

Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors * District Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 4 pm
Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District Office
201 South Collins Street, Suite 202
Plant City Florida 33563



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- Introduce Board Members and the Public – *Public Comment*
- Minutes of April 17, 2019 – *Chairman Mark Proctor*
- Treasurer’s Report - *Treasurer Susan Dumke*
- Presentation by Hillsborough County Attorney Rudy Haidermota
- NRCS Report – *Diana Avellanet-Echevarria, District Conservationist*
- Agribusiness Development – *Simon Bollin, Agribusiness Development Manager*
- SWFWMD Ag Team Update- *Jeff Whealton, Sr. Environmental Scientist*
- SWFWMD Farms Program Update – *Matt Vinzant, Project Manager*
- FDACS Update – *Lisa Strange, Environmental Specialist III*
- Request for Non-Agenda Items – *Chairman Mark Proctor*

BUSINESS

- Update on Hiring of new Ag Technician – *Betty Jo Tompkins*
- Update on Education Programs – *Betty Jo Tompkins/Debra McGee*
 - Introduction of new Community Outreach Technician Debra McGee
 - Update on Summer Poster Contest- “We Love Pollinators”
 - Summer park visits
 - 2019-2020 HSWCD Youth Programs
 - Presentation on HSWCD programs to Hillsborough County High School Science Professionals with Supervisor Hepburn, Supervisor Eckdahl and Director Tompkins
 - Presentation on HSWCD programs to Hillsborough County Agricultural Educators
- Director’s Report, review of Hillsborough 100, and overall programs- *Betty Jo Tompkins*
 - 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)
 - Major H 100 Programs & Projects
 - 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 Update- July 11-13, 2019 – Ocala
 - Attended by Chairman Proctor, Supervisor Brooks and Director Tompkins.
 - AFCD Resolution on USDA re-establishing Quarterly Bee Colony Counts presented by Proctor. Passed.
 - FCDEA Resolution on above issue presented by Director Tompkins. 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
- FCDEA
 - Tallahassee Legislative Trip -Listed above
 - SECDEA Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN- Nov 2019. Tompkins to present Florida report, etc.
 - Mid-year meeting – March 1-2, 2020 in conjunction with Florida Strawberry Festival
- Community Gardens
 - 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.
- FDACS
 - Annual FDACS Office of Ag Water Policy Cost Share Partners Meeting, Gainesville
- Bee Deliveries
 - Completed 2019 "Bee a Honey, Buy a Hive" bee colony deliveries.
- Hillsborough County Fair
 - Secured complimentary exhibit space for HSWCD in 2019 Fair.
 - Plans under way for HSWCD Plant Auction- meetings with Chair Roy Davis, letters sent to previous donors, other activities.
 - Nominated Dennis Carlton Jr, for Young Farmer Award at Harvest Awards (October 2019). Selected.
 - Fair Board Meetings – Report on HSWCD
- Lipman Garden Challenge- September-December 2019
 - Prepared materials for schools for Garden Challenge
 - Presentations made
- Civil Service Transition
 - Met with Civil Service regarding transition to take place October 1, 2019.
- Local Working Group
 - Handled all aspects of annual LWG meeting, including speakers representing multiple agencies.
- NACD- Southeast Meeting- August 10-14, 2019, Gatlinburg
 - Participated in NACD listening session (presented Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge) Southeast meeting, sessions, tours.
- Florida State Fair and Florida Strawberry Festival
 - Secured complimentary exhibit space for HSWCD at both events.

- Other Activities
 - Hillsborough County Ag Economic Development
 - Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce
 - Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce, including “Salute to Agriculture” Luncheon and Non – Profit Leadership Roundtable
 - Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce
 - Community Roundtable of Brandon
 - Tampa Bay Bee Keepers
 - FFA-Tomlin, FFA Banquet
 - AFCD Area 3 Speech Contest – conducted by HSWCD
 - Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation; Presentations on HSWCD programs to 4-H club leaders; Hillsborough County 4-H Banquet
 - Farm Bureau Women’s Project at 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
 - Hall of Fame Banquet- University of Florida
 - Participated in Special Districts Southeast Summit - Orlando
- Next Board Meeting – 4pm – October 23, 2019 – Plant City office.
- Public Correspondence, Upcoming Events, Announcements, and Adjournment
- Dinner

Calendar on Reverse

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- August 21, 2019 - Interagency Regulatory Meeting
- August 21, 2019 – 4 pm – HSWCD Board Meeting and Dinner, Plant City office
- **August 24, 2019 – AFCD Quarterly Meeting in Chiefland**
- September 2019 – Distribution of materials and plants to all schools participating in the 2019 Lipman Challenge
- September 21, 2019 – GS Fest – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Florida State Fairgrounds
- **October 3, 2019 – Hillsborough County Farm Bureau Banquet – Strawberry Festival, Grimes Building – Exhibit/Dinner**
- **October 4, 2019 – Plant City Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Tour**
- October 5, 2019 – AFCD Quarterly Meeting - Chiefland
- October 12, 2019 – Exhibit, etc. at Greater Brandon Chamber “Best of Brandon”, Westfield Shopping Center, Brandon
- October 15, 2019 – Plant City Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee
- October 17 – 20 and October 24 – 27, 2019 – Hillsborough County Fair, County Fairgrounds
- **October 17, 2019 – 11:30 am – 2019 Hillsborough County Fair Harvest Awards, County Fairgrounds**
- **October 19, 2019 – HSWCD Plant Auction – Hillsborough County Fair**
- **October 23, 2019 – 4pm - HSWCD Board Meeting and Dinner, Plant City office**
- October 29– November 1 and November 5 – November 8, 2019 – Ag Venture, Florida State Fairgrounds
- October 31 – November 1, 2019 – Florida Farm Bureau Convention
- November 3 – 7, 2019 – SECDEA Annual Meeting (with FCDEA participating), Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- **November 14, 2019 – Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge Awards and Kickoff Luncheon – The Regent**
- November 21, 2019 – Florida Ag Expo – UF / IFAS Gulf Coast Research Center – Balm, Florida
- December 3, 2019 – Ag Economic Development Council
- **December 10, 2019 – Florida Farm Bureau Day at The Capitol**
- **December 13, 2019 – Plant City Commons Community Garden Holiday Dinner**
- **February 6 – 17, 2020 – Florida State Fair (Activities list provided at later date)**
- February 8 – 12, 2020 – NACD Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada
- **February 21, 2020 – Farm Night 2020 presented by M & B Products, Temple Terrace**
- **February 27 – March 8, 2020 – Florida Strawberry Festival, Plant City (Activities list provided at later date)**
- March 1 – 2, 2020 – 2nd Annual FCDEA Employee Mid-year Meeting in conjunction with Strawberry Festival.



Thanks for your commitment to conservation and our Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District Leading for Tomorrow. Betty Jo Tompkins

Above items in **bold** will be of special interest to Supervisors.