

Commissioner Hart called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 4/23/2026 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, not present
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Chairman
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott
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
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 03/19/2026 LCMHCD_10454 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 03/19/2026 minutes. Commissioner Burke 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:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/fl-arbovirus-report-w16-202.pdf>

CONSENT AGENDA:

10455_Surplus

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

OLD BUSINESS:

10451_Executive Director contract – Provided a new Executive Director contract for Board consideration and potential approval. The Board reached a consensus to move forward with hiring Mr. Lloyd as the next Executive Director and authorized contract negotiations with him. A representative Board member was selected to work with District counsel in conducting those negotiations.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for item 10451_Executive Director Contract. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve item 10451 New Executive Director Aaron Lloyd start date May 8, 2026. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

10456_Dr. Hoel Resolution – Approve resolution recognizing the service of Executive Director David Hoel. Provides recognition of achievements while serving as Executive Director of Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts from January 1st 2019 to May 8th 2026.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 10456_Dr. Hoel Resolution. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve 10456. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

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

Operations report

Lee County has been very dry, and officials are describing it as a historic drought. LCMCD had a few mosquito requests with minimal larviciding and adulticiding treatments. LCMCD is working diligently on preparing trails and getting heliports ready for season. Overall, we're doing well on the operations side.

Facilities report

The district is finalizing the Woodstock tanks setup; it should be completed and ready before the season begins. In addition, we noticed some of our properties will require fence replacement; St. James Heliport is one of them. Woodstock heliport will be adding an extension to the existing fence. Lastly, as part of our active threat plan, we want to fence off the back portion of our admin building.

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

Computer network security brief: Transition from .org to .gov domain is more than 50% completed, all emails have been converted with new email addresses. .Gov domains offer extra levels of protection against malicious content.

Aircraft update:

- N198RD (DC-3): Inspection is expected to be completed next week.
- N766MC & N764MC (H125): Inspections are projected to be completed within the next 2–3 weeks.

- King Air 250: The new aircraft has arrived and looks excellent. Pilot training on the cockpit layout is already underway.
- Airbus (new delivery): Currently expected to be ready for pickup in late May 2026.

AMCA annual meeting, Portland: Lee County Mosquito Control District staff attended the American Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting held in Portland, Oregon, March 23–27. Lee County Mosquito Control District was proud to have 10 staff members serve as presenters, delivering a total of 12 presentations throughout the conference. Presentations included subject matter on Operational response to Oropouche virus, sand fly Oropouche vector distribution in the U.S., sand fly seasonal activity in Lee County, mosquito operational control including use of traps and attractants, launching an Educational Video Channel with AI, classroom learning, and summer camp activities, and SIT updates at LCMCD.

Debug facility tour Miramar: Dr. Hoel, Aaron Lloyd, Dr. Dunford, and Rachel Morreale toured the Debug facility in Miramar. It was clear that advanced technologies play an important role in developing novel ways to control mosquito populations, to include techniques such as SIT and IIT (incompatible insect technique). Their facility is used to develop mosquitoes that are being released to control wild mosquito populations at various locations around the world, including Hawaii to control species that transmit bird malaria. Rachel and her team have plans to collaborate further with their scientists.

Dr. Hoel last board meeting: Thank the Commissioners for their tremendous support during my time here.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10457_LCHCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for March 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10457_LCHCD. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

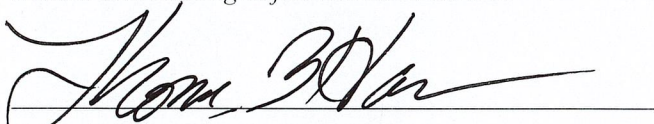
10458_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for March 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10458_LCMCD. Commissioner Scott 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 10:35 a.m.


Commissioner Thomas Hart, Chairman

Term: November 2022 – November 2026


Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028