

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District (LCMCD/LCHCD) held their regular scheduled meeting September 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Hart, Commissioners George "Pat" Mann, Ed Brantley, Mike Ellis, Bruce C. Scott and Director T. Wayne Gale.

Vice Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – None

MINUTES APPROVAL Vice Chairman Ellis requested Board approval for the August meeting minutes. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATES - Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported on the zoning meeting which was scheduled for this morning but was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma it will be rescheduled. We are going out Monday to look at the King Air coming out of U.S. Customs to see which one we prefer. They are coming out on a DSA situation we are looking at them for a third party aircraft exchange program. We are not taking any more heavy maintenance aircraft. We could put one of those in service faster. They carry a 120-gallon load.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported that the District was hit hard by Hurricane Irma with the eye passing directly over the district. There has been some damage, which Assistant Director David Hoel will report on.

Assistant Director Hoel did an after the storm survey of the damage on the grounds and indoors. His slides are included in the Board meeting file. The belief is that there was tornadic activity around the District. One indication of this was the spotty nature of the destruction. The older storage shed area survived and a short distance away an aircraft was picked up and flipped over. The Sheriff's K-9 training trailer was damaged. Some of the buildings have a lot of water coming in. There have been blue tarps put over the roofs of these buildings. In the final analysis overall there was minimal damage to the property. Rick O'Neil, Aviation Manager flew the drone up before the storm and photo evidence of conditions on the District prior to the storm is available. The aerial photos of the structures are in the presentation docs.

Chairman Hart arrived and took charge of the meeting.

Director Gale advised the Hawks Kay would not be available for the FMCA meeting so that location will have to be changed. Everyone will be advised, as information becomes known.

There are multiple emergency services groups here using the District as a staging area. They are planning to be here for a month or two possibly more. We are the place designated for disaster assistance distribution from this point. This is not a place for the public to get things but a distribution/staging area for Southwest Florida. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), Forestry State and Federal agencies through the Emergency Management System are all currently stationed here. We are trying to provide them with as much assistance as possible. Mosquitoes are already starting and we anticipate freshwater floodwater mosquitoes, which are fairly easy to kill. Truck Trap runs will start up on Saturday/Sunday with data being reviewed Monday.

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUNDING POLICY - Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer provided information on the Retiree Health Fund Trust Fund policy. The written policy and background information was presented to the Board and is included in the meeting files. This all stems from a 1984 decision by the State that retirees needed to be covered. See the presentation pages in the file. Motion to approve the policy was made by Commissioner Farrar, Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

AUDITOR AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER APPROVAL - Auditor Engagement Letter from Carr, Riggs & Ingram is being proposed for a two-year extension. They have been our auditors for the past three years. See the letter for details in the file. Roughly, their fees will be the same cost per year. The fees for audits will depend upon which components of the audit that we need further input on.

Commissioner Farrar made a motion to approve the extension for Mosquito Control. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

There was also a motion made by Commissioner Scott to accept the same extension conditions for Hyacinth Control. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Commissioner Ellis requested that there be a presentation at a future Board meeting to discuss the Credit Union. Which was agreed to by staff.

FISCAL REVIEW - Commissioner Farrar presented the District Treasurers report for August 2017 and made the motion to approve the Mosquito financials. Commissioner Mann second the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Commissioner Farrar then presented the Hyacinth Control financials for August 2017. Motion to approve the Hyacinth financials was made by Commissioner Farrar and seconded by Commissioner Brantley. The Board approved unanimously.

BUDGET REVIEW - Director Gale presented the budget beginning with Hyacinth Control it being the simpler of the two. Hyacinth is fairly straightforward and staff is recommending roll back. Nothing will change much except under Personnel Services Benefits with a 2% COLA in their budget. There is also a 2% COLA in the Mosquito Control budget. One of the issues with Hyacinth is fish that we will have to restock because of the water flooding issue post Hurricane Irma.

Motion made to recess the Board meeting in order to conduct the public hearing by Commissioner Farrar, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the Board approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – Chairman Hart opened the public hearing for Lee County Mosquito Control at 5:02 p.m. The Chairman announced that the meeting was an advertised public hearing and that the purpose was to adopt a millage rate and a budget in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 200.065.

Chairman Hart called for public comment. Seeing that there was no public comment the Chairman closed the public hearing and asked the Board to make a motion Brantley, Mann.

Chair asked the Executive Director, Wayne Gale, to discuss the proposed millage rate and the proposed budget and the reasons for the proposed tax increase. Director Gale stated that the Lee County Mosquito Control District proposed budget has a few things that significant affected the budget. Director Gale pointed out that this has been the worst season since he has been here and now with the hurricane, we will be treating one more time and the arbovirus season begins in October/November for our area. There is potential for disease outbreak but we never know. Our chicken flocks were not harmed by the storm so we will begin using them again by this weekend. We have enough Dibrom to treat the County at least once. We are half million over our chemical budget and at least another half million that will need to be spent. The other big item is rentals and leases with regard to our changing out the helicopter fleet. The leases will be staggered so that they all do not come due at the same time. This will make budgeting easier over time and reduce the aviation expense once the first year is past when the initial expenses are made is past. Even with property value, decreasing next year as expected it could be rolled over until next year. The other piece is the aircraft will be sold and we will get the best price we can but do not know yet when they will be sold so the budget number is not available yet. The recommendation by the Director is to take the proceeds from the sale of the aircraft and place them into the Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund thus saving money there by doing so. At the last trust meeting upon recommendation from the actuary that Trust Fund Board agreed that the rate of return should be raised to 6% and the actuary believes that the total liability will drop from \$22 million to \$16 million. It is possible for the trust to be fully funded by these sales. The Chairman asked for Commissioner's comments and for any public comment pertaining to the proposed millage rate or the proposed budget. Hearing none, the Chairman closed the public hearing and proceeded with the adoption of the proposed millage rate.

The Chairman announced that the name of the District was the Lee County Mosquito Control District and that the rolled back rate was .2257 mills. The Chairman announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate was 24.06% and the millage rate to be levied was .2800 mills. After the announcement, the Chairman read the proposed resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE
TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 14, 2017 adopted a fiscal year 2017-2018 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

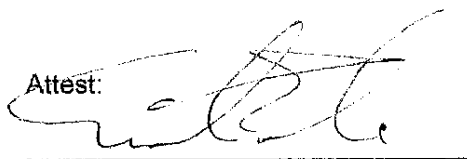
WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and


WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lee County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Lee County Mosquito Control District as \$77,951,204,390.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, that

1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt and set a tentative operating millage rate of .2800 mills (\$.2800 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2017-2018. The tentative millage rate of .2800 mills is greater than the rolled back rate of .2257 by 24.06%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2017-2018 operating millage rate shall be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 5:01 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing on this 14th day of September, 2017 at 5:19.

Attest:



Lee County Mosquito Control District
Chairman

Motion was made by Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Farrar to approve the final millage rate and the Board unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 14, 2017, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$29,684,600.

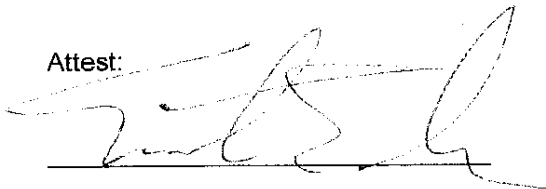
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2017-2018 budget shall be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 5:01 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 14th day of September, 2017 at 5:22.


Lee County Mosquito Control District
Chairman

Attest:



Motion was made by Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Farrar to approve the final budget and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Farrar requested the public hearings for Mosquito Control be closed in order to open the public hearings for Hyacinth Control. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion to close the Mosquito Control public hearings at 5:23 p.m. The Board approved unanimously.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearings for Hyacinth Control at 5:23 p.m.

The Chairman announces that the meeting was an advertised public hearing and that the purpose was to adopt a millage rate and a budget in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 200.065.

The Chairman called for public comment. Seeing that there was no public comment the Chairman closed the public hearing.

The Chairman asked the Executive Director, Wayne Gale, to discuss the proposed millage rate and the proposed budget. Director Gale advised that he recommended that the District take the rolled back rate of .0248. He stated that the budget had not changed since the workshop.

The Chairman announced that the name of the District was the Lee County Hyacinth Control District and the rolled back rate was .0248 mills. The Chairman announced the percentage increase over the rolled back rate was 0% and the millage rate to be levied was .0248 mills. After the announcement, the Chairman read the proposed resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE
TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 14, 2017 adopted a fiscal year 2017-2018 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

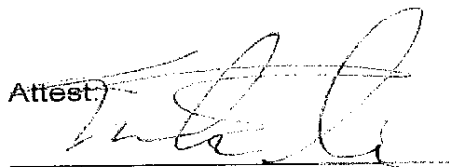
WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lee County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Lee County Hyacinth Control District as \$81,784,811,452.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, that

1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt and set a tentative operating millage rate of .0248 mills (\$.0248 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2017-2018. The tentative millage rate of .0248 mills is greater than the rolled back rate of .0248 by 0.00%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2017-2018 operating millage rate shall be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 5:15 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing on this 14th day of September, 2017 at 5:08 PM

Attest:




Lee County Hyacinth Control District
Chairman

Motion was made by Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Farrar to approve the final millage rate and the Board unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 14, 2017, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

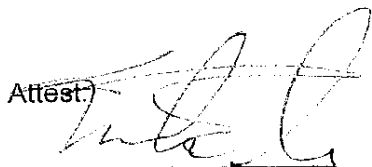
WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$3,911,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2017-2018 budget shall be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 5:15 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 14th day of September, 2017 at

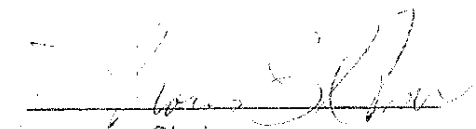

Lee County Hyacinth Control District
Chairman

Attest: 
Secretary

Motion was made by Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Farrar to approve the final budget and the Board unanimously approved.

There being no further business Chairman Farrar requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Secretary


Chairman