

Commissioner Brantley called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 02/27/2025 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, Chairman
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Vice Chairman
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present
Legal Counsel – John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director – Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Director – Aaron Lloyd
Chief Financial Officer – Sean O'Neill
Human Resources Director – Melissa Tenzel
Communications Director – Jenifer McBride
Community Engagement Coordinator – Jamie Fowler
Senior Program Analyst – Thais Pineda Alfonso
Manger Aircraft Maintenance – Wayne Luettich
Administrative Assistant – Ronnie Wright
Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 01/23/2025 LCMHCD_10360 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 01/23/2025 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 provided an update:

https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/_documents/2025-9-arbovirus-surveillance.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10361_Surplus

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

OLD BUSINESS:

10366_Airbus purchase – Approve Executive Director to sign Airbus H125 purchase agreement. His action will authorize the District to purchase a new Airbus H125 helicopter. The Board previously voted to implement Aircraft Acquisition Option Plan 1, to purchase two used year 2000 or newer King Air 200 fixed wing aircraft, and one 2018 or newer Airbus H125.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 10366_Airbus purchase. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the contract with stipulation that the legal counsel reviews it as well. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10367_Pine Island Center sale, lots 1-6 – Approve marketing for sale lots one through six of the Pine Island Center heliport. This action will authorize the district's realtor to move ahead with marketing for sale lots one through six of the Pine Island Center heliport.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 10367_Pine Island Center sale, lots 1-6. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the selling of Pine Island Center subject to the attorney advising LCMCD that we're not going to have adverse consequences with a lot split. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

10362_Merger fact sheet – Obtain Board approval on the LCMCD fact sheet related to Florida HB 4035. Assures alignment between the LCMCD Board and Executive Team on the facts associated with the proposed merger bill for LCMCD and FMBMCD.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 10362_Merger fact sheet to be posted on our webpage. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve 10362. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10363_Handbook modification for purchasing used equipment – Amend the Districts' Purchasing Policy to include procedures for the purchase of pre-owned equipment. This action will provide procurement procedures for District management and the Purchasing Department for purchasing used equipment when necessary for District operations.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 10363_Handbook modification for purchasing used equipment. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve 10363. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

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

Operations report

We had some rain last week, prior to that it was dry. However, it did produce some mosquitoes mainly on the islands. Therefore, we have four helicopters going out doing inspections and treatments today. Other than that, it's been a normal year for us.

Facilities report

We're still moving forward with the major projects that we have, meaning our building that's being built across from our fleet maintenance shop and then also the heliports. Sean has been meeting with RICON, the company that was hired to build the building for LCMCD. The completion date is scheduled for April.

Our Sanibel heliport and our Harbor heliport on Pine Island: the contractor (Fuel Tech) is scheduled to arrive in early March to hook up our fuel systems and our fuel tanks. In addition, we have ACRA, the electrical contractor coming out to do the electric portion. It's about a two-day job for each heliport; therefore, we anticipate by the end of March our two heliports should be up and running, ready for the season.

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

Aircraft update: None

DODD short courses:

- We sent 10 employees to attend training at DODD this month. The training was excellent and LCMCD personnel gave several talks. I spoke about the future of mosquito control in Florida to the Commissioners Caucus and received positive feedback.

Legislative update:

- There is a copy of the merger bill with all the edits and the additions in your packet.

Interlocal agreements for FMBMCD and Charlotte Co. MCD:

- Our legal counsel has been in contact with both FMBMCD and Charlotte Co. Mosquito Control to begin drafting needed interlocal agreements.

Countersigned MOU between Lee Co. and LCMCD:

- This MOU enables Lee County to reimburse us for operational expenses generated in our service to the EOC in times of emergency.

Edison Parade of Light:

- Another successful Edison Festival of Lights Parade. Every year gets better having staff and their families with us, getting 1st place once again.

Education update:

- We have an amazing education team, and we're excited that we're influencing the next generation.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10364_LCHCD

10365_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for January 2025. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10364_LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for January 2025. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10365_LCMCD. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Chairman
Vice
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Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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