

# Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors \* District Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 @ 4:30 pm  
Florida Strawberry Growers Association  
13138 Lewis Gallagher Road  
Dover, Florida 33527



## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

- Introduce Board Members and the Public – *Public Comment*
- Minutes of August 4, 2021 – *Vice-Chair Andrew Brooks*
- Financial Report - *Treasurer Sonja Brookins*
  - Review of Approved County Budget*
- NRCS District/Area Report – *Leslie Diaz-Alvarez, District Conservationist*
  - District Update*
- FDACS Update - *Matt Warren, Environmental Manager (Via Zoom)*
- SWFWMD Farms Program – *Ken Griner, Project Engineer*
- Agribusiness Development Report - *Simon Bolin, Agribusiness Development Manager*
- Request for Non-Agenda Items – *Vice-Chair Andrew Brooks*

### BUSINESS

- Education Programs
  - Update on Poster Contests – 1) 2021 NACD Poster Contest – “Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities” Approximately 300 posters were received covering grades K – 12. Senior Poster (10 – 12 grade) placed second at AFCD Annual State Meeting. All posters exhibited at Hillsborough County Fair and all entrants received a free Fair ticket. Also displayed were posters from 2020 Summer Poster Contest. 2) 2021 Summer Poster Contest – Theme: “Why Conservation Matters” – Winners to be selected by HSWCD Board at October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. All Summer poster contestants will also have their posters displayed at the Hillsborough County Fair Fall Festival October 29 – 31, 2021 and receive certificates. 3) 2022 NACD Poster Contest – “Healthy Soil, Healthy Life” – Contest currently underway. Contest deadline: March 25, 2022.
  - Speech Contest - 2022 HSWCD Speech Contest – “Healthy Soil, Healthy Life” – Timetable to coincide with Poster Contest and printed materials being distributed.
  - Envirothon –Tampa Bay Regional Envirothon will be returning in 2022 with a live competition.
  - Ag Venture – HSWCD will participate in Ag Venture with booth providing water bracelet project for elementary students at the Florida State Fairgrounds daily October 26 -29 and November 1 – 5, 2021.
  - Land Judging – Competition will resume as a live event for 2021 – 2022.
- Director’s Report, review of Overall Programs- *Betty Jo Tompkins*
  - AFCD – Annual meeting held September 8 – 10 at the Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach. with Supervisors Brooks, Brookins and Jaroch in attendance with Director Tompkins. HSWCD Resolution approved at Annual Meeting.
  - FCDEA - Director Tompkins led meetings and program for FCDEA, completing her second term as President (term limited), with gift bags, seminars, speakers (Candice Abinanti, Ariel Rivers, Brian West o

**2021 Great Plant Auction Preliminary Reconciliation**

**Event held October 3, 2021**

**Income from Live and Silent auctions (does not include any rain barrel monies as these are being paid directly to groups producing barrels):**

**\$7,000.+**

**Potential distribution of funds:**

**Mike Hepburn Scholarship \$1,000.00**

**Roy Davis Scholarship \$1,000.00**

**Mini grants for youth groups for projects related to horticulture (garden expansion, judging contests, other programs) 4 grants of \$250.00 each Total: \$1,000.00**

**Sponsorship of rain barrel contest for 2022 Fair \$ 750.00**

**Sponsorship of Youth Plant Show for 2022 \$ 500.00**

**Partial funding for HSWCD Land Judging contest \$ 400.00**

**Partial funding for HSWCD Envirothon \$ 400.00**

**Educational supplies for youth activities at fairs, festivals, Ag Venture, schools, etc. \$ 750.00**

**Reserve for potential new programs, projects and activities for 2021 – 2022 \$1,200.00**

**Total: \$7,000.00**



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