

Commissioner Farrar called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 02/24/2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the William Opp Training Center at the Districts' headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

**PRESENT:**

Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Vice Chairman

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, Public Information and Education- Eric Jackson

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill

Network Support Technician, Joel Canova

Director of Human Resources, Jackie Small

Public Information Specialist, Jamie Fowler

Manager of Fleet Maintenance, Brian Campbell

**VISITORS:**

None present

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the 01/20/2022 LCMHCD Regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 01/20/2022 minutes. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Department of Health report. Arielle Ghanem, Director of Epidemiology.

[https://lcmcd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022Week7ArbovirusReport\\_2-19-22.pdf](https://lcmcd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022Week7ArbovirusReport_2-19-22.pdf)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Surplus

*Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Financial Officer Sean O'Neill briefed the Board on the future health insurance plan and contributions from the Districts.

*Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the District's LCMHCD to increase the contributions to the health insurance plan from 75 percent to 80 percent. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the 80 percent contribution for the health plan. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

## **OPERATIONS & FACILITIES REPORT:** Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd updated the Board.

Operations update: The operational department is currently training and getting ready for the season. Clearing trails and getting heliports ready.

Facilities update: LCMHCD is moving along with Sunset Road project and is working closely with Bob Case. The culvert projects in Sanibel are complete, eight culverts have been installed and are operational.

The Woodstock home inspection was completed and asbestoses was found in the original structure and not on any additions.

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

- Aircraft Update: There is one DC-3 under annual inspection and is awaiting gas tank repairs. Two helicopters need tail rotor gearbox replacements. One King Air 90 needing flap replacements. Three planes are available for operations.
- Conference meeting update: Rachel presented to the Mosquito and Vector Control Assoc. of California about progress on our SIT program. Rachel received high praise from many in attendance, and there was a lot of discussions afterwards from districts interested in setting up their own SIT program. Rachel and Dr. Dan Hahn with the University of Florida gave an AMCA Webinar on "SIT for *Aedes aegypti* control in Florida: A tale of two programs." Many in attendance nationwide had questions answered by Rachel and Dr. Hahn, and the talk came across as highly professional.
- FASD-sponsored Tallahassee Days was the most successful of the four I've attended. Deputy Director Eric Jackson set appointments with representatives far enough in advance enabling us to meet in person with Reps. Persons-Mullica, Botana, Giallombardo's aide, and in person with Senators Rodrigues and Passidomo. Additionally, we were able to speak with representatives Tuck and Truenow. The discussion was in regards to SB 2512, to amend the bill to include drones that we use, and some conversation with Truenow about the upcoming special districts review.
- Dr. Hoel and Aaron attended Dodd's Director Caucus. I spoke about our SIT program and its cost to interested directors from around the state.
- Three LCMCD employees attended LiDAR training offered by Phoenix Inc. in Austin, Texas. Phoenix personnel will be arriving in March to give LCMCD training on LiDAR mounts and inflight use.
- AMCA annual meeting begins on Monday for the week. Thirteen LCMCD employees will be in attendance, and most are giving presentations at this Jacksonville meeting.
- SIT Equipment: The second pupal separator arrived from China.
- National Guard Annual Training: February 5th and 6th, the National Guard held drills on the south runway allowing approximately 30 members to practice anti-aircraft drills.
- Undergraduate training with operational LiDAR use was given to Oasis HS student Trevor Pawlowski by the UAS team's Laura Mattas and Nick Lefkow. This came about as a student request while Education Coordinator Andrea Miller was teaching, and the student asked to shadow us on a LiDAR training day.
- LCMCD Aerial Workshop: An agenda for our aerial workshop is almost completed. The workshop was well-received last year, and we expect to have as many folks attending this year as last year.
- Edison Festival of Lights: The Festival of Lights parade was held in downtown Ft. Myers Saturday night. We provided four decorated vehicles and won 2nd place! The local audience was larger than at any time in the last four years.

## **FISCAL REVIEW:**

*Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the LCMCD January 2022 financial reports.*

*Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion to approve the financial reports for LCMCD. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the LCHCD January 2022 financial reports. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion to approve the financial reports for LCHCD. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Burke request a follow up on broadcasting the Board meetings. Commissioner Ellis had a question on reserves policy. 

*No further business, Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.*



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024