

Commissioner Ellis called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 12/20/2024 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  
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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Legal Counsel, John Agnew

**Nomination for Chairman** – Commissioner Farrar nominated Ed Brantley as Chairman, the Board unanimously approved.

**Nomination for Vice Chairman** – Commissioner Bowen nominated Thomas Hart as Vice Chairman, the Board unanimously approved.

**Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer** – Commissioner Bowen nominated William Burke as Secretary/Treasurer, the Board unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

## **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 11/21/2024 LCMHCD\_10351 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 11/21/2024 minutes. Commissioner Farrar 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, not present. Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd provided the update:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/documents/2024-51-arbovirus-surveillance.pdf>

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

10352\_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:**

None

**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 are no diseases reported; therefore, we won't need to provide disease response during our two-week break. We are prepared to provide mosquito control during our break with on-call staff. Overall due to the cold front, we are in pretty good shape.

### Facilities report

The building that is replacing the shade hangar across from the Fleet maintenance shop is moving forward, and the project has already started. We're getting ready to hire a company to do impact studies to ensure that the ground is ready to hold the building.

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

Aircraft update:

- N763MC is down for yearly inspection, all work is complete but awaiting props to be returned from prop shop.
- LCMCD is working with Elliot Jets to locate a King Air 200 to purchase.

PI Center:

- As a reminder, the board voted to withdraw the sale of PI Center until the SFWMD begins the push to re-create the property owner's association, after which, once established, we will sell the property.

EOC update:

- The dining facility has been removed, wrap up and removal of all personnel and equipment is right around the corner. They anticipate being gone by Christmas.

Waste tire drive:

- LCMCD is offering a tire drop off from 10:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>. Homeowners can drop off up to 8 waste tires at no cost to them. We have an agreement with the recycling center to accept waste tires at a reduced cost. This event is posted to our Facebook page and if successful, we will schedule it periodically in the future.

DODD Short Courses:

- The Dodd short courses will take place the week of 27-31 January in Gainesville. About 30 classes will be offered for CEUs. The Commissioner's Caucus occurs on Thursday, January 30th from 08:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

10353\_LCHCD

10354\_LCMCD

*Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for November 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10353\_LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.*

*Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for November 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10354\_LCMCD. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.*

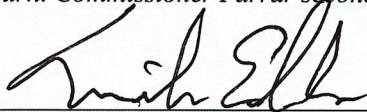
**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hart asked, "Is there a plan during the Holiday break?" Aaron responded, "Yes, we have a skeleton crew, and if we get a disease notification from the state, then we call in additional employees that are on-call. Everybody knows in operations that depending on what's going on with the climate that there's a potential that there'll be called in."

Commissioner Bowen commented, "Thank you, and I would like to say that it was a great year. Appreciate everything the District has done this year."


Commissioner Farrar commented, "Thank you for another successful year."

*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 10:45 a.m.*



Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman

Term: November 2020 – November 2024



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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