

Commissioner Brantley called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 08/21/2025 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

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart

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

Community Engagement Coordinator – Jamie Fowler

End User Support Specialist – Connor Fletcher

Senior Program Analyst – Thais Pineda Alfonso

Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 07/24/2025 LCMHCD_10399 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 07/24/2025 minutes. Commissioner Ellis 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/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/_documents/2025-34-arbovirus-surveillance.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10400_Surplus

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

OLD BUSINESS:

10367_Sale of Pine Island Center heliport lots 1-6 – Request the Board approve the contract for the sale of Pine Island Center heliport lots 1 thru 6 for \$790,000.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 10367_Sales of Pine Island Center heliport lots 1-6. Commissioner Hart moved to approve 10367. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

10401_Sale of lot 8, Pine Island Center – Request the Board provide authorization to the Executive Director to sell Lot 8 at Pine Island Center Heliport based on market prices at the time of sale and sign all closing paperwork.

Commissioner Brantley requested Board approval for the 10401_Sale of lot 8 Pine Island Center. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve 10401. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

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

Operations report

It's been a heavy season for LCMCD with the mosquito population. The past few weeks there has been a decline with a few hot spots throughout the county. Therefore, we're still tracking mosquitoes, inspecting, and larviciding via ground. We haven't had to schedule any of our aerial treatments, which is a good indicator that our ground adulticiding trucks are suffice for now.

Facilities report

None

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

Aircraft update:

- The new King Air is moving towards closing. We are currently waiting for the seller to approve fixing one last item, then we will be ready to send our team next week to Houston for a test flight. If all goes well, the district could own a new aircraft by end of next week.

Charity Golf ball drop:

- LCMCD will fly one helicopter for a golf ball drop at the River Hall golf course on October 11th, as we have done for at least 5 years in the past. The event raises money for charity organizations within Lee County through the downtown Rotary club. This year we are seeking to recruit 2 businesses to sponsor the helicopter LCMCD uses.

Communications update presented by Jen McBride covered:

- Advertising
- Social Media
- Outreach
- Tours & Aerial Fly-in
- Media Campaign
- Employee Training
- Legislative Liaison
- Committees
- Media
- Upcoming projects

FMBMCD contract and payment:

- LCMCD hasn't received any response other than an email from FMBMCD board member with more questions.

Strategic plan quarterly update:

- As shown in your board packet and highlights of selected projects.

Highlights include:

- Restore to full operational capacity 2 of 3 heliports, Bowman's Beach and Harbor Drive are completed
- Fuel Master system to cloud-based service competed
- 4 of 5 Public Information and Education projects completed
- Facilities, replace 50-ton chiller with 70-ton chiller, and add vehicle storage building to replace fleet vehicle sunshade finished

Sewer system vs septic system:

- We are in the process of getting plans and cost estimates for installing a sewer system at the districts. Currently, we have six septic tanks collecting our waste and we've had to have several drain fields serviced over the last two years . A sewer system would eliminate this issue and pump sewage to a lift station on Park Road onward to sewage treatment facilities in the county.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10402_LCHCD

10403_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for July 2025. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10402_LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for July 2025. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10403_LCMCD. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ellis commented, “Jen, great job on your presentation, would like it to see it on the agenda each month.”

Commissioner Bowen commented, “I agree with Commissioner Ellis. I think you’re doing a phenomenal job, and very impressed. Also, welcome aboard to our new Research Director.”

Commissioner Burke commented, “I’m really excited for the new website and glad everything is data-driven by closely analyzing what drives people to reach out to LCMCD.”

There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Chairman

Term: November 2024 – November 2028



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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