

Commissioner Farrar called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 03/24/2022 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, Absent

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director, Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director, Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer, Sean O'Neill

Network Support Technician, Joel Canova

Public Information Specialist Jamie Fowler

VISITORS:

Will Bronson- Lehigh Acres, FL.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Will Bronson of Lehigh Acres, FL.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the 02/24/2022 LCMHCD Regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 02/24/2022 minutes. Commissioner Ellis 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/2022/03/2022Week11ArbovirusReport_3-19-22.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Surplus

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Director, Dr. David Hoel briefed the Board on the strategic plan for the performance review mandated by the state HB 1103. LCMCD has contracted CRI to help prepare for the performance review. The performance audit is an examination of a program, activity, or function of a governmental entity. Legal Counsel John Agnew added that house bill HB 1103 is Chapter No. 2021-226 Laws of Florida.

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

Facilities update: Building H is currently waiting on final inspection approval for the plumbing. Once that final inspection is received, the building can be occupied. Sunset gate project is still waiting on the SWFWMD permit. It is in review status. The transfer of heliports between Pine Island center and Woodstock is complete, with the exception of a shed that is to be moved. Woodstock asbestos has been removed, and the process for the demo is proceeding after the waiting period required by the contractor.

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

Board Room enhancements to include (4) projectors, (4) Screens, (7) board screens with microphones, (4) ceiling transceivers. Currently budgeted at \$180,000. Estimated project cost \$161,107.67.

Washington Days will be held on May 17th and 18th of 2022. The Annual AMCA Washington Conference draws more than one hundred AMCA members to discuss issues that can only be

resolved at the federal level. The Washington Conference is geared towards AMCA members concerned with the impacts of federal legislation that have an impact on mosquito control and public health pesticides. Lodging will be in Alexandria, VA, at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town Hotel.

LCMCD Fly-In will be held April 19th to April 21st. Seventy people have registered, we anticipate between 80-100 participants. Our staff will join in if space allows. There are 2 total days of training, ½ day Tuesday, a whole day Wednesday, and ½ day on Thursday. Topics include calibration, pilot caucus, droplet characteristics, UAS operations, LiDAR, etc.

Aircraft update: DC3 N146RD, King Airs N762MC, N484MC, and N483MC are in service. King Air N763MC is down for fuel quantity indication system repairs with an anticipated return to service later next week. DC3 N198RD is down for its avionics upgrades with an anticipated return to service in early June. Airbus helicopters N764M, N765MC, N766MC, N866MC, and N868MC are in service. N867MC has been taken out of service for its 48-month inspection with an anticipated return to service in mid-May (pending the return of the tail rotor blade, which has been sent to an overhaul facility for repair).

AMCA annual meeting: There were 12 LCMCD participants with 9 presentations given by 8 LCMCD staff. Travis Edwards received the Boyd-Ariaz Grass Roots Award for the development of his patent-pending blood-feeding device. Commissioner Burke attended his first AMCA meeting. Additionally, Aaron Lloyd served as a Judge in the Young Professional student competition and was a symposium moderator for Adult control II, and Eric Jackson was a symposium moderator for Education/Public Relations I and II. Wendy Samz, Andrea Miller, Mark McCreary, Jamie Fowler, and Eric Jackson supported AMCA Education Day; Nick Lefkow, Laura Mattas, Durrell Hagood, Thurbie Botterill, Mike Vigus, Eric Jackson, Aaron Lloyd, Andrea Miller, Wendy Samz, Mark McCreary and Jamie Fowler supported the AMCA field day.

LCMHCD had their open enrollment for current benefits.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Commissioner Brantley presented the LCHCD financial reports for February 2022.

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

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Burke requests a follow-up on broadcasting the Board meetings. The Executive Director addressed possibly recording the meeting and posting to LCMHCD websites for public access to recorded meetings.

Commissioner Farrar agreed with Commissioner Burke with a broadcast or recording to be viewed and accessed by the public.

Commissioner Brantley wants to establish performance metrics each month to see how the District is programming on a monthly basis. This will help the Commissioners review each month to make sure the District is performing for the taxpayers.

Commissioners Farrar asked about the current fuel purchases and current fuel cost increase. CFO Sean O'Neill will provide next month an actual and budget fuel cost.

Commissioners Ellis requested that LCMCD has a policy on reserves.

No further business, Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024