Commissioner Hart called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 10/22/2026 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

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Vice Chairman

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Chairman

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott

Legal Counsel – John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director – Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, LCHCD – Kevin Watts

Operations Director, LCHCD – Jason Cull

Research Director – Dr. James Dunford

Chief Financial Officer – Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director – Melissa Tenzel

Communications Director – Jenifer McBride

IT Operations Lead – Connor Fletcher

Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

Florida Department of Health Lee County – Health Officer & Administrator, Jennifer Roth

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for item LCMHCD_10497 Board meeting minutes 09/24/2026. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 09/24/2026 minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for item LCHCD_10498 Public Hearing meeting minutes 09/24/2026. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 09/24/2026 minutes. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for item LCMCD_10499 Public Hearing meeting minutes 09/24/2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the 09/24/2026 minutes. Commissioner Brantley 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/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/fl-arbovirus-report-w42-2026.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10500_Surplus

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

10501_ Garda Security Contract Renewal – Request Board approval for the renewal of the contract for security guard services to GardaWorld Security for FY2027. The annual cost estimate for the GardaWorld contract is $224,794.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10501_Garda Security Contract Renewal. Commissioner Ellis moved to accept 10501. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10502_ Alan Jay Chevrolet ULV trucks – Request Board approval for the purchase of seven Chevrolet Colorado pickup trucks from Alan Jay Chevrolet in Tallahassee.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10502_Alan Jay Chevrolet ULV trucks. Commissioner Farrar moved to accept 10502. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10503_ Hyacinth Chemical Bids – Request Board approval to award and authorize the expenditure of funds for the Annual Price Agreements for Aquatic Herbicides, ITB 27-100.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10503_Hyacinth Chemical Bids. Commissioner Brantley moved to accept 10503. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10504_ Mosquito Chemical Bids – Request Board approval to award and authorize the expenditure of funds for the Annual Price Agreements for Adulticide and Larvicide Chemicals, ITB 27-101.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10504_Mosquito Chemical Bids. Commissioner Burke moved to accept 10504. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10505_ Mosquito Fuel Contract – Request Board approval to Award and Authorize the expenditure of funds for mid-grade gasoline and diesel fuel for District vehicles and equipment to Petroleum Traders Corporation (gasoline) and Palmdale Oil (diesel) based on the Annual Price Agreement.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10505_Mosquito Fuel Contract. Commissioner Farrar moved to accept 10505. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

LCHCD OPERATIONS REPORT: Deputy Director Kevin Watts updated the Board.

Kevin Watts reported on a recent visit from staff of the Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District, who received an overview of the District's operations, equipment, and technological advancements. He also highlighted staff participation in the Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society (FAPMS) conference, where a staff member earned second place for a presentation on harvester improvements. Year-to-date operations included treating approximately 873 acres of aquatic vegetation within the District's 28,000-plus acres of managed public waterways, with upcoming harvesting projects planned for Rutenberg Park and Lakes Park.

LCMHCD FACILITIES REPORT: CFO Sean O'Neill updated the Board.

Sean O'Neill provided an update on completed facilities projects, including the Winkler Heliport pole barn structure, electronic gate installations at Harbor Drive and Winkler heliports, the administration building security fence, and the SIT dishwasher installation. Several projects were completed under their original budgeted amounts, resulting in cost savings, while the load-mix tanks at Winkler Heliport have been installed and are expected to become operational soon.

LCMCD APPLIED SCIENCES REPORT: Research Director Dr. James Dunford updated the Board.

Dr. Dunford reported on staffing updates within Applied Sciences, including the onboarding of the Identification Supervisor in preparation for the current supervisor's retirement in December, and the selection of the new Insectary Technician. He also discussed a recent federal executive order focused on eliminating disease-carrying pests and promoting alternative control methods, noting that the District's Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) program is well-positioned to support these initiatives and may generate increased interest from other agencies.

LCMHCD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Aaron Lloyd updated the Board.

LCMCD Operations Report:

Aaron Lloyd reported that sporadic rainfall continues to contribute to localized mosquito activity, primarily in Lehigh and Alva areas. Nightly adulticide treatments remain ongoing, while overall service requests have begun to decline; however, mosquito activity may extend later into the year due to anticipated El Niño weather patterns.

Strategic Plan:

Aaron Lloyd reported that both districts' strategic plans were reviewed, with no changes to the Hyacinth plan and minor updates to the Mosquito plan reflecting project completion percentages. Both plans are posted on the website for public review.

LCMCD multi-county emergency dengue response:

Aaron Lloyd reported that the District completed its assistance in Hillsborough County, deploying three helicopters to treat approximately 6,400 acres per mission, and that Hillsborough County has hired a contractor to continue response efforts. The District has shifted its assistance to Pinellas County, where treatments were delayed by high winds and are expected to begin the following week. He commended staff for their ability to mobilize quickly, and conduct coordinated aerial treatments outside the District.

FMCA Emergency Order request:

Aaron Lloyd reported that Congressman Donalds' office supported including mosquito control response efforts in the Governor's emergency order, and those efforts were subsequently included. He noted that the order opens additional funding pathways, provides support, and allows regulatory flexibility for emergency mosquito control treatments.

Legislative update:

Jenifer McBride reported on continued engagement with federal legislative offices regarding statewide mosquito response efforts and noted that the recently discussed emergency order may create additional opportunities for the District. Discussion also addressed coordination with FDACS to explore a standing mutual aid agreement to expedite emergency response. The District is leading efforts to convene mosquito control directors, FDACS, and Department of Health personnel for an after-action meeting on December 8 to review response efforts and strengthen statewide preparedness.

Miscellaneous update:

- **FMCA Annual Conference:** Aaron Lloyd reported that the conference will take place November 9–12 in Ponte Vedra.
- **AMCA Annual Conference:** Aaron Lloyd reported that the conference will be held March 1–5, 2027, in St. Louis.
- **Washington Days:** Aaron Lloyd reported that the event has been rescheduled from its customary May dates to April 13–14, 2027. Commissioners interested in attending either conference or Washington Days should contact Sabina to coordinate travel arrangements.
- **Commissioners' Oath of Office:** Aaron Lloyd introduced the upcoming commissioner swearing-in, and legal counsel explained that re-elected commissioners may take their oath after their election is official and before their new terms begin. The swearing-in is planned for November.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

10506_LCHCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for September 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10506_LCHCD. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10507_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for September 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10507_LCMCD. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Vice

Commissioner Thomas Hart, Chairman

Brian Farrar

Term: November 2022 – November 2026

Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028