

Commissioner Ellis called to order the Budget Workshop of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 08/21/2025 at 8:30 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, Secretary/Treasurer

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Vice Chairman

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present

Legal Counsel- not present

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, not present

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

LCHCD BUDGET DISCUSSION: Executive Director Dr. Hoel discussed the upcoming fiscal year budget for Lee County Hyacinth Control District.

Items discussed:

1. Current millage rate 0.0200
2. Proposed Rollback millage rate 0.0192
3. Benefits
4. Operating Expenses
5. Insurance
6. Repairs & Maintenance
7. Chemicals

8. Capital Outlay
9. Suggested Bonus

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS ON LCHCD BUDGET:

Commissioner Hart commented "I'm recommending the 3% bonus, and I like the idea of paying it quarterly."

Commissioner Farrar commented "I'm leaning more towards the 3% as well."

Commissioner Bowen commented "I'm also in favor of the 3%."

Commissioner Ellis commented "I'm also leaning toward the 3%, we're pretty much unanimous."

LCHCD recommended full rollback and 3% bonus for approval by the board.

LCMCD BUDGET DISCUSSION: Executive Director Dr. Hoel discussed the upcoming fiscal year budget for Lee County Mosquito Control District.

Items discussed:

1. Current millage rate 0.2200
2. Proposed millage rate 0.2116
3. Benefits
4. Freight Services
5. Insurance
6. Repairs & Maintenance
7. Other Charges
8. Gasoline/Oil/Lube
9. Chemicals
10. Misc. Supplies
11. Publications & Dues
12. Training
13. Capital Outlay
14. Suggested Bonus

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS ON LCMCD BUDGET:

Commissioner Farrar commented "I'm leaning towards the 3% equally as we did for Hyacinth Control District. We're looking for retaining our employees."

Commissioner Ellis commented "I concur with Commissioner Farrar."

Commissioner Bowen commented "I agree, looking at the numbers that were presented to us, I'm in favor of 3% also."

Commissioner Hart commented "I agree."

Commissioner Burke commented "I agree to 100%."

LCMCD recommended full rollback and 3% bonus for approval by the board.

There being no further business, Chairman Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Chairman

Term: November 2024 – November 2028



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2028