



**Hillsborough
Soil & Water**
Conservation District
Florida

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Date: March 9, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: HSWCD Office

4503 Coronet Rd Plant City, FL

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, February 16, 2026– *Chair Parke*
9. Financial Report for February 2026 – *Vice Chair/Treasurer Hoke*
10. Review Application and appoint for Board Seat 5 – *Chair Parke*
 - *Matt Shivers, JM Farms*
11. 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*

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. Supervisors' Announcements (3 minutes recommended) –
 - Chair Terri Parke (Seat 1)
 - Vice Chair/Treasurer Gretchen Hoke (Seat 3)
 - Supervisor Betty Jo Tompkins (Seat 2)
 - Supervisor Casey Simmons Runkles (Seat 4)
14. Executive Director's Report – *Dr. Joe Walsh*
 - FDACS/OAWP Inquiry February 19th, 2026
 - March 13, 2026 - HCBOCC Budget Book Pages
 - JLAC Inquiry FY2023-2024 Audit Letter
 - NRCS Comment Period Ending March 27th, 2026 New Practices
 - April 20th, 2026 – Proposed Local Working Group Meeting
 - May 5-6, 2026 – FSGA AgriTech Tradeshow (re Survey)
 - Conservation Tech, Update
 - Office Painting Update
15. Upcoming/proposed Business of the District
 - April 10, 2026 – Hillsborough County Cattlemen's Quarterly Meeting
 - April 20, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
 - May 5th – 6th, 2026 – FSGA AgriTech Tradeshow
 - May 11th, 2026 – Supervisor of Elections: Qualify by Petition (DS DE 104 Form) – 25 signatures required

- May 14th/15th – Regional Resiliency Summit
- May 18, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
- May 25th, 2026 – Supervisor of Elections Pre Qualifying – Qualify by Fee
- June 8th (noon) – June 12th, 2026 (noon) – Supervisor of Elections Qualifying by Fee
- July 1st, 2026 – Annual Financial Disclosure Form Due :
<https://ethics.state.fl.us/FinancialDisclosure/>

Adjournment