Commissioner Brantley called to order the scheduled Final Public Hearing of the Lee County Hyacinth Control District (LCHCD) on 09/25/2025 at 5:01 p.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, not present

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Vice Chairman, not present

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott

Legal Counsel- Vee Leonard

STAFF:

Executive Director – Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director – Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, LCHCD – Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer – Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director – Melissa Tenzel

Communications Director – Jenifer McBride

Network Support Technician – Joel Canova

Administrative Assistant – Ronnie Wright

Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

Commissioner Brantley announced that this is the Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Millage rate and Final Budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCUSSION: Executive Director Dr. David Hoel discussed the final millage rate to be at 0.0192 mills ($0.0192 per $1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2025-2026. The final millage rate of 0.0192 mills is equal to the rolled back rate of 0.0192. The Final Budget for Lee County Hyacinth Control District for fiscal year 2025-2026 is $4,059,767.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Brantley read Resolution 25-05 to adopt the final millage rate for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Chairman Brantley requested a motion to adopt the final millage rate of 0.0192 mills for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Commissioner Farrar moved the motion for the final millage rate. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 25th day of September 2025 at 5:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET:

Chairman Brantley read Resolution 25-06 to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Chairman Brantley requested a motion to adopt the final budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026. Commissioner Bowen moved the motion; Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 25th day of September 2025 at 5:10 p.m.

There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Hart Vice

Commissioner ~~Ed Brantley~~, Chairman

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Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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