Chairman Hart called to order the scheduled First Public Hearing of the Lee County Hyacinth Control District (LCHCD) on 09/10/2026 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

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Vice Chairman

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen, not present

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer, not present

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Chairman

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director – Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, LCHCD – Kevin Watts

Operations Manager, LCHCD – Jason Cull

Research Director – Dr. James Dunford

Chief Financial Officer – Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director – Melissa Tenzel

Operations Director – Ed Foley

Communications Director – Jenifer McBride

End User Support Specialist – Connor Fletcher

Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

Commissioner Hart announced that this is the Public Hearing to Adopt the Tentative Millage rate and a Tentative Budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCUSSION:

Executive Director Aaron Lloyd discussed the tentative millage rate to be 0.0190 mills ($.0190 per $1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2026-2027. The tentative millage rate of 0.0190 mills is equal to the rolled-back rate of 0.0190. The Tentative Budget for Lee County Hyacinth Control District for fiscal year 2026-2027 is $4,012,662.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE:

Legal Counsel, John Agnew read Resolution 26-01 to adopt the tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Chairman Hart requested a motion to adopt the resolution for the tentative millage rate of 0.0190 mills for the fiscal year 2026-2027. Commissioner Farrar moved the motion for the resolution. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 10th day of September 2026 at 5:09 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET:

Legal Counsel, John Agnew read Resolution 26-02 to adopt the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Chairman Hart requested a motion to adopt the tentative budget resolution for fiscal year 2026-2027. Commissioner Brantley moved the motion; Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 10th day of September 2026 at 5:11 p.m.

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Commissioner Thomas Hart, Chairman

Term: November 2022 – November 2026

Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028