

Commissioner Brantley called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 01/23/2025 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, Chairman
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Vice Chairman
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott
Legal Counsel – John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director –Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Director – Aaron Lloyd
Chief Financial Officer – Sean O'Neill
Human Resources Director– Melissa Tenzel
Communications Director – Jenifer McBride
Community Engagement Coordinator – Jamie Fowler
Senior Program Analyst – Thais Pineda Alfonso
AST Manager – Rachel Morreale
Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

OATH OF OFFICE: Legal Counsel, John Agnew administered the oath of office for the LCMHCD reelected officials.

Seats 1, 3, 5 and 7 reelected officials sworn in at 10:03 a.m.; Edward Brantley, Mike Ellis, William Burke and Bruce Scott

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 12/20/2024 LCMHCD_10355 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the 12/20/2024 minutes. Commissioner Hart 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 provided an update:

CONSENT AGENDA:

10356_Surplus

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Burke 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 cool weather has been nice, but we did have about an inch of rain over the last week. Therefore . we will have inspections going out next week. We expect the mosquitoes to develop, but at a slower pace. Next week we also have our DODD training in Gainesville, FL. There will be about 12 employees attending this workshop. LCMCD will have a crew here to take care of any mosquito work that may appear while we're at DODD.

Last few weeks, we've been doing a lot of training for our staff before the season starts again.

Facilities report

The heliports and the building that is being replaced near the fleet department are moving along. We had to pivot a little on heliports, specifically Sanibel. The City of Sanibel has new littoral zones that we must look at adjusting our equipment. Therefore , we have been on conference calls to figure out what is the best way forward. It has changed our original plan, but we're working on it and things seem to be moving forward.

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

Aircraft update: We will alert commissioners when compensation arrives from EOC for hurricane response support, and how much for helicopter surveillance flights post hurricane.

- N198RD (DC) went down on 01-13-2025 for yearly annual inspection.
- Jim with Elliot Jets continues to search for a King Air. He will notify LCMCD once they locate one.
- We're still searching for a broker to lead us through the process to purchase the seventh helicopter.
- Working with two engineering firms on prices for hanging the tanks on the new King Airs.
- All other aircraft are currently up and operational.

Waste Tire Drive:

- We launched our first waste tire drive on Saturday, Jan. 11th in the front parking lot. Waste Management provided 3 containers and hauled them off as they filled. People from 10 zip codes came to drop off their tires, including Cape Coral, Fort Myers, North Fort Myers, Alva, Lehigh Acres, and Matlacha. A Total of 252 tires weighing 4.35 tons (8,700 lbs.) were removed from the environment.

Delegation Meeting:

- I informed the delegation that Rep. Botana's bill for merging with FMBMCD makes sense.
- I addressed the issue of contiguous boundaries and that we're the only county in Florida with 2 mosquito control districts that are not separated by some distance.
- I mentioned that spraying Estero Bay was costing us more than we're being paid for and told them we need fair compensation. In the 5 years from 2019 to 2023, we have spent \$111,400 more in treating Estero Bay than we've collected from FMBMCD. Not to mention the Tide Water neighborhood belonging to FMBMCD that we treat with ULV truck spray.

Discussion between the Board and executive team ensued.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval to formally take a position as of today to remain neutral about the possible merger between Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control and Lee County Mosquito Control. We reserve the right to change our position in the future. Today, we remain neutral and fully support the legislative process. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve remaining neutral. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval to move forward with documenting an Interlocal agreement with FMBMCD. Commissioner Hart moved to approve formalizing the agreement with Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Turnover survey:

The employee turnover result for the state and nation was obtained by our HR Director. The Future Makers Coalition's most recent workforce report has:

- SWFL at 16%.
- Florida's rate averages 20%
- Nationally 26%.

Turnover Rate Calculation: Full-Time Only

Fiscal Year	Number Employees Resigned	Number Employees Terminated	Number Employee Retired	Total Number Separated Employees	Total Number of Employees	Annual Turnover Rate Percentage
FY 2019-2020	3	3	5	11	92	12.0%
FY 2020-2021	2	5	5	12	96	12.5%
FY 2021-2022	10	0	3	13	100	13.0%
FY 2022-2023	10	0	4	14	96	14.6%
FY 2023-2024	9	4	2	15	98	15.3%
Average	7	2	4	13	96	13.5%

Quarterly SIT update: presented by AST Manager, Rachel Morreale

- Ft. Myers releases began February
 - ~17 million males released
 - Impacts observed
- Continued improvements to rearing
 - Releasing ~600,000 males/week
- Demonstrated viability of UAV releases
 - BirdView
 - Waiting for FAA
- Published "Seasonal insights for integrative mosquito management from multi-year baseline entomological data on *Aedes aegypti* in Lee County, Florida" (PLOS ONE- Oct 11)
- Meetings
 - IAEA/ Tragsa
 - 8 scientific meetings/workshops

FISCAL REVIEW:

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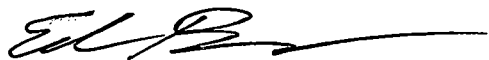
10359_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for December 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10358_LCHCD. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for December 2024. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10359_LCMCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: None

There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Chairman

Term: November 2024 – November 2028



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028