main Fair Building promoting HSWCD programs, projects & activities throughout Fair; HSWCD approved to coordinate and sponsor Youth Plant Show; Fair approved display of all posters and may provide all students entering contest a free ticket.
Harvest Awards – October 22, 2020 – Planning Underway, Nominations to be made.
 - HSWCD Plant Auction – Scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2020 (Fair Board approved move to Sunday date, as in 2019). Donors received Fair tickets and thank you. Color personalized certificates prepared for all donors (distribution by Roy Davis)
 - Florida State Fair – February 6 – 17, 2020 - Exhibit set up in Ag Hall of Fame building (larger complimentary space); Taste of Florida breakfast (February 6, 2020), providing samples; “Hillsborough Harvested” demonstrations; Governor's Lunch (February 6, 2020); Woman of the Year in Ag (February 10, 2020) Ag Hall of Fame (February 11, 2020)
 - NACD Annual Meeting – February 7 – 11, 2020, Las Vegas – Attending Chair Proctor & Director Tompkins

- Florida Strawberry Festival - February 27 – March 8, 2020 – Complimentary exhibit space in Grimes Building; Farm Credit Breakfast (March 2, 2020) | Grand Parade Luncheon (March 2, 2020)
- FCDEA
Tallahassee Legislative Trip -Listed above
Mid-year meeting – March 1-2, 2020 in conjunction with Florida Strawberry Festival
Monthly teleconferences
- Lipman Garden Challenge – November 2019 – March 2020 – 26 schools/groups participating in this year’s Challenge (compared to 12 in 2017; 16 in 2018). This year’s participating groups include school ag programs, science clubs, ESE classes and 4-H Clubs. Distributed planter boxes, gift cards and transplants of cherry, grape, plum and round tomatoes, as well as bell peppers (all expenses are covered by Lipman Family Farm)
- 2020 Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge – April 18, 2020 – May 10, 2020. Tampa Times tabloid planning underway (articles, etc.) with Times; presentations for participation made before groups; project signups begun. Kickoff Luncheon held November 14, 2019 with approx. 150 attendees; special recognitions to Mosaic, M & B Products, Karen Crumley and T.R.E.E. (William Moriarty). Also recognized student winners. All attendees received gift bags with approx. 30 items.
- “Gasp- Our Beads of Tampa Bay” – Hillsborough 100 event – Sunday, February 2, 2020 (moved up to this date to remove Gasparilla beads, etc. before they go further into Tampa Bay)
- Grant writing – Prepared and submitted 2 grant applications to NACD for Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge expansion (this is 1st year previous recipients are eligible for consideration). Results to be announced in February 2020.
- Subpoena – Tompkins received subpoena to appear 10 am February 3, 2020 before Asst. Statewide Prosecutor George Bedell regarding Criminal Investigation (related to previous civil case HSWCD was removed from)
- GreenFest 2020 – March 28 & 29, 2020 – HSWCD exhibit
- Crawfish Festival – April 18, 2020 – HSWCD exhibit and children’s activities
- Florida Ag Expo – November 21, 2019 – HSWCD exhibit
- Other Activities
Hillsborough County & Florida Farm Bureau
SECDEA Annual Meeting, presenter
Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce
Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce
Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce
Community Roundtable of Brandon
Tampa Bay Bee Keepers (presentation)
Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation; Presented update on HSWCD programs
Hillsborough Republican Party Executive Committee (promoting Plant Auction, etc.)
Rotary Club of Brandon South Global
- Public Correspondence, Upcoming Events, Announcements, and Adjournment
- Next Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – Board Determination - Plant City office
- Adjournment
- Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- February 6 – 17, 2020 – Florida State Fair - Exhibit, demonstrations, etc.
- February 6, 2020 – 7 am – Taste of Florida Breakfast
- February 6, 2020 – 11:30 am – Governor's Lunch
- February 10, 2020 – Noon – Ag Woman of the Year Luncheon
- February 7, 2020 – Ag Hall of Fame Dinner
- February 8 – 12, 2020 – NACD Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada
- February 21, 2020 – Farm Night 2020 presented by M & B Products, Temple Terrace
- February 22, 2020 – Annual 4-H Strawberry U – Pick at Fancy Farms
- February 27 – March 8, 2020 – Florida Strawberry Festival, Plant City
- March 2, 2020 – 7am – Farm Credit Breakfast with Commissioner of Agriculture
- March 2, 2020 – Grand Parade Luncheon (following Breakfast)
- March 1 – 2, 2020 – 2nd Annual FCDEA Employee Mid-year Meeting in conjunction with Strawberry Festival.
- March 28 – 29, 2020 – 9am – 4 pm - Tampa Garden Club "GreenFest 2020"
- April 18 – May 10, 2020 – Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge
- April 18, 2020 – 11am – 4pm – Crawfish Festival at Winthrop – Exhibit, demonstrations and recycling
- April 24, 2020 – Area 3 meeting in Lake County
- May 1 – 2, 2020 – Grow Gardens Conference, Tampa Heights
- August 7 – 11, 2020 – NACD Southeast Meeting – The Lodge at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, Alabama
- September 9 – 11, 2020 – AFCD Annual Meeting – Ft. Walton Beach Hilton Garden Inn
- October 10, 2020 – Best of Brandon
- October 22 – 25 and October 29 – November 1, 2020 Hillsborough County Fair
- October 22, 2020 – Harvest Awards
- October 25, 2020 – HSWCD Plant Auction



Thanks for your commitment to conservation and our Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District Leading for Tomorrow. Betty Jo Tompkins