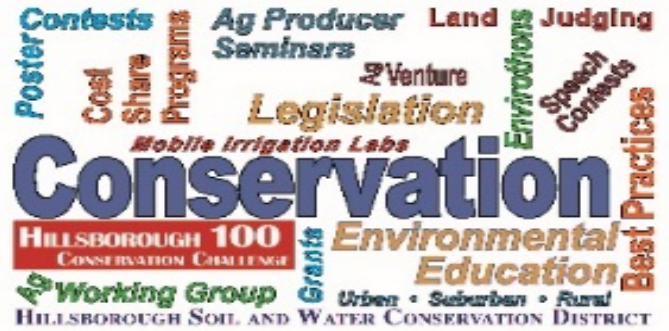


Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors District Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 3:00 pm
Florida Strawberry Growers Association
13138 Lewis Gallagher Road
Dover, Florida 33527



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- Introduce Board Members and the Public – *Public Comment*
- Special Presentation – *Melissa Zornitta, Executive Director, Plan Hillsborough, Hillsborough Planning Commission*
- Minutes of March 29, 2023 Board Meeting – *Chairman Mark Proctor*
- Financial Report - *Treasurer Myke Morris*
- Report by Temporary Legal Counsel Gregory Hearing of *Gray Robinson*
- FDACS Update - *Matt Warren, Environmental Manager*
- SWFWMD Farms Program – *Jeff Whealton, Ken Griner, Thomas Stevens, Chaz LaRiche*
- Agribusiness Development Report - *Simon Bollin, Agribusiness Development Manager*
- NRCS District/Area Report – *Printed Report. Staff Unavailable*
- Request for Non-Agenda Items – *Chairman, Mark Proctor*

BUSINESS AND DIRECTOR’S REPORT- *Betty Jo Tompkins*

- Roles and Performance of staff and/or Executive Director
- Update on HSWCD follow-up on 2023 Farm Bill Position Statement – Approximately 250 email packets on the HSWCD position statement, fly-in summary and NACD positions on appropriations, budget, general bill requests, forestry/wildfire, wildlife, and climate change were sent to all Florida Conservation Districts and Supervisors, as well as NACD staff and others. Received feedback from numerous counties that are following HSWCD’s lead in contacting Congressional delegation members and preparing statements. Wrote article for ITF that will be published in May issue.
- Update on Florida legislation, request of FDACS Legal Counsel on SB 1078 legislation opinion request.
- Action Item: Determination of next steps for HSWCD to pursue regarding geographic boundaries for HSWCD sub districts
- Report on HSWCD Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge Kickoff Luncheon held April 12, 2023 at The Regent. Presenting sponsor: Mosaic Co. Inc.; Facility discount: The Regent; Printing Sponsor: Odiorne Insurance; Gift bag sponsors: Over 20 items from commodity groups, fairs and festivals, governmental agencies and other groups provided to all participants (see program); over 165 attendees representing members of the judiciary, school board, governmental agencies, agricultural organizations, fairs and festivals, chambers of commerce, businesses and civic clubs, youth organizations and others. Awards presented: Outstanding Supporter of the Year – Hillsborough Property Appraiser Bob Henriquez and staff; Outstanding Project of the Year – Hillsborough County Fair; Outstanding Cooperating Partner – EPC Executive Director Janet Lorton and staff Awarded Roy Gene Davis Scholarship to Morgan Chancey (Agricultural Education)

and Michael Hepburn Memorial Scholarship to Madison Leiner (Environmental Engineering). Presented sixteen (16) mini-grants to Apollo Beach Elementary School, Brandon High School FFA, Boy Scout Troop 109, Cub Scout Pack 37, Dunbar Elementary Magnet School, Ryan Flugel Eagle Scout Project, Girl Scout Troop 3518. Graham Elementary AGP Gardeners, Hillsborough County 4-H. Lopez Agricultural Classes, Pizzo K – 8 Garden Club, Raise the Bar 4-H Club, Scubonauts International (Tampa Chapter), Springhead Elementary, Temple Terrace Elementary and Winthrop Arts. Follow-up with thank you correspondence, recognition materials and newspaper article.

- Update on current HSWCD Audit and HSWCD Rules of Procedure.
- Continued work on FDACS cost share programs.
- Update on Hillsborough County HR review.
- Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge – April 16 – May 6, 2023 – Continuing multiple programs, projects and activities throughout Tampa Bay, involving businesses, churches, educational institutions, governmental entities, schools, youth groups and others executing road and river clean-ups; recycling of paper, plastics and electronics, planting of butterfly and other pollinator gardens; community and school gardens and a myriad of other programs, projects and activities
- “One Water” Poster and Speech contests – Poster contest currently being conducted at public, private, parochial schools and home school groups throughout Hillsborough County. Deadline for posters: April 28, 2023. Speech contest on the same topic. Winners of both events will advance to the Area competition on May 12, 2023.
- Spring AgVenture –April 18 – 21, 2023- “Bees, Bats, Birds, Butterflies – Our Perfect Pollinators” station, demonstrations and snacks.
- Plant City Chamber Spring Ag Tour – April 21, 2023
- EPC “Clean Air Fair” exhibit – May 4, 2023 – Downtown Tampa
- AFCDA Area Annual Meeting – May 12, 2023 9 am – Charlotte County Extension Service, 1120 Centennial Blvd, Port Charlotte, Florida 33953
- Agenda Request by Supervisor Morris = HSWCD Social media and internet
- Update on joint grant with City of Tampa, Coalition of Community Gardens and HSWCD. Program to begin this summer with school gardens at four Hillsborough sites.
- Summer Youth Programs – HSWCD will again sponsor a summer youth poster contest with all participants receiving a free ticket to the Hillsborough County Fair. Program will run through Hillsborough Parks and Recreation, as well as being open to other youth throughout the county. In addition, demonstrations on pollinators will be offered at several park locations.
- Presentations: April 12, 2023 – 7 pm - Presented program on Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District to the Tampa Chapter of the Sierra Club. Group desires to partner in future Hillsborough 100 activities. April 13, 2023 – Presented Farm Bill issues before the Hillsborough Republican Executive Committee. State Committeeman encouraged Republican Clubs to participate in conservation projects.
- Other: ITF article on HSWCD Fly-in and Farm Bill; FCDEA – Participated in monthly meetings, etc.; Coalition of Community Gardens – Continued participation; Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation – Participated in Board meetings, etc.; Hillsborough County Fair Executive Board and Board; Center Place Board and Community Roundtable Board; Rotary Brandon Global ECO and Rotary ESRAG – Participated in numerous conservation programs; Greater Plant City Chamber, Greater Riverview Chamber,

- Public Correspondence, Upcoming Events, Announcements
- Next Board Meeting and setting schedule for balance of 2023 _____
- Adjournment and Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- * April 19, 2023 HSWCD Board Meeting – 3:00pm – Florida Strawberry Growers Association, 13138 Lewis Gallagher Road, Dover, 33527
- * April 16 – May 6, 2023 – Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge
- * April 18 – 21, 2023 – Spring AgVenture / HSWCD Presenter – Florida State Fairgrounds
- * April 22, 2023 – Earth Day activities
- * April 30 – May 7, 2023 – National Soil Stewardship Week
- * May 4, 2023 – EPC Clean Air Fair -/ HSWCD Exhibit – Tampa
- * May 12, 2023 – AFCD Area 3 Meeting – Port Charlotte
- * June 19 – 25, 2023 – National Pollinator Week



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