



**Hillsborough
Soil & Water**
Conservation District
Florida

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Date: February 16, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: HSWCD Office

4503 Coronet Rd

Plant City/FL/33566

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – *Chair Parke*
2. Prayer – *Vice Chair Hoke*
3. Pledge of Allegiance – *Chair Parke*
4. Introduction Board Members and the Public– *Chair Parke*
5. Public Comment – *limit of 3 minutes per person*
6. Public Correspondence - *Chair Parke*
7. Review and Approval of the Agenda – *Chair Parke*
8. Minutes of HSWCD Board Meeting, December 15th, 2025– *Chair Parke*
9. Minutes of HSWCD Special Board Meeting, December 22nd, 2025 – *Chair Parke*
10. Minutes of HSWCD Board Meeting, January 12th, 2026 – *Chair Parke*
11. Financial Report for January 2026 – *Vice Chair/Treasurer Hoke*
12. Legal Item: Retain services of Donna V. Smith PLLC to conduct an investigation of a confidential matter with a rate of \$275 per hour / capped at \$4500 – *Special Counsel*
13. 2026 Budget Adjustments
 - Martin, Mauldin and Jenkins
 - Ford F150 Truck
 - Paint Job unknown

14. Board Supervisor Seat 5 Candidacy – *Dr. Walsh*
15. Partner Agency Reports
 - a. USDA/NRCS
 - *Andrew Kearse, District Conservationist*
 - b. FDACS
 - *Ellen Cruz, Regional Director*
 - *Vanessa Bauzo, OAWP Env. Consultant*
 - c. SWFWMD
 - *Jeff Whealton, Agricultural Programs Manager*
 - *Ken Griner, Environmental Engineer, FARMS*
 - d. Hillsborough Agricultural Econ. Dev. – *Simon Bollin, Manager*
16. Requesting authorization to establish new bank account(s) for equipment donations and transaction funds:
 1. Cattle Chute account with transfer of \$1000 from the Business Gold Account
 2. No-Till Drill account with transfer of \$1000 from the Business Gold Account
 3. Ultrasonic Flow Meter account with transfer of \$1000 from the Business Gold Account.
17. Requesting approval to charge and incur transactional and maintenance fees for ACH Features
18. Requesting authorization to pursue insurance policies at such time that the funded from SouthState Business Gold Account, contingent on acquisition of farm equipment
19. Approval of FY27 HCBOCC Budget

20. Supervisors' Announcements (3 minutes recommended) –
 1. Chair Terri Parke (Seat 1)
 2. Vice Chair/Treasurer Gretchen Hoke (Seat 3)
 3. Supervisor Betty Jo Tompkins (Seat 2)
 4. Supervisor Casey Simmons Runkles (Seat 4)
21. Executive Director's Report – *Dr. Joe Walsh*
 - Audit/AFR filings (CFO 01.30.2026; Aud-Gen 02.04.2026)
 - JLAC letter - response required
 - Land Conservation Specialist Performance Expectations (JW/EB)
 - MOSAIC Grant Application – “Hillsborough SWCD Capital Investment Fund”
 - Fresh From Florida Breakfast (423 attendees)
 - Planning for 2026 Local Working Group/Survey
 - FSGA AgriTech Tradeshow – May 5th and 6th, 2026
 - Future Grower Data/Interactive Platform (~~AgRecords~~)
22. Upcoming/proposed Business of the District
 1. March 2, 2026 – Florida Strawberry Festival Parade Day Luncheon
 2. March 9, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
 3. April 20, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
 4. April-May Timeframe – Local Working Group Meeting
 5. May 5-6, 2026 – AgriTech Tradeshow
 6. May 14th/15th – Regional Resiliency Summit
 7. May 18, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
 8. November 17-19, 2026 – Homegrown Hillsborough Conference

Adjournment