

HILLSBOROUGH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Board of Supervisors * District Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
4:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 4:01 PM by Chairman Mark Proctor.

Supervisors in attendance:

Mark Proctor, Chair
Michael Hepburn, Treasurer
Susan Dumke, Vice Chair

Others in Attendance:

Betty Jo Tompkins, HSWCD, Executive Director
Jennifer Gray, HSWCD, Administrative Services Coordinator
Erik Moretuzzo, FDACS/HSWCD, Ag Conservation Technician
Jeff Whealton, SWFWMD AG TEAM, Program Coordinator
Lisa Strange, FDACS
Dustin Orr, Auditor, Hamilton & Phillips
Anthony Duffy, Owner, Duffy Tree Care
Candace Duffy, Owner, Duffy Tree Care

INTRODUCE MEMBER(S) OF THE PUBLIC

Chairman requested members and guests introduce themselves and offer public comment.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

Sup. Hepburn moved approval of October 10, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion 2nd by Sup. Dumke. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Regular account beginning balance of \$16,203.04 and ending balance of \$21,742.85
- Mini-Farm account beginning balance of \$48,258.52 and ending balance of \$20,157.02
- Petty Cash account beginning balance of \$31.37 and ending balance of (\$3.42)
- Hillsborough 100 account beginning balance of \$1,025.83 and ending balance of \$1,305.83

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

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

NRCS REPORT

Dan Oliver reported via document. New District Conservationist to transfer to the Plant City Service Center on January 7, 2019. Engineering and Agronomic spot checks of practices completed. Reviewed 2 new AGSWM projects. Signed 2 more applicants for EQIP 2019. Ranked 2 applications that are eligible for the early obligation period. Provided technical assistance and met with producers to sign payment forms and discuss contract changes.

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Betty Jo reported for Simon Bollin. Working toward getting the Veterans Program in all UF/IFAS Research Centers. Hops Program is experimenting with different methodologies to determine outputs for viable agricultural activity.

SWFWMD

Jeff Whealton, AGSWM-reported SWFWMD meeting with NRCS to discuss the 4 positions that are possibly being discontinued. Center pivot mobile irrigation lab (CPMIL) is functional. MINI FARMS program has around \$95,000 available for projects, FARMS program also has funding available if any projects need funding.

FDACS

Lisa Strange reported- Winding up Alafia river enrollment. In 2019 starting the Hillsborough River enrollments, around \$40,000 remaining.

REQUEST FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

BUSINESS:

- A. Review of Audit- Dustin Orr identified the audit pages and explained the purpose and content of the different audit sections.
- B. Update on BMP Program- Moretuzzo worked with the District at the Hillsborough County Fair, Plant Sale, Florida Ag Expo and attended the Hillsborough 100 Kick-off Luncheon. Completed 19 self-verifications and 3 implementation verifications. Processed 19 enrollments (including 11 cow calf, 2 nursery and 6 VAC) and 7 cost-shares (including 2 cross fence, 1 hoop sprayer and 4 weather stations). Attended a staff meeting in Wauchula.
- C. Update on Education Programs- Tompkins gave an update on programs: Land Judging site selected, pit construction scheduled, reserved Florida Strawberry Growers Association as meeting site and meal is planned. Date of Land Judging may be delayed while a suitable soil scientist evaluator is found for the competition. Jeff Whealton suggested contacting the Florida Association of Environmental Soil Scientists. Lisa Strange suggested contacting Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association. Tampa Bay Regional Envirothon will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the Hillsborough River State Park. In 2019 there will be Poster, Photo and Speech Contests, due dates TBD.
- D. Directors Report- Director Tompkins provided update on the Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge (H1CC). H1CC 501(c)3 established December 12, 2018. Over 100 people attended the H1CC Kick-off Luncheon. Highlights of the luncheon included presenting of awards, door prizes, recognitions and gift bags. The County Commission presented the H1CC with a proclamation. Awards and recognition given to the winners of the Lipman Family Garden Challenge(LFGC): Ben Hill Middle School (middle school winner) and Tampa Residential Facility (high school winner). 2018's LFGC resulted in 16 participating schools, projected participation in 2019 is for 20 schools. Interest in the LFGC has spread from primarily public schools to charter schools. Four scholarships were presented: two \$500 scholarships to Hailee Walz and Marcelena Rabi; and two \$250 scholarships to Tamara Hills and Haley Wathey. Awards presented: Outstanding Cooperating Partner of the Year- Florida Strawberry Growers Assoc., Outstanding Project of the Year- Coalition of Community Gardens and Outstanding Supporter of the Year- Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce. Tabloid will be released on April 20, 2019.

Here you spoke about the tabloid, but the guy was vacuuming and couldn't really hear.

County Attorney's office is in the process of having the District removed from the litigation with Centerstate Management Company and FDACS. HSWCD received Harvest Award for Public and Community Service at the Hillsborough County Fair. HSWCD sponsored the Youth Plant Show, exhibit with over 200 posters displayed through duration of the Fair, October 18-21st and October 25-28th, and Plant Auction held with over thirty donors; over \$3,500 revenue and thank you's sent. Future Plant Auction donations of fertilizer and allied products will be restructured to advertise directly to nurseries prior to the auction to generate greater revenue. The two weeks of Ag Venture had participation of over 600 children. Reviewed dates of upcoming events during the Florida State Fair (including: Fresh From Florida Breakfast, Governors Luncheon, Ag Hall of Fame Dinner, Woman of the Year in Ag and Hillsborough Harvested Days). Director Tompkins presented for 2 days at the Southeast Meeting in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and represented FCDEA as President. Attended AFCD Area 3 and FCDEA meeting at the Florida Strawberry Growers Association on December 7. Six delegates attended FCDEA meeting in November. Participated in FCDEA teleconference on November 28, 2018 and December 18, 2018 next teleconference scheduled for January 15, 2019. Will attend AFCD face to face meeting on January 12, 2019. Received \$1,000 stipend from NACD for Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Other activities: Farm Bureau Annual Banquet, Brandon Chamber of Commerce, Riverview Chamber of Commerce, NRCS Diversity Day, Hillsborough Ag Economic Forum Council, Plant City Non-Profit Leadership Round Table, Community Round Table, Rotary, Rotary Foundation, Brandon South and Plant City Republican Club.

- E. Legislative Session will take place beginning in March 2019.
- F. Performance Review of Executive Director post-phoned until February meeting.

- G. Election of Officers- Elections of Officers. Chair Mark Proctor appointed control to Vice Chair Susan Dumke. Sup. Dumke opened floor to nominations for Chair. Sup. Hepburn nominated Mark Proctor, nomination 2nd by Sup. Proctor; no other nominations received, nominations accepted. Sup. Hepburn moved to closed nominations, Sup. Dumke accepted, nominations closed. Sup. Dumke called for vote for Mark Proctor to be named Chair, vote passed unanimously. Sup. Dumke appointed control to Chair Mark Proctor. Sup. Proctor called for nominations for Vice Chair. Sup. Dumke nominated Michael Hepburn, nomination 2nd by Sup. Hepburn; no other nominations received, nominations accepted. Sup. Dumke moved to closed nominations, Sup. Proctor accepted, nominations closed. Sup. Proctor called for vote for Sup. Hepburn to be named Vice Chair, vote passed unanimously. Sup. Proctor called for nomination of Treasurer. Sup. Hepburn nominated Susan Dumke, nomination 2nd by Sup. Dumke; no other nominations received, nominations accepted. Sup. Hepburn moved to closed nominations, Sup. Proctor accepted, nominations closed. Sup. Proctor called for vote for Sup. Dumke to be named Treasurer, vote passed unanimously.
- H. No Public Correspondence.
- I. No further business.
- J. Sup. Hepburn moved to adjourn, Sup. Dumke 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm. Dinner served.

