



**Hillsborough
Soil & Water**
Conservation District
Florida

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Date: September 21, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

**NEW Location: Plant City Chamber of Commerce
2504 Walden Woods Drive, Plant City 33566**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – *Chair Parke*
2. Prayer – *Vice Chair Hoke*
3. Pledge of Allegiance – *Chair Parke*
4. Introduction Board Members and the Public– *Chair Parke*
5. Public Comment – *limit of 3 minutes per person*
6. Public Correspondence - *Chair Parke*
7. Review and Approval of the Agenda – *Chair Parke*
8. Minutes of HSWCD Board Meeting, August 24th, 2026– *Chair Parke*
9. Financial Reports for August 2026 – *Vice Chair/Treasurer Hoke*
10. Partner Agency Reports –
 - USDA/NRCS
 - *Andrew Kearse, District Conservationist*
 - FDACS
 - *Ellen Cruz, Regional Director*
 - *Vanessa Bauzo, OAWP Environmental Consultant*

- SWFWMD
 - *Jeff Whealton, Agricultural Programs Manager*
 - *Ken Griner, Environmental Engineer, FARMS*
 - Hillsborough Agricultural Econ. Dev – *Simon Bolin, Manager*
- 11. Hillsborough Environmental Lands Management, Division Manager – *Ross Dickerson*
- 12. NRCS Conservation Easements Acquisition Coordinator – *Crenel Francis*
- 13. Vacation and Management Leave – *Chair Parke / HR*
 - Department Level Specific Policy Decision making
- 14. Hillsborough BOCC Resolution Inter-Local Agreement with District – *Executive Director*
- 15. Supervisors' Announcements (3 minutes recommended)
 - a. Chair Terri Parke (Seat 1)
 - Vice Chair/Treasurer Gretchen Hoke (Seat 3)
 - Supervisor Betty Jo Tompkins (Seat 2)
 - Supervisor Casey Simmons Runkles (Seat 4)
 - Supervisor Matt Shivers (Seat 5)

16. Executive Director's Report – *Dr. Joe Walsh*

- Land Conservation Specialist Introduction
- Sarah Spatola – Executive Director Turfgrass Producers of Florida
- Grant Applications
- October Farm Bureau Meeting Speaking Points
- Plant City McIntosh Preserve Executed MOU

17. Upcoming/Proposed Business of the District

- October 19th, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
 - Execution of BOCC Budget for FY2027
- November 16th, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
- November 17th and 18th, 2026 – Homegrown Hillsborough Conference
- November 17th, 2026 – AEDC Meeting
- December 21st, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment