

HILLSBOROUGH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors * District Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 21, 2019 4:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 4:23 PM by Vice Chair Michael Hepburn.

Supervisors in attendance:

Michael Hepburn, Vice Chair

Andrew Brooks

Kathy Eckdahl

Attended via

Conference Call:

Mark Proctor, Chairman

Susan Dumke, Treasurer

Others in Attendance:

Betty Jo Tompkins, HSWCD, Executive Director

Jennifer Gray, HSWCD, Administrative Services Coordinator

Debra McGee, HSWCD, Conservation Outreach Technician

Simon Bollin, Economic Development, Agribusiness Development Manager

Lisa Strange, FDACS, Environmental Specialist III

Jeff Whealton, SWFWMD, Sr. Environmental Scientist

Rudy Haidermota, Hillsborough County Attorney, Sr Assistant County Attorney

INTRODUCE MEMBER(S) OF THE PUBLIC

Vice Chair requested members and guests introduce themselves and offer public comment.

SR ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY RUDY HAIDERMOTA'S PRESENTATION

Rudy Haidermota of the Hillsborough County Attorney's office presented subject of Director Tompkins performance evaluation raises for 2017 and 2018. While the raises were previously approved by the Board of Supervisors, the County would like a secondary reiteration of approval due to the delay of the entries. Supervisor Brooks moved to approve the November 23, 2017 increase of 5% from \$75,610.08 to \$79,390.58, and the November 23, 2018 increase of 5% from \$79,390.58 to \$83,360.11; the modification to \$83,360.11 activating through employment agreement end date November 23, 2019. Salary increase to be backdated and paid accordingly. Motion 2nd by Supervisor Eckdahl. Amendment added Chairman Proctor authorization for approving increases and extensions. Supervisor Eckdahl moved to approve with amendment. Motion 2nd by Supervisor Brooks. Motion approved unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Sup. Brooks moved approval of April 17, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion 2nd by Sup. Eckdahl. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report presented by Sup. Dumke as follows:

- Regular account beginning balance of \$18,947.55 and ending balance of \$17,545.01
- Petty Cash account beginning balance of \$120.50 and ending balance of \$98.90
- Mini-Farm account beginning balance of \$52,216.09 and ending balance of \$47,373.93
- Hillsborough 100 account beginning balance of \$1,435.83 and ending balance of \$710.83

Motion from Sup. Brooks to accept Treasurer's Report to file for audit.

Motion 2nd by Sup. Eckdahl. Motion passed unanimously.

NRCS REPORT

Tompkins reported for Diana Avellanet 8 EQIP applications, 5 EQIP payments made, 1 EQIP advance payment. No Conservation Stewardship Program applications. Food Security Act determinations includes 11 pending wetland determinations and 4 pending Highly Erodible Land determinations. Revised the CPA-1200. Workload Cycle is in Time-Phase 3. Attended Irrigation System Design training. DC Avellanet is also serving as acting District Conservationist for the Bartow field office until September 15, 2019.

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Simon Bollin reported recently attended Ag Economic Development Council meeting at HC Extension office in August, the next meeting will be in November. Veterans Agriculture Selection Program (VASP) renamed Veterans Florida Agriculture Program (VFAP). Co-hosted the Interagency Regulatory Meeting held by Agribusiness Development and SWFWMD on this date.

SWFWMD

Jeff Whealton reported an excellent turnout for the Interagency Regulatory Meeting held by SWFWMD and Agribusiness Development; attendees included Hillsborough County Economic Development, FDACS, EPC, NRCS, Hillsborough County Extension, and the Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District. A number of topics and ideas were discussed, and lines of communication and department cross training bonds strengthened.

FDACS

Lisa Strange attended the Interagency Regulatory Meeting and participated in quality information sharing.

REQUEST FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

All Supervisors agreed official meeting time for future meetings to be moved from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Education Programs- Tompkins introduced new Conservation Outreach Technician Debra McGee. McGee reported on the Summer 2019 Poster Contest, including schools visited and park event "Party in the Park" attended by staff at five different locations. Over 500 sets of contest information were distributed to schools and organizations.
- B. Directors Report- Director Tompkins requested a review of the AFCD Resolution on USDA re-establishing Quarterly Bee Colony Count by the Board. Board reviewed the resolution and Sup. Brooks moved the Board support the resolution. Sup. Eckdahl 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously. Update on Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge Review, April 20-May5, 2019 and all year. April 26, 2019 24-page color tabloid published in Tampa Bay Times. (60,000 + copies). Programs and projects participated in: Brandon Community Roundtable Community Service Forum Exhibit Riverview High School; All About Earth Mainstreet Festival- Exhibit, Plant City; 2019 Garden Walk -Exhibit- Plant City; Lions, Leos, T.R.E.E. Plant City Commons Community Garden Event- Exhibit- Plant City; EPC Clean Air Fair- Exhibit- Tampa; Discovery Quest- Exhibit- Plant City; Hillsborough County Extension Service UF/IFAS open house- Seffner; "Gasp-Our Beads of Tampa Bay" Dive (held June 2, 2019 per Coast Guard request). Programs, projects, activities by area schools, businesses, civic clubs, community organizations, governmental agencies and youth groups. NACD National Webinar on Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge, sponsored by NACD and Miracle Gro presented by Director Tompkins June 20, 2019. AFCD Annual Meeting attended by Chairman Proctor, Supervisor Brooks and Director Tompkins. AFCD Resolution on USDA re-establishing Quarterly Bee Colony Count presented by Proctor. Resolution passed. FCDEA Resolution on USDA re-establishing Quarterly Bee Colony Count presented by Director Tompkins. Resolution passed. Tompkins re-elected as President of FCDEA for two-year term. Legislative participation in Farm Bureau Day in Tallahassee - December 10, 2019. Project to coordinate with Farm Bureau initiated by FCDEA to highlight agriculture and conservation issues before the Legislature. Event to take place during committee week (prior to session beginning in January) and to consist of a breakfast, meetings with Legislators, and Taste of Florida event with HSWCD exhibit. HSWCD conducted AFCD Area 3 Speech Contest. SECDEA Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN- November 2019. FCDEA Mid-year meeting - March 1-2, 2020 in conjunction with Florida Strawberry Festival. HSWCD sponsored sign focusing on watershed's path from Plant City to Tampa Bay. Dedication attended by Chairman Proctor and Director Tompkins. Prepared grant letter for T.R.E.E. requesting Tampa Bay Estuary's grant program provide funds for additional signage. Participated in programs at Community Gardens. Annual FDACS Office of Ag Water Policy Cost Share Partners Meeting. Completed 2019 "Bee a Honey, Buy a Hive" bee colony deliveries. Secured complimentary exhibit space for HSWCD in 2019 Hillsborough County Fair. Plans under way for HSWCD Plant Auction, meetings with Chair Roy Davis and letters sent to previous donors. Sup. Eckdahl moved HSWCD sponsor the Hillsborough County Fair Youth Plant Show beginning in 2020. Motion 2nd by Sup. Dumke. Motion passed unanimously. Attended Fair Board Meetings, reported on HSWCD. Prepared materials for schools and presentations made by Supervisors Hepburn and Eckdahl and Director Tompkins to Hillsborough County Science Teachers and Agriculture teachers to promote Envirothon, Lipman Garden Challenge and all HSWCD youth programs. Met with Civil Service regarding transition to take place October 1, 2019. Handled all aspects of annual Local Working Group meeting, including speakers representing multiple agencies. Participated in NACD listening session (presented Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge) Southeast meeting, sessions, tours. Secured complimentary exhibit space for HSWCD at Florida State Fair and Florida Strawberry Festival. Other

Activities included Hillsborough County Ag Economic Development, Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce, Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce, including "Salute to Agriculture", Non – Profit Leadership Roundtable, Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce, Community Roundtable of Brandon, Tampa Bay Bee Keepers, FFA-Tomlin, FFA Banquet; Other Events, 4-H Hillsborough County 4-H Foundations Presentations on HSWCD programs to 4-H club leaders, Hillsborough County 4-H Banquet, Farm Bureau Women – San Jose Mission, Rotary Club of Brandon South Virtual- Presentation on Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge; Hugo Schmidt "Sail into Summer Carnival"- Exhibit – Brandon. Hillsborough River State Park- Participated in Park's long-range plan review. Tiger Bay Luncheon with Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried- Chairman Proctor and Director Tompkins. Presented program on HSWCD and Hillsborough 100 at invitation of Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District. Attended Hall of Fame Banquet- University of Florida. Participated in Special Districts Southeast Summit – Orlando. Farm Bureau dinner will include a charity auction to support 4-H programs, Sup. Dumke moved for HSWCD to donate a basket including a \$50.00 gift card to the event. Sup. Brooks 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. No Public Correspondence.

D. No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm. Dinner served.