

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMCD/LCHCD) held a regular Board meeting, October 19, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Rd., Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Hart, Secretary-Treasurer Brian F. Farrar, Commissioners Ed Brantley, George "Pat" Mann

STAFF: Wayne Gale – Executive Director, Assistant Director - Dr. David Hoel, Russ Baker - Chief Financial Officer, Eric Jackson – Public Information Officer

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES APPROVAL – Chairman Hart requested Board approval for the September meeting minutes as well as the Special Meeting Minutes for the budget hearings. Commissioner Farrar made the motion to approve both sets of minutes for 9/14 and 9/21 with a modification made to the 9/14 minutes denoting late arrival of the Chairman. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology advised the Board that there is some West Nile Virus (WNV) activity in some of the sentinel chickens located in Charlotte, Hillsborough, Leon, Manatee, Putnam, Walton and Duval Counties. Escambia and Santa Rosa are under a mosquito advisory. No human cases have been reported so far this year. Interestingly it was announced that Manatee had a locally reported case of Zika last week. The case was actually connected to travel to Cuba.

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CONTRACT UPDATE – Shelly Redovan is out of the office today so our new Public Information Officer, Eric Jackson presented the report for today. They have interviewed candidates for his former teaching position at the school board. Because it is a teaching position, the Principal has to fill the position in mid-year before whomever they select can be released. They are hopeful that this will happen within the next few weeks. Neil Wilkinson and Brain Murphy are both planning to retire this year. They are both in Drop and have decided that it is time. Eric is planning to put a plan in place while they are still here and will help train the new hires. Eric asked the Board if we could adjust the contract we have to change language from two to up to three positions with the school Board. It would allow us to put someone in place along with Eric's replacement. The reason for up to three language is that the Board mentioned the possibility that we may need to have additional personnel in the future. We would like to have that in the language so that if we need to do so we will be ready. The Board asked what would do to the budget. We would have to put in an additional half teacher's salary to cover this winter and then we would be down by the other two positions. We will need to make the decision if we are going to go with a Florida Gulf Coast University component or not. Director Gale mentioned that if we do not do anything with Neil's position it should be a wash leaving us with three teachers in the school system. We will reassess Neil's position keeping in mind that the two leaving are at the top of the pay schedule and the new hire just added is a mid-level position. Everyone who has interviewed so far has 10-15 years experienced. Approval of the formal motion was made by Commissioner Farrar and Commissioner Mann seconded. There being no further discussion the Board approved unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LEE COUNTY: Director Gale will present an Interlocal Agreement with Lee County for approval regarding sharing of facilities. The discussion concerned the property that we have been looking at north of the river and we now have a site close to our current helistop which is county owned land. They have agreed to an Interlocal agreement in exchange for them to continue to use the Sheriff's

Hangar and the Department of Transportation (DOT) facility on our Buckingham property. There is a separate agreement for the Gun Range and the Helistops which covers us for Boca Grande and Bowman's Beach which are both county owned and they allow us use of these locations. That agreement was done in exchange for us allowing them to build the Gun Range on our property. This Interlocal is a 30-year lease. They pay for the upkeep of those facilities. The parcel in question is enough space to land a helicopter and cut some roads in to the east a short distance off the other property. We have to construct the helipad and make any improvements necessary to establish the helistop up to our specifications. Fencing will be necessary. The property is east of the current location at Old Bridge Road. We are currently paying for the private property where we now land. This is a landing zone we have used for years and they want to develop the property and let us use another piece for a price. We have decided to work with the county to use that land in exchange for continued use of the property here for the next 30 years. Commissioner Farrar asked do we have a budget for all of the costs involved with this. We have not budgeted this year for that but we are only trying to secure the position right now. There is enough dry high land that we could put a helistop on it. Board approval is necessary to approve the process to create the Interlocal agreement. Motion made to create the agreement by Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

BID APPROVALS – Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer asked for approval of submitted bids for fuel and pesticides. Once a year we go out for bid on items frequently purchased for fuel and other items that we use continually all year. This is done through advertisement of request for quotes from those companies and then Purchasing tabulates the bids and places them in a schedule document for the board. The recommended bid is highlighted in red. We just purchased Dibrom at this year's lower price to get us through the end of the year before the price goes up. Dr. Hoel advised that the prices generally increase 5-10% per year. Every 15 years the chemical industry is required to reregister pesticide products. Motion made by Commissioner Farrar to approve the low bids and seconded by Commissioner Mann. The Board approved with no dissenting votes.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Russ Baker asked for approval of property for disposal. We have some items for the Board to declare surplus to be disposed of through GovDeals or in the case of some of the computers to just be torn apart and disposed of. We need approval to dispose of this property. Motion made by Commissioner Mann and seconded by Commissioner Farrar. The Board approved unanimously.

PROJECTS UPDATE: Dr. David Hoel will provided an update on current facility and aviation projects. Carmen McKinney is downtown at the Woodstock Airport zoning meeting. There are two King Airs coming in from Texas. The first one will arrive on or about 10/26 and the second one on 11/1. Shortly thereafter, we will be adding spray tanks and other systems to get them up and running for spraying. We are reducing the aviation fleet to reduce inventory cost, training and maintenance costs. On 11/4 the aircraft shelter structures damaged by the hurricane are going to be worked on which will cost \$282,000. We have moved that money from the paving project behind the hangar which will be done sometime next year. Everything that we thought was not valuable enough to insure turned out to be what was damaged in the storm. The canvas turns out to be 50% of the cost of the shelter as opposed to 25% and they were supposed to be rated to 125 mph.

The last of the support camp for the hurricane recovery is leaving as of today. We still have the horticulture products being shredded here. There is a drop off here for homeowners to bring their debris and that will go on for another 3 months or so. The contractor is responsible for disposal of the mulch pile. Monitoring is being done on what is brought in and disposed of.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Gale provided an update on current facility and aviation projects. Assistant Director Hoel and Executive Director Gale went to the Legislative Delegation Meeting yesterday, they didn't speak just observed the meeting.

Quit Claim Deed

We found a resident to purchase the property owned by the Hyacinth District near the pond on Golden Lake Road that was donated to the district many years ago. We are tasked with maintaining the area next to the road mowing, cleaning, etc. The county would not take it and we found one of the property owners who wants it. We have an agreement for \$10.00 for them to take on this property. The appraiser's websites values it at \$50.00 and it is of no value at all to us. We have been trying a number of years to get rid of it and we would like to have approval to close the deal. Commissioner Farrar made the motion to transfer ownership of the parcel. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Negotiations with Airbus on Purchase of six Helicopters

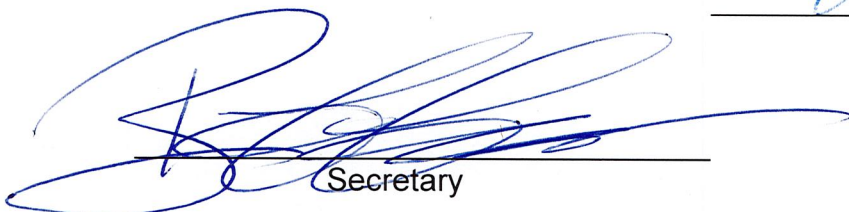
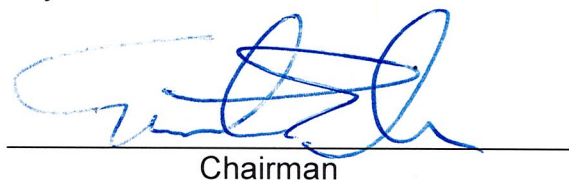
Final agreed upon contract for \$19 million for all helicopters, equipment, navigation equipment and training of pilots and mechanics. The original proposal was \$19,555,908. In our original request, we asked to finance \$18 million because we thought, we would pay for all application equipment up front. We think now it would be better to finance it at \$19M. We have secured financing with SunTrust for that amount through Russ Baker's efforts. The terms are 8 years at 2.75%. This lender was the lesser of those contacted. Once the Airbus helicopters are here sales of the current helicopter fleet will be used to reduce our OPEB liability. We have a two-page term sheet, which explains in detail. Motion to approve \$19M instead of \$18M was requested. There is one issue in this for the IRS because of the timing of the deal we are planning upfront with a 20% down payment ahead of when we get the loan and next month we will bring before the Board documents showing our ability to do this. The budget at \$19M gives us a bit more room to allow us to pay any unforeseen expenses and will keep us from having to bump up the millage rate. Commissioner Farrar made the motion to proceed to finance the loan up to \$19M at the proposed 2.75% for an 8-year term in order to proceed with the acquisition of the aircraft. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Commissioner Farrar, Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Mosquito Control financial report with the Board. See attached information in the file. Motion to approve the report ending 9/30 for Mosquito Control was made by Commissioner Farrar. Commissioner Mann seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

The financial report for the Hyacinth Control District was presented next by Commissioner Farrar, Secretary Treasurer, see attached information in the file. Motion was made by Commissioner Farrar to approve Hyacinth financial report for 9/30. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Russ Baker advised the Board that there have been FEMA and Property & Casualty representatives here reviewing the repair work that needs to be done here at the District. We are looking for a builder to give us an estimate for repair work and the Board will be advised of any information as it becomes available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mann to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Farrar. The meeting was adjourned.


Secretary
Chairman