

Commissioner Farrar called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 08/25/2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the William Opp Training Center at the Districts' headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

PRESENT:

Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Vice Chair

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, Public Information and Education- Eric Jackson

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director- Jackie Small

IT Director- Keith Lowe

Senior Program Analyst- Thais Pineda Alfonso

Community Engagement Coordinator- Jamie Fowler

HR Representative- Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the 07/28/2022 LCMHCD Regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 07/28/2022 minutes. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Department of Health report. Arielle Ghanem, Director of Epidemiology, was not present for this current Board meeting. Assistant Director, Aaron Lloyd, presented the Arbovirus report:

https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/_documents/2022-week34-arbovirus-surveillance-report.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10131 _Surplus

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

22-03/22-04 AIG Transition Resolution LCMCD for 457/401a plans

22-03/22-04 AIG Transition Resolution LCHCD for 457/401a plans

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion to approve LCMCD 22-03/22-04. Commissioner Burke made a motion. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion to approve LCHCD 22-03/22-04. Commissioner Hart made a motion. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

10132 _COLA – Executive Director, Dr. Hoel, requested to make an amendment to his contract electing to take less when the board approves cost of living allowance (COLA). John Agnew, Legal Counsel, clarified it's a discretion as long as Dr. Hoel's contract is in place he can decline some or all.

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion to approve the amendment for Dr. Hoel's contract. Commissioner Hart made the motion. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

10134 _Helicopter early payoff – CFO, Sean O'Neill, requested approval for early payoff on the Airbus Helicopter H125 in the amount of \$1,464,469.47. These budget amendments will adjust the FY2021 budgeted expenditures for the pre-audit FY2021 ending actual balances. The budget amendments do not affect the total budget for the year: it is a reallocation of existing funding between accounts.

Commissioner Farrar requested motion to approve the Helicopter early payoff. Commissioner Burke made the motion. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Executive Director Performance review- presented by Human Resources Director, Jackie Small.

OPERATIONS & FACILITIES REPORT: Assistant Director, Aaron Lloyd, updated the Board.

Operations report - The mosquito counts are unusually low right now. However, the viral content is elevated as mentioned earlier. Therefore, we have plenty of operations going on daily and through the evening targeting the vector mosquitoes. When we receive disease notifications, we go house to house, and search the area depending on the mosquito species.

Facilities report - Our EPA visit was a great success, they learned a lot. They have a greater understanding of how mosquito control operates.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director, Dr. Hoel, updated the Board.

Aircraft update- Nothing significant has changed with respect to the aircraft. The King Air was approaching, and the landing gear wouldn't come out. There was a secondary procedure which fortunately worked. However, we are in the process of getting the parts to avoid this misfortune from happening again.

Visit with DMS & CIO, Tallahassee- Dr. Hoel and Aaron visited the Department of Management Services, and the Chief Information Officer in Tallahassee. Discussions concerned the drone issue of the Federal Blue list which Florida has adopted with the discussions centered on the lack of drones on their list. However, they were unaware of our unique role using drones to control mosquitoes. It was a productive meeting. Discussion on amending the Florida Statue that controls drones to add other American-made drones. Until the fix is made available by the State of Florida, our treatment drones for LCMCD/LCHCD will be shut down, beginning January 1st, 2023.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10135_LCMCD

10136_LCHCD

Commissioner Brantley presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for July 2022. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10135_LCMCD. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously, motion passed.

Commissioner Brantley presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for July 2022. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10136_LCHCD. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously, motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hart commented "do we do any special treatment when we have a significant amount of West Nile Virus (WNV) through our county". Aaron Lloyd, Assistant Director, explained that we send our ULV Truck Operators to treat for the adult mosquitoes two nights in a row. Secondly, we have our Field Inspectors inspect for larvae during the day. If we encounter 3 positive chickens with WNV from any single sentinel chicken coup, then we send the planes out to treat that area.

Commissioner Ellis questioned "do we want to make Dr. Hoel's amended contract specific for this year?" Dr. Hoel requested it to be applied until he's no longer working for the Districts. Commissioner Bowen requested that when any policy document change occurs, that the staff track changes for the Board's review.

Commissioner Hart inquired if this is the last helicopter to be paid off. Per our CFO, Sean O'Neill, yes this our last one.

Commissioner Burke regarding the early payoff for the helicopter, how much interest are we saving? Sean O'Neill, CFO, we will be saving estimate of \$50,000 on this particular helicopter.

Commissioner Ellis questioned "is there someone following up with the State of Florida concerning the drone list?" Aaron Lloyd stated that DMS asked to develop a tier 1 and tier 2 system. We are working with Chris Lyons, legal council of FMCA, in developing a tier list with all the work requirements and recommendations.

Commissioner Hart asked why can't we just purchase an American drone.

Commissioner Bowen asked if the manufacturers of these American-made drones are putting pressure on the Legislature for their products getting approved.

Commissioner Burke asked "once the drones are moved to the approved list, is the estimated cost around 100K?"

Commissioner Farrar commented regarding the newsletter being shared with the public and received positive feedback. Even some of the social media exposure we received has been very positive. I would like the district to continue whether it's Facebook, Twitter, or any other social websites.

No further business, Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn. Ellis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024