

Commissioner Hart called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 1/22/2026 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, not present
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Chairman
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present
Legal Counsel-John Agnew, not present

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
Community Engagement Coordinator – Jamie Fowler
Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 12/19/2025 LCMHCD_10435 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 12/19/2025 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, not present.
Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd provided an update:

https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/fl-arbovirus-report_w3-2026.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10436_Surplus

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Farrar 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

Looking pretty good as the weather has been very dry. Despite the little rain we've had, we continue our normal inspections. LCMCD is working diligently on preparing trails and getting heliports ready for season. Overall, we're doing good on the operations side.

Facilities report

The district is still preparing the heliports for the season. Currently, LCMCD is looking into re-paving north runway sections at a time. It will be much more cost effective using this method. In addition, there are other projects soon to come.

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

Aircraft update:

- Strategic Plan of 2024-2028 : Chief Pilot, AVF12 : goal is to purchase a 2nd King Air 200 by Dec. 2026 .
- The current model (1980), N763MC, was purchased in 2016 from the "boneyard" in the Arizona desert and was a modified Navy version that was inactive for more than a decade before we purchased it.
 - o This model is difficult to obtain replacement parts due to its modification for Naval service use.
 - o Inspection of the engine is showing considerable corrosion.
 - o Engines need additional inspections before approval for use.
 - o If approved, engines are still due for overhaul (\$2 million) in 140 hrs., (less than 3 years' service left).
- Budget is available in aircraft reserves for a replacement type -52 engine King Air 200 not prone to uncontrolled acceleration experienced by the one that crashed. We have a newer model arriving this summer that was purchased last year. We seek to replace our current corroded King Air with a more modern type -52 engine model with lower hours. Once in service, LCMCD estimates approximately 40 years of service.
- In the next board meeting, we will ask for a vote to purchase this replacement aircraft and hire the same broker we used to purchase our last King Air.

FDACS MOU:

- Signed by FDACS last week, they met all terms on agreement.

Travel:

- I attended the FCCMC in Hillsborough County 2 weeks ago, nothing to report. Aaron, Jen and Jim attended the FASD Tallahassee Days event last week. This week, Clarke Mosquito Control presented an environmental

stewardship award, "Give to Tomorrow", of \$15,000 to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel Island with LCMCD in attendance. This is the 3rd year in a row that LCMCD has nominated CROW for this award and the 3rd year in a row that CROW has received it.

Miscellaneous:

- Executive Director Dr. Hoel officially announced he will be retiring May 1st, 2026.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10437_LCHCD

10438_LCMCD

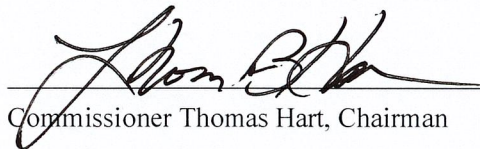
Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for November 2025. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10437_LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for November 2025. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10438_LCMCD. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

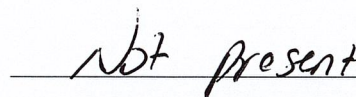
None

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.



Commissioner Thomas Hart, Chairman

Term: November 2024 – November 2028



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028