

Minutes  
**Florida Highway Beautification Council**  
**August 15, 2002**  
PBS&J Corporate Office  
Maitland, Florida

- Meeting Called to order 9:15 a.m.
- Members present: David Johnston, Marion Hilliard, Bill Albaugh, Alan Shapiro, Susanne Karr, Marsha Levy.
- Guests: Tim Allen, Susana Thompson, John Simpson, Bruce Mantell, Craig James, Preston Toole, Shirley Haas, Judson Pankey, Ramon Murray, Joan Randolph, Bryan Dennis, Dick Bush
- The Council scheduled the 2003 ranking meeting for first or second week of May.
- District reports were presented by FDOT District Highway Beautification Council Grant Coordinators. The presentations covered grant projects awarded in previous years
- Florida Urban Forestry Council report was presented by Susana Thompson, FDOT District Four. Florida Urban Forestry Council and Florida Chapter International Society of Arboriculture are preparing training, including Grades and Standards training. Training will be available to FDOT employees.
- Florida Wildflower Advisory Council report was presented by Jeff Caster. The Wildflower Advisory Council reports that Wildflower License plates are now the 25<sup>th</sup> most popular plate of the 54 available. Sales continue to be brisk. Proceeds from sale of plates will be used for research on native seed production, and grants to local governments for demonstration projects.
- For the remainder of the meeting the Council discussed a draft of Rule Chapter 14-40, F.A.C. Part II, that has significant changes to the grant process. Included in the discussion was clarification that a 50% match is **not** required. The other significant revision to the program would allow the council to accept conceptual plans to score applications. After grants are awarded, grant recipients would be required to develop construction plans and prepare construction and maintenance agreements. The council approved the changes discussed at the meeting and asked Jeff Caster to proceed with completing the draft. The draft will be published in Florida Administrative Weekly and proceed towards effective date in February 2003. Grant applications for 2004 will comply with the revised rule.
- Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.