

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District (LCMCD/LCHCD) held a regular Board Meeting, December 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Rd., Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Hart, Commissioners George T. Mann Jr., Bruce C. Scott, Ed Brantley, Secretary-Treasurer, Brian F. Farrar.

Visitors: Jamie Saunders, 8566 Redwood Drive, St. James City, FL 33956, Woodstock Landing Strip

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Hart asked if there is anyone from the public present wishing to speak.

Jamie Saunders – Resident of Pine Island and a plaintiff involved in injunction against the District covering the Woodstock Airport purchase asked to speak. Ms. Saunders lives five houses from the runway, has attended meetings, spoken with Carmen McKinney, and even requested a fly by and landing so those in the neighborhood could hear how much noise an aircraft will create. She has not been able to obtain other information she requested that her contacts here have told her it would cost an enormous amount of money to produce the information. She stated that there have been revelations made over the time they have been investigating. The residents have asked about use by the District of drones and they have been receiving mixed messages. They feel there has been no transparency. As neighbors of the airport, they request clear, valid information not what they perceive to be evasion and deception. They respect what LCMCD does. They purchased their homes where they did for privacy. They do not want LCMCD to take a one owner non-active airstrip and turn it into a commercial airport. The residents felt that they were going to win the application for rezoning issue and they have not been successful. They are gaining support from the island residents as a whole i.e., Pine Island and Matlacha who do not believe that this is the place for the airport. They are asking for the number of flights we are planning to make from the airport and still have not received that information. They feel since we have all the financial numbers presented thus far that we should be able to provide the flight number information. They plan to continue to fight and are adamantly against LCMCD taking over the airport.

MINUTES APPROVAL - Chairman Hart, asked if the Board has reviewed and had a chance to review the meeting minutes from November, the Board stated that they have. Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Brionna Powell, Assistant to the Director of Epidemiology, Lee County Health Department reported that the state has had no human cases of virus. No chickens have tested positive for dengue or Chikungunya. There have been five imported cases of Zika, two cases of Chikungunya in Florida. Lee County has had and arbovirus there has been none. Brionna mentioned that we had a positive Zika test case in Lee County, which is still under surveillance with the state. The person is a travel agent, lives in Lee County and believed to have contracted the disease while out of the country. Flu numbers have been low in Lee as a whole and we are doing pretty well.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 – Russ Baker, Chief Executive Officer (CFO) presented three different budget amendments. Due to the increased workloads from Hurricane Irma and normal year-end closing procedures, the accounting department was not able to complete year-end budget adjustments prior to the end of the statutory sixty-day time limit. A resolution to allow the Lee County Mosquito Control District and the Lee County Hyacinth Control District to amend the budget for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 was presented for the Boards approval. Chairman Hart requested the Lee County Mosquito Control resolution and budget amendment be approved. Secretary/Treasurer Farrar made the motion to approve the resolution and budget amendment. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the resolution and budget amendment. Chairman Hart requested

the Lee County Hyacinth Control District resolution be approved. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the resolution and budget amendment. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Finally, CFO Baker presented a budget amendment for the Lee County Mosquito Control District for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) budget report as required by the State of Florida. The budget amendment was to amend the DACS budget to increase or decrease certain line item budgeted amounts so that line item expenditures do not exceed the budgeted amount. Mann

ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION – Attorney John Noland, Stockholder of Henderson Franklin Law firm was asked to address the Board. Attorney Ed Canterbury, Real Estate Attorney and Luis Rivera, Stockholder both of Henderson Franklin were present as advisors to provide input on the litigation. Ed presented the pending purchase of the Woodstock Property begun in 2016 with a closing date set for Dec 31, 2017. Two deposits have been made, \$50,000 at time of execution and \$200,000 around November 17, 2017. The question before the Board is whether the Board still desires to purchase the property. Some items have not been satisfied. The seller has stated that some of the contingencies have not been fulfilled and that if the District decides not to move forward that the seller may make claim against us. The decision date is technically December 31 but with the holidays, it could be January 2. The attorneys are going to have to gear up for either event in advance. He suggests that they need to know this week or early next week. They will need to generate and distribute closing docs if we continue with the deal. Commissioner Hart asked if the Board had any questions for them at this time. The question he asked is should we proceed with the contract that we originally had in mind? Ed feels strongly about our odds of prevailing. Commissioner Farrar asked that relative to pending litigation have we all received the lawsuit and has council reviewed it? Luis Rivera stepped forward to address the Board with respect to litigation. He mentioned that as Ms. Saunders eluded to in her public comment there are five residents allegedly going to be directly impacted by this purchase and land use plan. At the meeting on November 8 of this year homeowners alleged that the county's use of the property would violate the current zoning on the property alleging that the decision was not correct. Attorneys have reviewed the lawsuit, which has not been served at this point. Our time to respond to the suit has not begun. We are probably a few days away from that. We are prepared to discuss with the Board in Attorney Client Session according to the statute the issues related to strategy for the Board to determine whether to continue the purchase or not. Chairman Hart asked if they are requesting an Attorney/Client session. Attorney John Noland replied affirmatively and requested a private session with a court reporter present so that he may receive guidance from the Board on this matter. Motion was made by Commissioner Mann at to pause the public meeting and go into the meeting with the attorneys. The Board agreed unanimously. Chairman Hart recessed the regular Board meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Chairman Hart reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and announced that Commissioner Mann had to leave for a Medical Appointment. There is still motion a motion pending to delegate authority to our Director for administration of the lawsuit and the purchase contract for the airport. Consistent with discussions and on the advice of our attorneys, Commissioner Scott made the motion to pursue the purchase. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion and Director Gale agreed to perform this task. The Board members thanked Henderson Franklin Law Firm for their handling of this matter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Gale pointed out to the Board that in the Newsletter we don't normally talk about the statistics but provide a quarter page of numbers pointing out why it is extremely difficult to budget. In June, we treated over 1 million acres from the air that is a normal one year of service. Therefore, for the year we treated 2 million acres, 1 million acres over and above the years planning number making the District \$1 million over budget for the year. In June alone, we had more mosquito numbers than in some entire years. This year has been very difficult. June was bad correlating to the extreme drought prior to a wet summer. Those two things combine to generate tremendous numbers of mosquitos. The hurricane hit and then we had to treat areas that had already been done. We are asking FEMA for reimbursement. FEMA will

be in negotiations with us on spraying costs for the above and beyond spraying due to the hurricane.

The Director will be in Gainesville tomorrow to visit with the Director of the new Center for Excellence, which is at the University of Florida under a contract with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to establish five (5) regional centers of excellence for vector borne disease control. The University of Florida was one of those chosen. Some of those dollars have been made available for people to attend DODD mosquito training in January. This is not just mosquito control but covers many other issues. It is good that Florida has one of those five centers. He will aid them in defining what they will spend the money on and moving it into applied research rather than disease research to make sure that they focus and understand that they spend money on vector borne disease.

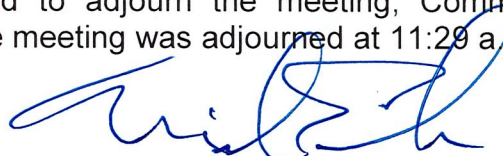
Chairman Hart had a question about Zika and what is the consensus on why the disease "didn't show up" in 2017. Director Gale reminded the Board he had previously stated that he did not expect to see a lot of Zika this year because those who get Zika rarely know that they have it. The people that do get Zika are immune afterwards. We are really now waiting for the next big disease to come along.

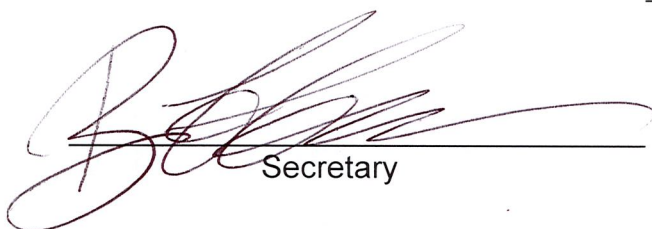
Director Gale is winding up his year as American Mosquito Control President. He will be turning it over to Bill Walton who is the new Director of the Center of Excellence for the Western Region. The Director has most recently traveled to Whitefish, MT, Park City, UT, Baltimore, MD, North Myrtle Beach, SC and Corinth, LA Mosquito Association meetings. He will be attending the Mosquito & Vector Control meeting in California, which is his last duty as President. Director Gale also became President for the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) now until end of February he will hold dual presidencies.

FISCAL REVIEW – Secretary/Treasurer Farrar reviewed with the Board the LCMCD treasurers report. Motion made by Secretary/Treasurer Farrar to approve the LCMCD treasurers report. Vice Chair Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved. Secretary/Treasurer Farrar then reviewed the LCHCD treasurers report for November and with no changes necessary made the motion to approve the Hyacinth Control District treasurer report for November. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Election of New Officers – Chairman Hart facilitated the selection of Board officers for 2018. Chairman Hart asked for the slate of officers the Board would approve for this year bearing in mind that normal procedure is to have the newest member of the Board who has been given a year to learn his Commission duties to be placed into the role of Vice Chairman. Chairman Hart made the motion for Commissioner Mike Ellis to become Chairman, which was seconded by Secretary Treasurer Farrar. Commissioner Mike Ellis accepted the Boards nomination and the Board agreed unanimously for him to become the new Chairman. The Chairman made the motion for Commissioner Ed Brantley to become the Vice Chairman. Secretary Treasurer Farrar seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Newly elected Chairman Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hart seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.



Chairman

Secretary