

Commissioner Ellis called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 11/21/2024 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, Vice Chairman
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present
Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd
Deputy Director, LCHCD- Kevin Watts
Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill
Human Resource Representative – Melissa Tenzel
Communications Director- Jenifer McBride
Community Engagement Coordinator- Jamie Fowler
Senior Program Analyst- Thais Pineda Alfonso
Executive Administrative Assistant- Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 10/24/2024 LCMHCD_10347 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 10/24/2024 minutes. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Department of Health report. Cheryl Adams, Biological Administrator Division of Communicable Diseases provided an update: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/documents/2024-47-arbovirus-surveillance.pdf>

CONSENT AGENDA:

10348_Surplus

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pine Island Center update - After a meeting with 2 real estate attorneys and the realtor, 3 sale options have appeared:

1. LCMCD forms a POA, staffs the initial officer's positions; this transfers the liability to the new industrial park POA which is dependent on LCMCD on getting industrial park business owners to join in and support this POA. This assumes that those businesses opening in the park after 2004 abide by covenants that they may not be aware of.
2. LCMCD sells the property as is to include the lake to the potential buyer, and the new owner works with Industrial Park owners to form the POA.
3. LCMCD waits for the South Florida Water Management District to issue a letter to Industrial Park members informing them that the POA must be re-formed. The SFWMD manages any challenges that may arise from the industrial park owners.
LCMCD executive staff suggests selecting option 3, and temporarily remove the Pine Island Center listing off the market until the POA is reformed.

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval to remove Pine Island Center off the market pending South Florida Water Management to move forward. Commissioner Hart moved to approve removing the Pine Island Center listing. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved; motion passed.

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

Operations report

The season is winding down. Mosquito population is relatively low and so are our service requests. There has been a few rain showers, but it's not enough to produce any mosquitoes.

Our field inspectors are preparing our landing zones and cutting trails for next season.

Since our last board meeting, we attended the FMCA meeting, and I attended the Texas Mosquito Control annual conference as the Keynote speaker.

Facilities report

The Quad renovation project is completed. The building that is replacing the shade hangar across from the Fleet maintenance shop is moving forward, we received the construction schedule, and the project has already started. They anticipate a completion date of March 28, 2025.

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

Aircraft update: Elloitt Aircraft sales is being considered as our broker for purchasing Strategic Plan, "Needed fixed wing aircraft" (AVF11).

Elloitt will perform:

- Market research on available Aircraft
- Identification and evaluation of qualified available Aircraft
- Determination of current relative values on available Aircraft
- Assistance with the selection of the desired Aircraft to pursue
- Aircraft initial visual evaluation
- Offer and price negotiation
- Coordination and oversight of Aircraft technical inspection
- Negotiation of resolution of discrepancies and support of final acceptance of Aircraft

- Assistance with documentation and closing

We are in the process of negotiating certain details of this contract. This contract will cost \$100,000 and doesn't include a pre-purchase inspection at \$20,000 or travel expenses.

Radio Interview – The interview was a news story from WGCU (PBS & NPR). The reporter was Eddie Stewart. It was a lengthy story with lots of great information.

SIT presentation and consultation to Jamaica Ministry of Health – At the request of the IAEA, Dr. Hoel traveled to Jamaica to serve as a technical expert in SIT to the Jamaican Ministry of Health. The 4-day visit included a presentation at the 31st Science & Technology Conference.

“Harmony in Innovation: Unleashing the power of nuclear applications for sustainable development ,an international meeting of the Scientific Research Council in Kingston.”

Kevin Caillouet, Executive Director, St. Tammany Parish MCD via Zoom:

Kevin Watts flew to Louisiana to present as the Keynote Speaker to the St. Tammany Parish MCD covering aspects and tools needed to begin an aquatic weed control program. The parish participants learned a lot and want to thank LCMHCD for Kevin's efforts.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10349_LCHCD

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Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for October 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10349_LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

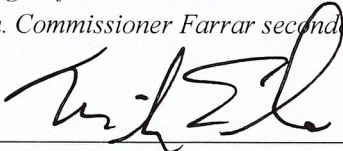
Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for October 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10350_LCMCD. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Burke asked, “Do we anticipate the drone program to come back up at some point?” Dr. Hoel responded, “Yes, we have a program up and running.”

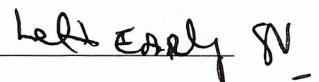
Commissioner Farrar asked, “For next month's board meeting, is there a changed date?” Dr. Hoel responded. “Our meeting will be held on Friday, December 20th.”

There being no further business, Commissioner Ellis requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.



Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman

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Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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