

Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District
Informal Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
June 11, 2024 @ 1:00 pm
Location: HSWCD Office/4503 Coronet Rd/Plant City/FL 33566

Supervisors and staff in attendance: Robert “Myke” Morris (Treasurer, Seat 4); Mark Proctor (Seat 5); Bear McCullough (Seat 1) via MS Teams; Tom Gonzalez (Special Counsel, HSWCD Board); Dr. Joe Walsh (HSWCD Executive Director); Kathy Eckdahl (HSWCD Staff)

Absent: Ryan Gill (Chair, Seat 2); Adam Young (Vice Chair, Seat 3)

Partner Agency and Vendor representatives in attendance: Ken Griner, SWFWMD FARMS Program Group (MS Teams); Michael Wells (CPA, Hamilton & Associates) (MS Teams); Simon Bollin (HC Agribusiness Development Manager)

Public in attendance: Betty Jo Tompkins (public)

Supervisor Morris consulted with Special Counsel Gonzalez as to how to address the inability to achieve a quorum. Special Counsel indicated that a quorum is only met with a minimum of 3 Supervisors physically in the room and that Supervisors participating remotely cannot be counted. Roberts Rules of Order says that in the absence of a quorum, the only business the body can conduct is to take steps to get a quorum, recess, or adjourn. Per Robert’s Rules, the meeting was called to order and then adjourned.

Notes of activity following adjournment of meeting for lack of a quorum was held with the following people in attendance:

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Following adjournment, the chair conducted an informational workshop for the purpose of recognizing the presence of representatives of partner agencies and Michael Wells of Hamilton & Associates. There were no reports from the partner agencies.

Michael Wells briefly reviewed the FY2023 Draft Audit. Wells received questions from the board members present and ED Walsh. Page 12 and 19 of the audit were addressed briefly. Wells confirmed the audit comments can still be edited. Wells reported on three items: report will no longer be late, an account ledger may be needed, and reconciliation bank file. Many of the past issues were corrected. Treasurer Morris was pleased to hear of the corrections that had taken place. There was a carryover from FY2022 to FY 2023 fine incurred by the HSWCD board. In addition, the monthly bank reports need to reflect when checks are written which the reports do reflect and in addition cleared checks. ED Walsh reported that since Dec 2023 monthly financial reports are showing pending checks. Wells needed clarification as to when HSWCD moved into the new office. ED Walsh will follow up with Wells.

The draft audit was not adopted or formally accepted. A special meeting of the supervisors will be set to allow for timely acceptance and consideration of the FY2023 audit.

Treasurer Morris, Supervisor McCullough and Supervisor Proctor thanked Wells and his associates for all their hard work on the FY2023 audit.

Supervisor Morris called the informational workshop to a close at 2 pm