

Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors * District Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 4:30 pm
Florida Strawberry Growers Association
13138 Lewis Gallagher Road
Dover, Florida 33527



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Introduce Board Members and the Public – *Public Comment*
Minutes of August 31, 2022 Board Meeting – *Chairman Andrew Brooks*
Financial Report - *Treasurer*
NRCS District/Area /State Report – *Leslie Diaz-Alvarez, District Conservationist and Walter Albarran,*
FDACS Update - *Matt Warren, Environmental Manager (Via Zoom)*
SWFWMD Farms Program – *Jeff Whealton, Ken Griner, Thomas Stevens (all on zoom)*
Agribusiness Development Report - *Simon Bollin, Agribusiness Development Manager*
Request for Non-Agenda Items – *Chairman Andrew Brooks*

BUSINESS

- Update on SB 1078/Review of Rule Making Process – Report by Tompkins submitted to FDACS following action taken by Board at August 31, 2022 Board meeting.
- Current status of EPA Proposal to remove strawberries from the Thiram (currently an approved fungicide) label effective this upcoming season.
- AFCD – Announcement by AFCD to change date and location of 2023 State AFCD meeting from January to February 6 – 8, 2023 at the Hilton UF, with a newly revised program (details not yet available). This was made last week of September, so all plans announced at the AFCD Quarterly meeting on September 7, 2022 are no longer valid. Quarterly meeting and workshop attended by Brookins and Tompkins.
- Education Programs
 - *Ag Venture – HSWCD will present pollinator program for Fall 2022 Ag Venture at Florida State Fairgrounds, October 25 – 28 and October 31 – November 4, 2022, with October 31st designated as Home School Day. This will include thousands of 3rd grade students and HSWCD theme will be “Bees, Bats, Birds, Butterflies, Our Perfect Pollinators”. HSWCD will participate in Spring Ag Venture April 18 – 21, 2023.
 - * Poster Contests – 2022 NACD contest theme “Healthy Soil, Healthy Life”, with 3 Hillsborough SWCD 1st place winners receiving top honors in state competition and advancing to the national competition. Winners will be recognized at December HSWCD Board meeting.
 - * Summer Poster Contest – HSWCD summer poster contest extended until October 10, 2022 with the theme; “Our Perfect Pollinators”. Hillsborough County Fair has committed to same arrangement (free ticket and display for all posters) as previously provided).
 - * 2023 NACD Poster Contest underway, theme “One Water”. District contest open until April 28, 2023.
 - *Envirothon – Continuing work on competition for 2022 – 2023 school year.
 - * Land Judging – HSWCD Land Judging contest will be a traditional one, or training opportunity , based on decision of State Contest Committee regarding potential state participants.

➤ Director's Report, review of Overall Programs – Betty Jo Tompkins

- *GS FEST –HSWCD participated in the September 24, 2022 event at the Florida State Fairgrounds, with display and distribution of over 600 water bracelet kits and flyers teaching the water cycle. Tompkins and Eckdahl worked event with almost 2,000 participants.
- * Hillsborough County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – 6:30 pm – TECO Building at Strawberry Festival. HSWCD Supervisors Brooks, Brookins, Proctor and Jackson attended with Director Tompkins. Display and Plant Auction flyers distributed.
- * Earl Lennard School Dedication and Dinner – October 13, 2022 – Hillsborough County Fairgrounds
- * Hillsborough County Fair, November 3 – 13, 2022 – 2022 HSWCD involvement in 2022 Hillsborough County Fair includes a 40' x 60' tent for HSWCD to promote “Conservation is everybody’s Business” and “Bees, Bats, Birds and Butterflies, Our Perfect Pollinators”. This will include an expanded youth horticulture show, expanded rain barrel competition, poster contest display, Great Plant Auction and displays by HSWCD, Operation Pollination, Rotary Brandon Global Eco, City of Tampa, Coalition of Community Gardens, Farm Bureau, NRCS, USDA, and others.
- Fair Workday – October 22, 2022 – The workday will commence with a volunteer breakfast from 8 – 10 am, followed by a workday on fair booths and exhibits. Supervisors and volunteers encouraged to attend.
- Harvest Awards – November 3, 2022 – 11:30 am – Fair awards and recognition kickoff luncheon. Supervisors encouraged to attend (HSWCD is a previous recipient).
- Participated in Fair Board and Executive Board meetings as a member of Fair Executive Board.
- * Florida Ag Expo – November 2, 2022 – HSWCD will have a complimentary booth in the 2022 Expo, with set-up on November 1st in booth 31.
- * Operation Pollination – Program continuing to sign up businesses, churches, civic clubs, educational institutions, families, governmental entities, individuals and youth groups to conduct pollinator activities with a goal of 100 projects by April 2024.
- * Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge – Work continuing on 2022 projects/plans underway for 2023.
- * Update on Julia Mosley historic property in Brandon
- * FCDEA – Participated in monthly meetings, etc. Annual meeting held via zoom in Sept.
- *Local Working Group – HSWCD/NRCS – 3:00 pm – 5:30 PM, November 29, 2022 @ Strawberry Growers
- * Florida State Fair – February 9 – 20, 2023 - Work underway for exhibit and participation in all Fair related events, including Fresh From Florida Breakfast, Governor’s Lunch, Woman of the Year in Agriculture,, Ag Hall of Fame and Champion of Champions.
- * Florida Farm Bureau Ag in the Capitol – March 8, 2023 – HSWCD booth in Taste of Florida and all events.
- * Florida Strawberry Festival – March 2 – 12,2023 participation to include exhibit and events,
- * NACD National Urban and Community Webinar – December 15, 2022 - HSWCD and Director Tompkins will be the featured presenter on this national webinar supported by Miracle Gro.
- * Coalition of Community Gardens – To participate in upcoming quarterly meeting.
- *Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation – Participated in Board meetings, events, etc.
- *Center Place Board and Community Roundtable Board - participated in Board meetings, events, etc.
- * Wrote articles for INF (In The Field) magazine.
- * Rotary Brandon Global ECO and Rotary ESRAG – Participated in numerous conservation programs.
- Other – Greater Plant City Chamber, Greater Riverview Chamber, Tampa Bay Beekeepers

- Public Correspondence, Upcoming Events, Announcements
- Next Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – December 14, 2022
- Adjournment and Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- * October 12, 2022 – 4:30 pm – HSWCD Board Meeting – Florida Strawberry Growers
- * October 13, 2022 – Earl Lennard School House dedication dinner – Hillsborough County Fairgrounds
- * October 22, 2022 – 8 am – Hillsborough County Fair Volunteer Breakfast; All day – Fair workday and set-up for HSWCD Conservation tent
- * October 24 – 28 – Ag Venture for 3rd graders at State Fairgrounds – HSWCD presenter
- * October 31, 2022 – Home School Day for Ag Venture; Nov. 1 – 4 Ag Venture 2nd week
- * November 1 – 4, 2022- Ag Venture continues
- * November 1, 2022 – Set-up for Florida Ag Expo
- * November 2, 2022 – Florida Ag Expo – UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research Center, Balm
- * November 3 – 13, 2022 – Hillsborough County Fair – HSWCD tent (40 x 60 feet) promoting “Conservation is Everybody’s Business” with numerous conservation groups participating
- * November 3 – Harvest Awards, Hillsborough County
- * November 8 – 9, 2022 – SECDEA – HSWCD represents Florida with Operation Pollination presentation – Pigeon Forge
- * November 13, 2022 – HSWCD Great Plant Auction – Hillsborough County Fair
- * November 29, 2022 – 3:00 – 5:30 pm – Local Working Group – Florida Strawberry Growers
- * December 14, 2022 – 4:30 pm – HSWCD Board Meeting – Florida Strawberry Growers
- * December 15, 2022 – HSWCD to be featured on NACD national Miracle Gro webinar on “Reaching Urban Audiences through Fairs and Festivals”
- * February 6 –8, 2023 – AFCD Annual Meeting- Hilton UF– Gainesville
- * February 9 – 20, 2023 – Florida State Fair – HSWCD exhibit - Tampa
- * February 9, 2023 – Fresh from Florida Breakfast and Governors Lunch
- * February 11 – 15, 2023 – NACD Annual Meeting – New Orleans
- * February 13, 2023 – Woman of the Year in Ag Luncheon
- * February 14, 2023 – Ag Hall of Fame Dinner – Florida State Fair
- * February 20, 2023 – Champion of Champions Dinner – State Fair
- * March 2 -12, 2023 – Florida Strawberry Festival
- * March 6, 2023 – Farm Credit Breakfast and Grand Parade Luncheon
- * March 7 – May 5, 2023 – 2023 Florida Legislative Session
- * March 8, 2023 – Farm Bureau Day at the Legislature/ HSWCD tent.
- * March 25 -26, 2023 – GreenFest 2023 – HSWCD exhibit – Tampa
- * April 16 – May 7, 2023 – Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge
- * April 18 – 21, 2023 – Spring AgVenture / HSWCD Presenter – Florida State Fairgrounds
- * April 22 – Earth Day; * April 30 – May 7, 2023 – National Soil Stewardship Week
- * May 4, 2023 – EPC Clean Air Fair -/ HSWCD Exhibit – Tampa



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