

Commissioner Ellis called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 12/20/2024 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, Vice Chairman
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott
Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd
Deputy Director, LCHCD- Kevin Watts
Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill
Human Resource Representative – Melissa Tenzel
Communications Director- Jenifer McBride
Community Engagement Coordinator- Jamie Fowler
Senior Program Analyst- Thais Pineda Alfonso
Executive Administrative Assistant- Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Legal Counsel, John Agnew

Nomination for Chairman – Commissioner Farrar nominated Ed Brantley as Chairman, the Board unanimously approved.

Nomination for Vice Chairman – Commissioner Bowen nominated Thomas Hart as Vice Chairman, the Board unanimously approved.

Nomination for Secretary/Treasurer – Commissioner Bowen nominated William Burke as Secretary/Treasurer, the Board unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 11/21/2024 LCMHCD_10351 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 11/21/2024 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, not present. Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd provided the update:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/documents/2024-51-arbovirus-surveillance.pdf>

CONSENT AGENDA:

10352_Surplus

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bowen 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

The season is winding down. Mosquito population is relatively low and so are our service requests. There are no diseases reported; therefore, we won't need to provide disease response during our two-week break. We are prepared to provide mosquito control during our break with on-call staff. Overall due to the cold front, we are in pretty good shape.

Facilities report

The building that is replacing the shade hangar across from the Fleet maintenance shop is moving forward, and the project has already started. We're getting ready to hire a company to do impact studies to ensure that the ground is ready to hold the building.

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

Aircraft update:

- N763MC is down for yearly inspection, all work is complete but awaiting props to be returned from prop shop.
- LCMCD is working with Elliot Jets to locate a King Air 200 to purchase.

PI Center:

- As a reminder, the board voted to withdraw the sale of PI Center until the SFWMD begins the push to re-create the property owner's association, after which, once established, we will sell the property.

EOC update:

- The dining facility has been removed, wrap up and removal of all personnel and equipment is right around the corner. They anticipate being gone by Christmas.

Waste tire drive:

- LCMCD is offering a tire drop off from 10:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan 11th. Homeowners can drop off up to 8 waste tires at no cost to them. We have an agreement with the recycling center to accept waste tires at a reduced cost. This event is posted to our Facebook page and if successful, we will schedule it periodically in the future.

DODD Short Courses:

- The Dodd short courses will take place the week of 27-31 January in Gainesville. About 30 classes will be offered for CEUs. The Commissioner's Caucus occurs on Thursday, January 30th from 08:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10353_LCHCD

10354_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for November 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10353_LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for November 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10354_LCMCD. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

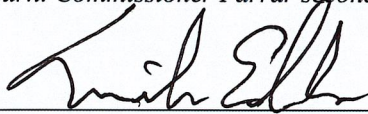
COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hart asked, "Is there a plan during the Holiday break?" Aaron responded, "Yes, we have a skeleton crew, and if we get a disease notification from the state, then we call in additional employees that are on-call. Everybody knows in operations that depending on what's going on with the climate that there's a potential that there'll be called in."

Commissioner Bowen commented, "Thank you, and I would like to say that it was a great year. Appreciate everything the District has done this year."

Commissioner Farrar commented, "Thank you for another successful year."

There being no further business, Commissioner Ellis requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman

Term: November 2020 – November 2024



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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