

# Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District

## Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2023

### Supervisors in Attendance

Ryan Gill– Chair, Supervisor  
Chris McCullough – Supervisor  
Myke Morris- Treasurer,Supervisor  
Mark Proctor - Supervisor (zoom)  
Adam Young - Vice Chair, Supervisor

### Others in Attendance

Heather Thompson - Interim Executive Director HSWCD  
Kathy Eckdahl – HSWCD Adm Asst III to Director  
Melissa Jackson - HSWCD/PT Community Outreach  
Linda Chion - HSWCD/PT Computer graphics  
Sasha Dyson - representative for Greg Hearing  
interim Counsel for HSWCD Board  
Simon Bollin - Hills Ag. Economic Development  
Leslie Diaz-Alvarez - NRCS District Conservationist  
Matt Warren - FDACS Environmental Manager  
Charlene Meeks - AFCD Executive Director  
Vanessa Stephen - FDACS Environmental Admin (zoom)  
Angela Weeks-Samanie - FDACS Senior  
Management Analyst Supervisor (zoom)  
Betty Jo Tompkins - attendee  
Hayleen Harrole - attendee

### Call to Order

GILL, chair, called meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Introductions and Public Comments were completed.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the June 14, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed.

MORRIS moved to wave minutes needing to be provided 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

PROCTOR seconded. Motion passed.

On page 2 under Business to add "PROCTOR, MORRIS, & YOUNG commented.

MORRIS moved to accept June 14, 2023 minutes as corrected. YOUNG seconded. Motion passed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

MORRIS, treasurer, reviewed bank balances:.

• General bank account	\$2,820.54	Balance as of June 30, 2023
• Hillsborough 100 account	\$3,407.46	Balance as of June 30, 2023
• Mini-Farms account	\$65,565.25	Balance as of June 30, 2023
• Envirothon	\$415.73	Balance as of June 30, 2023

Hillsborough 100 check was discussed. MORRIS moved to accept and file for audit the financial abbreviated report for July 26, 2023. YOUNG seconded. Motion passed. PROCTOR moved to add THOMPSON to the bank accounts. MORRIS, McCULLOUGH, and DYSON commented. MORRIS moved to designate the Executive Director to have signature authority on the bank accounts. PROCTOR seconded. Motion passed.

MORRIS commented about the Hillsborough 100 Challenge trademark. GILL, MORRIS commented. MORRIS moved to direct the chair to explore the District's legal rights and remedies as regards to the sue of the trademark Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge and take whatever action the chair considers appropriate and report back to the board. YOUNG seconded. MORRIS, YOUNG, and DYSON commented. Motion passed. PROCTOR abstained.

## **BUSINESS**

### **NRCS REPORT**

DIAZ-ALVAREZ reported NRCS has 1.6 million in contracts. CSP has 10 contracts, ESP has 21 contracts. Encouraged participation in their programs. Local Working Group meeting is scheduled in October where NRCS is expecting feedback from local farmers and producers.

### **SWFWMD**

GRINER, WHEALTON, & STEVENS - no report at this time.

### **FDACS**

WARREN reports\ed on the importance of BMP (Best Management Practices). FDACS just began a new fiscal year. Encouraged ACH and participation in their programs.

### **AGRIBUSINESS REPORT**

BOLLIN - reviewed an amendment for Farm Worker housing and the EPC noise ordinance that will not effect Agriculture. Next meeting for Agribusiness will be held in August.

### **REQUEST FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS**

MORRIS requested that there be a generic email for HSWCD and update the website with proper titles. GILL shared about a Digital Art display in Airport Terminals. MORRIS, THOMPSON & GILL commented. McCULLOUGH moved for the chair to have the ability to speak for the board to other entities within Hillsborough County to promote the HSWCD board. YOUNG commented. MORRIS seconded. Motion passed.

## **BUSINESS**

- Director's Report
  - Office phone obtained.
  - Office space secured. GILL & MORRIS commented.
  - Poster Contest was posted. Encouraged participation.
  - JACKSON reviewed her attendance at the SWFMD meeting. Seagrass is being depleted. Follow up report to be made at next SWFMD meeting.
  - HSWCD car fixed and picked up.
  - CHION retroactive pay was resolved.
  - Budget account set up.
  - Ag Venture to be completed by Staff.
  - Ag Day announced.
    - Gill commented about reclaimed water.
- Next Board Meeting: September 13, 2023 @ 3 pm at FSGA.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**