

2024 Annual Business Meeting & Field Trip Agenda

October 23-25, 2024

Hotel Location/Lodging:

Kon Tiki Resort – [81200 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33036](#) (305-664-4702)

Check-in begins 1-3 pm on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 and check out is no later than 11 am on Saturday, October 26th, 2024. You **MUST (!)** RSVP for room reservations by 9/9/2024 by emailing John at jkenvironmental@gmail.com. The first reminder to RSVP was sent out on August 8th, 2024. If there are no more rooms left when you RSVP we will do our best to find you somewhere to stay.

WEDNESDAY 10/23/2024 – Presentation and Social

5 pm – Kon Tiki Resort

- Presentation/Guest Speaker tbd
- Social
- Dinner Provided onsite

THURSDAY 10/24/2024 – Field Trip

9 am – Big Pine Key;

- Central Marsh Hydrology Project, National Key Deer Refuge, Big Pine Key – Speaker: Steve Gornak, FWC.
- Review of Monroe County Soil Classification and site visit to hydric and non-hydric soils including Wetland Delineation Manual Reference Site for Folist Soils & Marl Soils.

1 pm – Lunch at No-Name Pub - [30813 Watson Blvd, Big Pine Key, FL 33043](#)

- Overview of Soil Survey of Monroe County, FL.

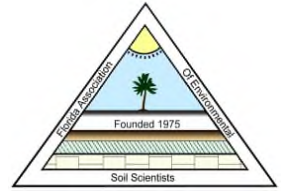
3 pm – Hydric and non-hydric soils site visit in Marathon, FL (location tbd)

FRIDAY 10/25/2024 – Business Meeting

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- **Breakfast onsite – 8 am**
- **Business Meeting – 9am – 12 pm**
- **Lunch and fun activity (optional) for meeting attendees (details provided at meeting)**

IMPORTANT! FAESS is a not-for-profit organization. Your dues help the group organize this event, as well as provide for our Hydric Soils workshop in the spring, as well as other contributions. Therefore, all dues (with the exception of student members and those that paid for lifetime membership) must be paid prior to the start of the annual business meeting. If you are still a student, please re-submit your free membership on our website so that I know you're still a student. It is free for you.

**Business Meeting Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Greg Sawka, President
2. Review 2023 Minutes for Approval: Greg Sawka, President
3. 2024 Treasure's Report: John Katsantonis, Secretary/Treasurer
4. Plan for 2025 Hydric Soils Workshop;
 - a. Location: Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area, Middleburg, FL
 - b. Date: April 2024 (exact date TBD)
5. Apparel design/ordering: John Katsantonis
6. Website updates: John Katsantonis;
7. Other Business:
 - a. Annual membership dues; discuss increase in dues; currently \$50 a year. – John Katsantonis
 - b. Design for lifetime members' certificate or plaque. We need to give something to lifetime members – John Katsantonis
 - c. Robert Ruler of Order refresher.
8. Elections for the following executive board officers: President Elect, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer. Our current FAESS President, Greg Sawka moves to Past-President, and Travis Richardson, our current FAESS President-Elect, becomes President.
9. Meeting adjourned – Est. 12 pm
10. Lunch by FAESS TBD

If you have questions for anything regarding our field trip and our business meeting, please contact John Katsantonis (jkenvironmental@gmail.com) at 352-406-6879, or Greg Sawka at gsawka@juno.com