

# Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District

## Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

### Supervisors in Attendance

Ryan Gill– Chair, Supervisor  
Chris McCullough – Supervisor (zoom)  
Myke Morris- Treasurer, Supervisor  
Mark Proctor - Supervisor (zoom)  
Adam Young - Vice Chair, Supervisor

### Others in Attendance

Heather Thompson - Interim Executive Director HSWCD  
Kathy Eckdahl – HSWCD Adm Asst III to Director  
Melissa Jackson - HSWCD/PT Community Outreach  
Linda Chion - HSWCD/PT Computer graphics  
Greg Hearing - interim General Counsel HSWCD  
Simon Bollin - Hills Ag. Economic Development  
Kamila Colon-Reyes - NRCS Conservationist  
Walter Albarran - NRCS Asst State Conservationist  
Ken Griner – SWFWMD Farms (zoom)  
Thomas Stevens – SWFWMD (zoom)  
Jeff Whealton – SWFWMD (zoom)  
Steven Gran - Ag Extension Director  
Eli Gill - attendee  
Betty Jo Tompkins - attendee  
Daniel Alvarez-attendee (zoom)  
Greg H - attendee (zoom)  
James - attendee (zoom)

### Call to Order

GILL, chair, called meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

### MINUTES

Minutes of May 17 & 24, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed. On page 1 under Reports, 1st paragraph, attorney summary “TOMPKINS has a lack of structure, lack of process, and lack of organization” to be deleted. On page 2 under Interim Director, add the words “at salary of Ms Tompkins” to be added after interim executive director “at salary...” and for the board... Under Business first bullet point: add AFCD before Area 3 in both cases in the sentence. PROCTOR moved for approval of May 17 & 24, 2023 board meeting minutes. YOUNG seconded. Motion passed. PROCTOR moved for approval of May 17 & 24, 2023 Board meeting minutes. YOUNG seconded. Motion passes.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

MORRIS, treasurer, reviewed bank balances:.

● General bank account	\$2,935.54	Balance as of June 2023
● Hillsborough 100 account	\$4,400.00	Balance as of June 2023
● Mini-Farms account	\$58,477.75	Balance as of June 2023
● Envirothon	\$415.75	Balance as of June 2023

- Shirts for the board were discussed.

YOUNG moved to accept and file for audit the financial report for June 14, 2023. MORRIS seconded. Motion passed.

- No public comment at this time.

## **BUSINESS**

### **NRCS REPORT**

COLON-REYES– reported on NRCS. Received 44 applications for FY 2023. 12 applications pre-approved. CSP has 17 applications. Encouraged participation in CSP and EQUIP programs. MORRIS, ALBARRAN commented. New Tech position for HSWCD was discussed. HEARING, GRINER, ALBARRAN, YOUNG, and MORRIS commented.

### **SWFWMD**

GRINER reported SWFWMD is working on various projects with farmers. GRINER reported that money was available for Farms Programs including Mini Farms. Encouraged participation. STEVENS reported SWFWMD is working with growers. Encouraged participation in their programs.

### **AGRIBUSINESS REPORT**

BOLLIN - no report at this time.

### **REQUEST FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS**

MORRIS asked for the Hillsborough 100 bank account to be addressed later in the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MORRIS requested that Social Media item on agenda be tabled.

## **BUSINESS**

- Update Interim Executive Director: YOUNG moved to ratify the hiring of Heather Thompson as Interim Executive Director at the previous executive director's salary and benefit package. GILL seconded. PROCTOR, MORRIS and YOUNG commented. Motion passed.
- Update on HSWCD office space: MORRIS, HEARING, YOUNG, CHION, and TOMPKINS commented.

- Update Attorney General Opinion: HEARING reported letter sent to Attorney General office June 8, 2023. Accepted request for opinion letter. Response will take 3-6 months.
- Update: Public Records request was withdrawn.
- Update Hillsborough County HR: Desk Audit should be updated in less than 90 days.
- Update: Outside Investigator invoice was discussed. HEARING, GILL commented. MORRIS moved to authorize payment to Brown for the total invoice amount as soon as possible. YOUNG seconded. Motion passed.
- Update: HEARING distributed the Rules of Order to the supervisors. GILL, HEARING, PROCTOR, and MORRIS, commented. YOUNG moved to accept Rules of Order with all edits except quorum edit (rule #3). MORRIS seconded. Motion passed.
- Update: Financial rules and policies. HEARING distributed Financial Rules and Policies to the supervisors. MORRIS, HEARING commented. MORRIS moved to accept Financial Policy and Control with edits provided. YOUNG seconded. PROCTOR and MORRIS commented. Motion passed.
- Break for 5 min - Chair
- Update on Meeting with County Staff: CHION commented. MORRIS moved for CHION to have the former executive director's rate of salary from CHION's appointment on May 17, 2023-June 9, 2023. YOUNG commented. PROCTOR seconded. Motion passed. GILL commented.
- Update on County Vehicle: in for service and will be ready by end of the week.
- Photo and Summer Poster Contest: ECKDAHL reviewed these items. CHION and MORRIS commented.
- Hillsborough 100 Bank Account: MORRIS, YOUNG, TOMPKINS and PROCTOR commented. PROCTOR to sign for scholarship checks for 2023.
- Next Board Meeting: July 26, 2023 @ 3 pm at FSGA. MORRIS moved to accept the next board meeting date. YOUNG seconded. Motion passed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**