

Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors * District Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 21, 2022 @ 4:30 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 October 12, 2022 Board Meeting – *Chairman Andrew Brooks*
- Financial Report - *Treasurer*
- FDACS Update - *Matt Warren, Environmental Manager*
- SWFWMD Farms Program – *Jeff Whealton, Ken Griner, Thomas Stevens*
- Agribusiness Development Report - *Simon Bollin, Agribusiness Development Manager*
- NRCS District/Area/State Report – *Leslie Diaz-Alvarez, District Conservationist and Walter Albarran, Area Conservationist*
- Request for Non-Agenda Items – *Chairman Andrew Brooks*

BUSINESS

- Resignation of Supervisor Jackson (due to joining HSWCD staff)
- Update on Legislative Issues: Director Tompkins working with Hillsborough Delegation members to craft a local bill to correct deficiency in SB 1078 requiring Hills. Co. to use unequal school board geographic districts for HSWCD Supervisor seats; review 2023 bill to prohibit hostile foreign entities from purchasing land in Florida; 2023 legislative session opens March 7, 2023, with Farm Bureau Day at the Capitol on March 8, 2023. HSWCD will participate in breakfast, briefings, legislative meetings and will have tent with Hillsborough food samples at the Taste of Florida evening event. Federal Issue: EPA Proposal to remove strawberries from the Thiram approved list, awaiting report from EPC.
- AFCD – The 2023 State meeting is now scheduled for February 6 – 8, 2023 at Hotel Indigo at Celebration in Gainesville. Final agenda not yet available; Participated in AFCD quarterly meeting November 28, 2022 in Gainesville and announced that HSWCD would be seeking legislative review regarding HSWCD in SB 1078.
- Education Programs
 - *Ag Venture – presented pollinator program at Fall 2022 Ag Venture at Florida State Fairgrounds, October 25 – 28 and October 31 – November 4, 2022, with over 2,600 3rd grade students participating. HSWCD theme was “Bees, Bats, Birds, Butterflies, Our Perfect Pollinators”. HSWCD will participate in Spring Ag Venture April 18 – 21, 2023.
 - * 2023 NACD Poster Contest underway, with theme “One Water”. District contest open until April 28, 2023.
 - *Envirothon – HSWCD hosted 2023 event will be open to public, parochial, private, charter and virtual students from Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.
 - * Land Judging – HSWCD Land Judging contest will be a training opportunity , rather than competition, allowing all teams that wish to do so to advance to state competition, March 31, 2023.

- Director's Report, review of Overall Programs – Betty Jo Tompkins
- Year in Review Presentation
 - * Hillsborough County Fair, November 3 – 13, 2022 – Included a 40' x 60' tent for HSWCD to promote “Conservation is everybody’s Business” and “Bees, Bats, Birds and Butterflies, Our Perfect Pollinators” provided by the Fair. Tent exhibits included HSWCD displays, five exhibits from USDA/NRCS, as well as Hillsborough EPA, Rotary Brandon Global Eco Operation Pollination, City of Tampa, Farm Bureau and others. Also included were an expanded youth horticulture show, expanded rain barrel competition, poster contest display, Great Plant Auction which featured the donated plant material from approx..40 nurseries and raised \$8,000. For HSWCD youth programs. Fair Workday – October 22, 2022 – Fair Workday – Began work on tent displays. November 3, 2022 – Harvest Awards - kickoff luncheon. Supervisors, staff and volunteers attended. November 13, 2022 – Great Plant Auction – Roy Davis, Auctioneer – Supervisors, staff and volunteers participated. Director Tompkins with Fair Board and Executive Board meetings as a member of Fair Executive Board.
 - * Florida Ag Expo – November 2, 2022 – HSWCD had complimentary booth in the 2022 Expo promoting agriculture and conservation.
 - * Local Working Group – HSWCD/NRCS – November 29, 2022 – HSWCD designed color post cards, addressed, mailed (paid postage); provided location, prepared refreshments, handled set-up and take-down, prepared and submitted final report. Also called potential participants, including finding phone numbers.
 - * NACD National Urban and Community Webinar – HSWCD scheduled to present on December 15, however canceled by NACD because their contract with Miracle Gro expired in October.
 - * Florida State Fair – February 9 – 20, 2023 – HSWCD to have complimentary exhibit area and will serve food as part of the opening day “Fresh From Florida” breakfast. Supervisors /staff to participate in breakfast, Governor’s Lunch, Ag Hall of Fame Dinner and Champion of Champions Dinner.
 - * Florida Strawberry Festival –March 2 – 12, 2023 – HSWCD to participate with complimentary space in Grimes Building, Farm Credit Breakfast and Grand Parade Luncheon.
 - * Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge – Continued work on 2023 Challenge which will include programs. projects and activities supported by businesses, civic clubs, churches, educational institutions and schools, governmental entities, and others.
 - * Julia Mosley historic property in Brandon – New trustee board elected, Proctor, president, Tompkins, Secretary – with Hillsborough County and other agencies to protect and promote this historical treasure.
 - * FCDEA – Participated in monthly meetings, etc.
 - * Coalition of Community Gardens – Participated in quarterly meeting and other events..
 - *Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation – Participated in Board meetings, events, etc.
 - *Center Place Board and Community Roundtable Board - participated in Board meetings, events, etc.
 - * Wrote articles for INF (In The Field) magazine.
 - * Rotary Brandon Global ECO and Rotary ESRAG – Participated in numerous conservation programs.
 - * Other – Greater Plant City Chamber, Greater Riverview Chamber, Tampa Bay Beekeepers
- Public Correspondence, Upcoming Events, Announcements
- Election of Officers
- Next Board Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – January 18, 2023
- Adjournment for Executive Session
- Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- *December 21, 2022 – 4:30 pm – HSWCD Board Meeting – Florida Strawberry Growers Assn.
- * January 2023 – Induction Ceremony for 2023 HSWCD Board of Supervisors
- * January 18, 2023 – 4:30 pm – HSWCD Board Meeting – Florida Strawberry Growers Assn.
- * February 6 –8, 2023 – AFCD Annual Meeting- Hotel Indigo at Celebration - Gainesville
- * February 9 – 20, 2023 – Florida State Fair – HSWCD exhibit - Tampa
- * February 9, 2023 – Fresh from Florida Breakfast and Governors Lunch
- * February 11 – 15, 2023 – NACD Annual Meeting – New Orleans
- * February 13, 2023 – Woman of the Year in Ag Luncheon
- * February 14, 2023 – Ag Hall of Fame Dinner – Florida State Fair
- * February 20, 2023 – Champion of Champions Dinner – State Fair
- * March 2 -12, 2023 – Florida Strawberry Festival
- * March 6, 2023 – Farm Credit Breakfast and Grand Parade Luncheon
- * March 7 – May 5, 2023 – 2023 Florida Legislative Session
- * March 8, 2023 – Farm Bureau Day at the Legislature/ HSWCD tent.
- * March 25 -26, 2023 – GreenFest 2023 – HSWCD exhibit – Tampa
- * April 16 – May 7, 2023 – Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge
- * April 18 – 21. 2023 – Spring AgVenture / HSWCD Presenter – Florida State Fairgrounds
- * April 22 – Earth Day
- * April 30 – May 7, 2023 – National Soil Stewardship Week
- * May 4, 2023 – EPC Clean Air Fair -/ HSWCD Exhibit – Tampa



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