

# Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

December 16, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Location: HSWCD Office/4503 Coronet Rd/Plant City/FL/33566

**Supervisors and staff in attendance:** Gretchen Hoke, (Seat 3); Robert “Myke” Morris (Treasurer, Seat 4); Aly Sullivan (Seat 5); Dr. Joe Walsh (Executive Director); K. Eckdahl (Office Manager).

**Absent:** Supervisor McCullough (Seat 1), Ryan Gill (Seat 2)

*Items 1-3*

**1.Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions:** Vice Chair Hoke called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.; led the Pledge of Allegiance; led a prayer; welcomed attendees and asked for introductions.

**Partner Agency and Vendor representatives in attendance:** Simon Bollin, Hillsborough Agribusiness Development

**Public in attendance:** Terri Parke, Candidate for District Seat 1; On Cell Phone Speaker: Seat 2 Supervisor-Elect, Betty Jo Tompkins

**Item 4: Interview with Candidates for Supervisor District Seat 1:** Robert Canton and Travis Luttrell were absent. Supervisor Morris moved to interview Candidate Parke. Sullivan seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Terri Parke gave a brief description of her experience in Agriculture. Mrs. Parke started in cattle farming; to date, she’s been contributing with the rest of her family in the management of Parkesdale Strawberry Farm for 41 years, and also has contributed her time and energy to numerous voluntary leadership roles in the agricultural community. Supervisor Morris, Vice Chair Hoke and Supervisor Sullivan had questions for Mrs. Parke.

**Item 5: Public Comment:** Betty Jo Tompkins made a public comment.

**Item 6: Board Discussion of Candidates for District Seat 1:** Board felt there was no need to discuss the other candidates.

**Item 7: Motion to Appoint New Supervisor:** Supervisor Morris moved that Terri Parke be appointed to District Seat 1 and the term to begin Jan 1, 2025. Supervisor Sullivan seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Item 8: Welcome New Supervisor:** Supervisor Parke was welcomed by the Board.

**Item 9: Adjournment:** Vice Chair Hoke adjourned the meeting 10:20 AM

**Next Board Meeting:**

January 10, 2024 @ 10 AM

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