Commissioner Hart called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 09/24/2026 at 4:15 p.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

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Chairman

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present

Legal Counsel – John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director – Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, LCHCD – Kevin Watts

Operations Manager, LCHCD – Jason Cull

Research Director – Dr. James Dunford

Chief Financial Officer – Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director – Melissa Tenzel

Operations Director – Ed Foley

Communications Director – Jenifer McBride

End User Support Specialist – Connor Fletcher

Executive Administrative Assistant – Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

Ben Few & Company, Inc. – Insurance Advisor, Ben C. Few IV

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for item LCMHCD_10484 Workshop meeting minutes 08/20/2026. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 08/20/2026 minutes. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for item LCMHCD_10485 Board meeting minutes 08/20/2026. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the 08/20/2026 minutes. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for item LCHCD_10486 Public Hearing meeting minutes 09/10/2026. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the 09/10/2026 minutes. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion for item LCMCD_10487 Public Hearing meeting minutes 09/10/2026.Commissioner Burke moved to approve the 09/10/2026 minutes. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

LCMCD Research Director, Dr. James Dunford provided an update:

https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/fl-arbovirus-report-w38-2026.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10488_Surplus

Commissioner Hart requested a motion 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:

10489_ General Liability Insurance Renewal 2027 – Request the Board approval for General Liability insurance policy from FIA/EGIS with a premium of $393,450. Ben Few presented.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10489_General Liability insurance policy. Commissioner Bowen moved to accept 10489. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10490_ Aviation Insurance Renewal 2027 – Request the Board approval for the FY2026-2027 aviation insurance policy from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. for a total premium cost of $519,795 for the current aircraft fleet. Ben Few presented.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10490_Aviation insurance renewal. Commissioner Farrar moved to accept 10490. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10491_ Emergency Generator Replacement Bid – Request the Board approval for an agreement with Ring Power Corporation to replace the Districts' existing emergency power generator with a new Caterpillar 1,000 KW diesel generator for $826,400.59.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10491_Emergency Generator Replacement Bid. Commissioner Bowen moved to accept 10491. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10492_ Chiller Replacement Bid (for the 2nd Chiller) – Request the Board approval for an agreement with Daikin Applied for the replacement of the District's backup chiller per Omnia contract R240901 for $378,366.01.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10492_Chiller Replacement Bid. Commissioner Farrar moved to accept 10492. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10493_ Hendry County ILA – Present for Board review and direction on a proposed interlocal agreement with Hendry County to provide supplemental aerial ultra-low-volume adult mosquito control services during Fiscal Year 2026–2027.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to accept the 10493_Hendry County ILA. Commissioner Ellis moved to accept 10493. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

Legal Counsel John Agnew requested that the Board consider amending the agenda to add Item #10496_ Emergency Disease Response Support, under New Business, regarding emergency assistance for Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties in response to the dengue emergency.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to amend the agenda adding item# 10496_Emergency disease response support. Commissioner Brantley moved to accept 10496. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

10496_ Emergency Disease Response Support – Request the Board approval for temporary mutual aid assistance for arbovirus response outside of Lee County. The District discussed a temporary mutual-aid agreement with Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties to provide mosquito control assistance in response to its dengue outbreak, with assistance limited to one treatment per week for four weeks, subject to available District resources. The agreement also provides for reimbursement by Hillsborough and Pinellas for any additional assistance beyond the initial four-week period. In addition, a statement will be added that LCMCD receive full reimbursement if emergency monies are available for the response.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute Interlocal Agreements in substantial conformance with those proposed for Hillsborough County and Pinellas County, as well as similarly situated counties experiencing emergencies during the mosquito season 10496_Emegency Disease Response Support. Commissioner Ellis moved to accept 10496. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

LCHCD OPERATIONS REPORT: Deputy Director Kevin Watts updated the Board.

Kevin Watts provided an operations update, noting that recent rainfall has increased water levels throughout the local watershed and resulted in increased aquatic vegetation requiring management. He reported that District operations remain in good standing.

LCMCD OPERATIONS REPORT: Operations Director Ed Foley updated the Board.

Ed Foley provided an operations update, noting that recent rainfall along the coast has helped reduce mosquito activity by flooding salt marsh areas and disrupting breeding cycles. He reported successful adulticide treatment in the Estero Bay area, with a reduction in mosquito complaints, while inland rainfall has shifted mosquito activity toward *Culex* populations and redirected operational priorities.

LCMHCD FACILITIES REPORT: CFO Sean O'Neill updated the Board.

Sean O'Neill provided a facilities update, reporting that electrical work at the Winkler heliport has been completed and the fuel system is currently being installed, with operations expected to begin shortly. He also reported that Southern Tank and Pump was selected to replace the District's aging diesel and unleaded fuel pump system, with installation scheduled to begin by October 30 at a cost of $23,425.

LCMCD APPLIED SCIENCES REPORT: Research Director Dr. James Dunford updated the Board.

Dr. James Dunford provided an Applied Sciences update, highlighting an upcoming podcast featuring Dr. Day discussing local dengue transmission and other vector-borne diseases. He commended the District's surveillance and operations teams for their prompt response to imported dengue cases and continued surveillance for Aedes aegypti throughout Lee County.

Commissioner Hart requested a motion to recess the Board meeting at 5:01 p.m. for 30 minutes to allow the scheduled Public Hearing to take place. Commissioner Farrar moved to accept. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board accepted unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Hart called the Board meeting back to order at 5:23 p.m.

LCMHCD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Aaron Lloyd updated the Board.

FMBMCD ILA:

Aaron Lloyd presented the signed Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to the Board and reported that the District had been notified that the $20,000 September payment had been sent, although it had not yet been received. He further reported that treatments had begun and mosquito activity was currently under control.

Ransomware update:

Aaron Lloyd reported that the District was made aware of a ransomware incident on March 28, 2026, and subsequently engaged an external cybersecurity firm to conduct a forensic audit. The audit determined that the incident occurred between February 26 and March 23, 2026, although the specific method of entry could not be identified; to date, the District's data has not been identified as having been posted to the dark web. A notification vendor was also engaged, and required notifications, including letters and website postings, have been issued.

Tariff reimbursement:

Aaron Lloyd reported that Airbus will reimburse the District $244,201.21 for tariffs previously paid in connection with the purchase of the District's helicopter. The reimbursement check has not yet been received, but is expected

PI Center update:

Aaron Lloyd reported that the South Florida Water Management District provided a favorable report indicating that the Pine Island Center water system is in good condition and requires no additional repairs. Henderson Franklin is preparing the Property Owners' Association (POA) formation documents, with plans to contact property owners regarding participation and proceed with re-forming the POA.

Legislative update:

Jennifer McBride provided a legislative update, reporting that the District continues to monitor Amendment 3 and is developing a structured legislative event calendar with ongoing meetings with legislative aides, representatives, and senators. She reported that she and Aaron Lloyd are working with the District's legislative consultant, Mr. Ramba, to arrange meetings with the Senate President and Speaker of the House prior to the upcoming Tallahassee legislative session.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

10494_LCHCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for August 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District Financials, 10494_LCHCD. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10495_LCMCD

Commissioner Burke presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for August 2026. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10495_LCMCD. Commissioner Farrar 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 Burke seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Commissioner Thomas Hart, Chairman

Term: November 2022 – November 2026

Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028