

Commissioner Farrar called to order the scheduled Final Public Budget Hearing of the Lee County Hyacinth Control District (LCHCD) on 09/22/2022 at 5:01 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, Secretary/Treasurer

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis, not present

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Vice Chairman

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, Public Information and Education- Eric Jackson

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director- Jackie Small

Senior Program Analyst- Thais Pineda Alfonso

Network Support Technician – Joel Canova

Purchasing Manager- Chris Gates

Executive Administrative Assistant- Sabina Vilarchao

Commissioner Farrar announced that this is the Final Public Budget Hearing to Adopt the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCUSSION: Executive Director Dr. David Hoel discussed the proposed final millage rate of 0.0225 per \$1,000 for fiscal year 2022-2023. The proposed final millage rate of 0.0225 mills is more than the rolled back rate of 0.0208 by 8.17%. The proposed budget for Lee County Hyacinth Control District for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$3,909,680.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MILLAGE RATE OR BUDGET:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

Legal Counsel John Agnew read the Resolution 22-07 to adopt the final millage rate for fiscal year 2022-2023. **Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 22nd day of September, 2022 at 5:06 p.m.**

Chairman Farrar requested a motion to adopt the final millage rate of 0.0225 mills (\$0.0225 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Commissioner Brantley moved the motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET:

Legal Counsel John Agnew read the Resolution 22-08 to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$3,909,680. **Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 22nd day of September, 2022 at 5:08 p.m.**

Chairman Farrar requested a motion to adopt the final budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Commissioner Hart moved the motion, Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. 5-1, Motion passed.

Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer –Opposed

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman – Aye

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen – Aye

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Vice Chairman – Aye

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart – Aye

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott – Aye

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Brantley commented “it’s difficult to justify a 10% COLA. I think a 8% COLA is more justifiable.”

No further business, Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Bowen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Chairman

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024