

Commissioner Farrar called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 07/28/2022 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, not present

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, not present

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, Public Information and Education- Eric Jackson

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director- Jackie Small

IT Director- Keith Lowe

Senior Program Analyst- Thais Pineda Alfonso

Human Resources Representative- Sabina Vilarchao

Education Coordinator- Wendy Samz

Education Resource Specialist I- Ian Sharp

Education Resource Specialist II- Amy Lucas

VISITORS:

Eric Engelhart- Candidate for House District 77

Ford O'Connell- Candidate for House District 77

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

Eric Engelhart- Candidate for House District 77

Ford O'Connell- Candidate for House District 77

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for the June 23, 2022 LCMHCD regular meeting minutes, item 10123. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the June 23, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Bowen 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 provided an update.

https://lcmcd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022Week29ArbovirusReport_7-23-22.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Surplus

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

OLD BUSINESS:

LCHCD Drone Policy

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for LCHCD Drone Policy item number 10125. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Drone policy. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion, the Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

COLA for 2022-23, Executive Director Dr. Hoel briefed the Board on the inflation rates for SWFL and specific COLA's to consider.

Item 10126 millage rate for LCMCD- Executive Director Dr. Hoel suggested that LCMCD Board approve a tentative millage rate of 0.2439, keeping the current millage rate the same.

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval for item number 10126 LCMCD proposed millage rate 0.2439. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve item 10126 proposed millage rate of 0.2439. Commissioner Ellis seconded, the Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Item number 10127 millage rate for LCHCD- Executive Director Dr. Hoel suggested that LCHCD Board approve a tentative millage rate of 0.0235, keeping the current millage rate the same.

Commissioner Farrar requested board approval item number 10127 LCHCD proposed millage rate 0.0235. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve item number 10127 proposed millage rate of 0.0235. Commissioner Ellis seconded, the Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

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

Operations update: Lee County has seen a moderate season with mosquito counts. We are larviciding, and aducltiding on a weekly basis. We are taking this opportunity to provide our employees with more training.

Facilities update: We received the LDO for Park Road. The demolition of two structures on Woodstock is complete, electricity is restored, and LCMCD is in the process of acquiring wireless internet within the next two months.

Laura Mattas provided a PowerPoint presentation of Beautiful Island mapping with our LiDAR equipment.

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

Aircraft update- N146 (DC3) is calibrated and ready for service, but we need to fly it to Sarasota for "recertification", an FAA requirement. The other 4 fixed-wing aircraft are ready for service. All helicopters are operational.

DMS drone discontinuation plan. In August a visit to Tallahassee is planned to meet with the Department of Management Services (DMS) to discuss inclusion of American-made drones into the blue list (approval for use list) per 934.50 Florida Statutes. Chris Lyon, FMCA consultant, is arranging a meeting with the state's Chief Information Officer, Jamie Grant, to discuss 934.50 FS, "Searches and seizure using a drone," which includes a "blue list" of state-approved American-made drone manufacturers. SB 2512, "Aircraft", essentially had a mechanism for allowing modification of the blue list to include drone models not on the list, which is a copy of federal legislation prohibiting the purchase and use of Chinese and other foreign-made drones that could prove to be a security risk to the U.S. As you know, SB 2512 was vetoed by the governor. The previous DMS Secretary, Todd Inman, recently resigned his position at DMS in mid-June, and our consultant, David Ramba, had initiated conversations with him before his resignation. We will develop an issues list with Chris Lyon to present to DMS and CIO in Tallahassee on August 1st to seek a method for getting needed drones into the blue list.

FGCU funding for WNV heat map development led by Dr. Condori, professor of mathematics, FGCU. LCMCD will contract him and an assistant to undertake and conduct the work entitled "A data-driven mathematical study of WNV in Lee County, FL", starting in August 2022 and ending in June 2023. The study focuses on the likely spread of WNV in the event of human infection(s). The work will determine *Culex nigripalpus* seasonal density, proportion growth rates that models mosquito abundance in Lee Co., and quantify the amount of moisture at the ground surface over the past 10 years to create a mathematical model of the season KBDI index to be used for predictive purposes.

Commissioner's potential travel:

- AMCA Washington Days (2)
- AMCA annual meeting in Reno (4)
- Dodd meeting in Feb., Gainesville (2)
- FASD annual meeting in Orlando (1)

FISCAL REVIEW:

Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the LCMCD June 2022 item number 10128 financial reports. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion to approve the financial reports for LCMCD. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

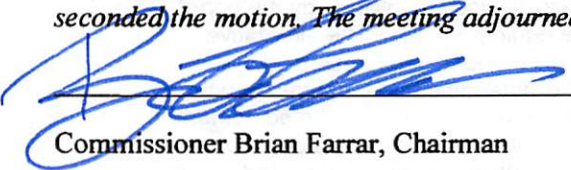
Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the LCHCD June 2022 item number 10129 financial reports. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion to approve the financial reports for LCHCD. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Brantley would like to visit Woodstock to see the progress on the heliport development.

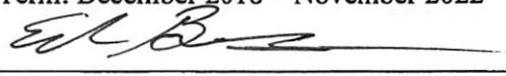
Commissioner Ellis referred to a malaria vaccination that is being used in Africa and how effective it is.

No further business, Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024