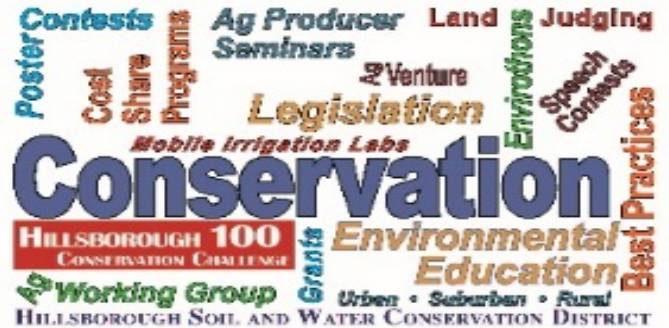


Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors District Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 @ 3:00 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 April 19, 2023 Board Meeting – *Chairman Mark Proctor*
Financial Report - *Treasurer Myke Morris*
Report by Temporary Legal Counsel Gregory Hearing of *Gray Robinson*
FDACS Update - *Matt Warren, Environmental Manager*
SWFWMD Farms Program – *Jeff Whealton, Ken Griner, Thomas Stevens, Chaz LaRiche*
Agribusiness Development Report - *Simon Bollin, Agribusiness Development Manager*
NRCS District/Area Report – *Walter Albarron, Asst. State Conservationist*
Request for Non-Agenda Items – *Chairman, Mark Proctor*

BUSINESS AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT- *Betty Jo Tompkins*

- Update on Hillsborough County HR Review
- Report on Area 3 Meeting; Election of Myke Morris as Area 3 Vice-President; Presentation regarding Farm Bill, Poster Contest
- Update on HSWCD follow-up on 2023 Farm Bill position statement, etc.
- Report on Florida legislation, status of request to Attorney General
- Update on county services for HSWCD Plant City Office
- Report on HSWCD Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge; distribution of mini-grants and other programs, projects and activities throughout Tampa Bay, involving businesses, churches, educational institutions, governmental entities, schools, youth groups and others executing road and river clean-ups; recycling of paper, plastics and electronics, planting of butterfly and other pollinator gardens; community and school gardens and a myriad of others.
- Update on OPPAGA Survey
- Review of 2023 – 2024 HSWCD programs, projects and activities list.
- Update on Ag Technician position.
- Report on Spring AgVenture –April 18 – 21, 2023- “Bees, Bats, Birds, Butterflies – Our Perfect Pollinators” station and demonstrations
- Report on Plant City Chamber Spring Ag Tour – April 21, 2023 and Capitol Coffee – May 17, 2023
- Report on EPC “Clean Air Fair” exhibit – May 4, 2023 – Downtown Tampa

- Update on joint grant with City of Tampa, Coalition of Community Gardens and HSWCD. Program to begin this summer with school gardens at four Hillsborough sites.
- Summer Youth Programs – HSWCD will again sponsor a summer youth poster contest with all participants receiving a free ticket to the Hillsborough County Fair. Program will run through Hillsborough Parks and Recreation, as well as being open to other youth throughout the county. In addition, demonstrations on pollinators will be offered at several park locations.
- Other: ITF article on HSWCD Fly-in and Farm Bill; FCDEA – Participated in monthly meetings, etc.; Coalition of Community Gardens – Continued participation; Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation – Participated in Board meetings, etc.; Hillsborough County Fair Executive Board and Board; Center Place Board and Community Roundtable Board; Rotary Brandon Global ECO and Rotary ESRAG – Participated in numerous conservation programs; Greater Plant City Chamber, Greater Riverview Chamber,
- Public Correspondence, Upcoming Events, Announcements
- Next Board Meeting – June 14, 2023 – 3:00pm
- Adjournment and Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- * May 17, 2023 HSWCD Board Meeting – 3:00pm – Florida Strawberry Growers Association, 13138 Lewis Gallagher Road, Dover, 33527
 - * June 14, 2023 – HSWCD Board Meeting – 3:00pm – Florida Strawberry Growers Association
 - * June 19 – 25, 2023 – National Pollinator Week
- Note: all additional activities will be added upon completion of Board review of 2023 – 2024 activities list at May Board meeting.



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