

Commissioner Hart called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 2/26/2026 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, not present
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 01/22/2026 LCMHCD_10439 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the 01/22/2026 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 provided an update:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/fl-arbovirus-report-w8-2026.pdf>

CONSENT AGENDA:

10440_Surplus

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

10441_King Air Purchase – Presented to the Board a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) for the purchase of a 2012 King Air 250 and a budget overview for the transaction. Gives the Board information necessary to make the decision about whether to replace the District's King Air 200 (N763MC) with a new King Air 250. The District's current King Air 200 is approaching major repair and inspection expenses. The CBA provides a breakdown of relevant costs between replacing the King Air 200 with a King Air 250 or making the inspections and repairs to the King Air 200.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 10441_King Air Purchase. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve 10441. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed

10442_Executive Director succession plan – Board discussion and direction regarding Executive Director succession. Provides necessary guidance to District staff for how to move forward with replacing Executive Director Hoel upon his retirement.

Commissioner Hart requested Board approval for the 10442_Executive Director succession plan to move forward with negotiating a contract with Aaron Lloyd and appointed Commissioner Farrar to work with legal and Mr. Lloyd. The proposed contract will be presented in our March board meeting for consideration and approval. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve 10442. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

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

Operations report

LCMCD has made great strides with our LIDAR system scanning over 250,000 acres. Lee County's landmass is approximately 500,000 acres in size, which means we have scanned about 50% of the entire county, thus far.

As far as our treatments, we have been treating a lot of drains throughout Lee County. Other than that, there are no mosquitoes to discuss as the weather has been dry and cold.

Facilities report

The district has been concentrating on cleaning up and detailing the district. The ADMIN building is 17 years old and noticed the building needs some repairing. LCMCD is making sure that the board is aware for the upcoming budget year that we will be setting funds aside to make sure the building stays secure. Other than that, the facility projects mentioned in previous meetings are still ongoing.

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

Aircraft update:

- N763MC (King Air 200) is still being inspected. We did an in-house 6 yr landing gear overhaul that took extra time to complete.
- N765MC (Airbus) 3rd big two-year inspection is wrapping up, we should start number 4 next week.
- Spring droplet tests begin next week, aircraft first followed by helicopters.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10443_LCHCD

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Sean O'Neill presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for January 2026. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10443_LCHCD. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Sean O'Neill presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for January 2026. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10444_LCMCD. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

There being no further business, Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



Commissioner Thomas Hart, Chairman

Term: November 2022 – November 2026



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2024 – November 2028