

Commissioner Farrar called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 06/23/2022 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, Absent

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, Lee County Hyacinth Control District, Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer, Sean O'Neill

IT Director, Keith Lowe

Public Information Specialist, Jamie Fowler

HR Director, Jackie Small

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for Item Number 10113, 04/28/2022 LCMHCD Regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Scott moved to approve 10113, 04/28/2022 minutes. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for Item Number 10111, 05/26/2022 LCMHCD Regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Burke moved to approve 10111, 05/26/2022 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/2022/06/2022Week23ArbovirusReport_6-11-22.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10114_Surplus

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the consent agenda item numbered 10114. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Director, Dr. David Hoel reviewed the updated changes on the Drone policy review.

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion for the approval of item 10115 updated Drone policy. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to approve item 10115 updated Drone policy. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed

Legal Counsel, John Agnew reviewed the updated policy on cash reserves for the Districts.

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion for the approval of item 10116, Reserves cash policy. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve item 10116, Reserves cash policy. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion with replacing the word "find" with "fund". The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legal Counsel, John Agnew requested a walk on Item to be added to the agenda. Item number 10122, Payoff Helicopter N764MC. This will approve the payoff of the fifth Airbus Helicopter on June 28th, 2022 that is currently in this FY budget.

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion for the approval of item number 10122, Payoff Helicopter. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve Item number 10122, Payoff Helicopter. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Executive Director, Dr. Hoel, presented the board members a comparison on various percentages of a COLA increase that could help with the inflation that our employees are experiencing. The Executive Director requested an increase of 4% to take immediate effect.

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion for the approval of item number 10117, LCMCD COLA. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve Item number 10117, LCMCD COLA. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Commissioner Farrar requested a motion for the approval of item number 10120, LCHCD COLA. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to approve Item number 10120, LCHCD COLA. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

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

Operations report: High tides resulted in pretreatments that helped control the initial brood of mosquitoes; large amounts of rain have produced additional broods but we flew 7 plane missions last week to help with the larviciding that was missed.

Facilities report: All projects are moving slowly. We are in the final review stage for park road and awaiting approval. Demo was completed on Woodstock and now awaiting debris removal.

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

Aircraft Update-6 helicopters, 4 fixed wing aircraft are operational. The 5th helicopter payoff is planned for June 28th.

Active Employees eligible for retirement by 2027, current list was provided at the Board meeting of all eligible employees along with transition plans.

LCMCD received an invitation to attend and present at the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association on October 23-25, 2022.

The Florida Coordinating Council Mosquito Control meeting will be hosted by LCMCD on September 13th, 2022.

The Executive Director requested that the commissioners coordinate all travel for the fiscal year budget with Executive Administrative Assistant, Summer De La Cruz. A list of upcoming events was presented to the commissioners.

Each year the commissioners are required to file Form 1 to the State of Florida Ethics Division. The Executive Administrative Assistant can offer assistance to any commissioners that have yet to submit Form 1.

LCMHCD will be numbering action item(s) that require a vote from the Board. The Executive Administrative Assistant has created a system for action items that will have an item number for each issue to be voted on.

Senate Bill 2512 was vetoed by the Governor requiring drones that are used by Government agencies be made in the United States. We are now working with David Ramba and a group from FASD to get a waiver before January 1st allowing for purchase and use of American-made drones not included in Florida's "Blue List".

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire District wrote a letter expressing their interest of our heliport located in Pine Island. The Fire District is requesting that LCMCD donate the property to them. Legal Counsel does not advise donating the property and in fact, believes that the district is required to obtain fair market value according to their governing documents. Legal Counsel suggests that LCMCD gets an appraisal on the property.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Commissioner Brantley presented the LCHCD financial reports for May 2022, Item 10119.

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

Commissioner Brantley presented the LCMCD financial reports for May 2022, Item 10118.

Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the LCMCD May 2022 financial reports. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion to approve the financial reports for LCMCD. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Sean O'Neill provided an update on the Equitable to AIG transition.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hart, commented that he was for the 4% percent COLA increase.

Commissioner Bowen requested that when any policy document change occurs, that the staff track changes for the Board's review.

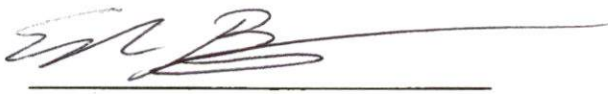
Commissioner Burke and Hart will not be available the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Farrar wanted to congratulate all commissioners that qualified and ran unopposed and will be sworn in November, and thank you to the staff for all the hard work and the amazing things that are done around the district.

No further business, Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman
Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024