

Commissioner Hart called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 3/19/2026 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
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Vice Chairman
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen, not present
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Chairman
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present
Legal Counsel – John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director – Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Director – Aaron Lloyd
Deputy Director, LCHCD – Kevin Watts
Chief Financial Officer – Sean O'Neill
Human Resources Director – Melissa Tenzel
Communications Director – Jenifer McBride
Network Support Technician – Joel Canova
Community Engagement Coordinator – Jamie Fowler, not present
Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 02/26/2026 LCMHCD_10445 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the 02/26/2026 minutes. Commissioner Farrar 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, not present.
Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd provided an update:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/fl-arbovirus-report-w11-2026.pdf>

CONSENT AGENDA:

10446_Surplus

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

10447_King Air N597VF spray system – Request Board approval ratify the decision for payment to Avcon Industries, Inc. of \$760,640 for the engineering and installation of the spray system on LCMCD's King Air 200 N597VF. Provides approval to pay the District's selected vendor, Avcon Industries LLC to engineer and install the spray system needed to make King Air N597VF a spray ready aircraft for the 2026 season.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 10447_King Air spray system purchase. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve 10447. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed

10448_Budget amendment – Present to the Board a budget amendment for \$4,500,000 to purchase a new King Air 200 airplane. This budget amendment increases the capital outlay budget by \$4,500,000 and reduces reserves by \$4,500,000 to cover the purchase of the new King Air 200 airplane. A separate agenda item contains the contract for the purchase of the new airplane.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 10448_Budget amendment. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve 10448. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10449_King Air N875J purchase – Request the Board ratify the agreement to purchase a used 2012 King Air B200GT (N875J) fixed wing aircraft for \$3,899,000 from LF Aviation, LLC. Provides a replacement aircraft for the district's current King Air 200 (N763MC) which is aging out and approaching major inspection and repair costs as outlined in agenda item 10441 in the February Board meeting. Based on the Board's direction from the February meeting, a contract was signed for the purchase of the aircraft pending Board approval of the contract and satisfactory results from the inspection by Textron Aviation. This is in support of AVF 13 of our Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 10449_King Air N875J purchase. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve 10449. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10450_Phone system replacement – Request Board approval to purchase a new district phone system from Ring Central for a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$154,000 over five years. Replaces the existing District MiTel phone system that has reached end of serviceable life. Three quotes were obtained and the most economical option is the Ring Central system using Cisco equipment. The cost is based on one-time fees of \$27,287 and \$126,122 based on monthly recurring fees of \$2,102 over 60 months.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 10450_Phone system replacement. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve 10450. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10451_Executive Director contract – Provide a new Executive Director contract for Board consideration and potential approval. Legal counsel suggested table 10451 for April's Board Meeting, due to contract being 90% completed.

Commissioner Hart tabled 10451 for our next Board Meeting April 23, 2026.

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

Operations report

Lee County had a little bit of rain, with up to 2 inches depending on location. The rain we received produced some mosquitoes. There were some salt marsh mosquitoes coming off in the Bonita Springs area. LCMCD scheduled ULV trucks to treat the area. In addition, we have conducted a few larviciding missions, but nothing near the scale of what we normally see during season.

LCMCD has been conducting a lot of LIDAR work. We've got probably over 70% of Lee County scanned, with only 8 days of scanning left. We've already produced LIDAR maps, and we handed them over to our biologists.

LCMCD started their *Culex* project again, which involves more advanced inspections looking for West Nile virus vectors to see if we can get ahead of any potential disease that might get into the county.

Facilities report

None

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

Aircraft update: 2 helicopters under 24-month periodic inspections. 5-6 weeks until finished. One 24-month inspection. New helicopter to arrive mid-May. 1 DC-3 down for yearly inspection, 4 weeks left. 3 fixed-wing and 1 helicopter available for night spray missions.

Arbovirus workshop: 5 LCMCD folks in attendance, 4 of us gave presentations.

FMBMCD: Emailed them the interlocal agreement and stated that we are sending them an invoice for this upcoming season's work for \$80K. Without a signed ILA, work ceases COB 1 April, 2026.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10452_LCHCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for February 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10452_LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

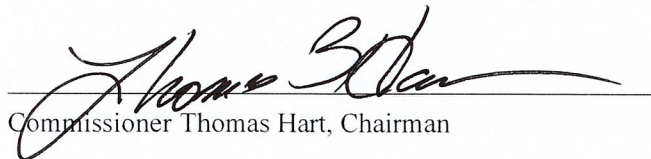
10453_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for February 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10453_LCMCD. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

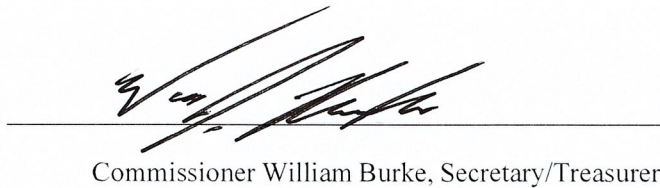
None

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Commissioner Thomas Hart, Chairman

Term: November 2022 – November 2026



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028