

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District (LCMCD/LCHCD) held their regular scheduled meeting March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL.

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Ed Brantley, Commissioners Mike Ellis, Brian Farrar, Thomas B. Hart, George "Pat" Mann, Bruce C. Scott.

Vice-Chairman Brantley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

STAFF: Assistant Director - Dr. David Hoel, Russ Baker - Chief Financial Officer, Rick Pardo - Risk Manager, Eric Jackson - Public Information Officer, Carmen McKinney - Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, Kevin Watts - Deputy Director Hyacinth Control District

VISITORS: Jamie Saunders, 8566 Redwood Drive, St. James City, FL 33956, spoke to the Board regarding the Woodstock Airport.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology reported that there are no infectious diseases at this time. There is a Level 2 travel alert in Brazil that means individuals may still travel there but need to be cautious. Commissioner Hart asked if the yellow fever outbreak is following the Zika model and do we see people who are already immune to it. Commissioner Mann asked if we had an outbreak of disease how rapidly could we react with sterile mosquitoes. Dr. Hoel responded that if we had an outbreak we would target that area with the sterile mosquitoes but it would take time to get into the area. Director Gale responded that SIT is not a response to disease or our emergency response. Jennifer advised that Flu season has dropped off and cases are now below the previous year. It doesn't mean that flu season is over; there will be a spike because we have completed Flu "A" and now are going into the Flu "B" strain. Best thing to do for flu is to take an anti-viral that is effective against the flu within 48 hours of symptoms appearing. It does not cure the flu but it helps prevent spreading of it to others.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Vice Chairman Brantley requested Board approval for the February meeting minutes. Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

EDUCATION PROGRAM: Eric Jackson introduced new educators for our outreach team. Wendy Samzs has been teaching over 13 years and actually took over the Junior High and High School programs from Brian Murphy who will be retiring this summer.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer presented to the Board the list of surplus items for the month. He advised that the 206 and UH1H helicopters and all their associated spray equipment are on the surplus list. The equipment is listed together to enable the associated equipment to be placed on the list by property description, date acquired, cost of acquisition, condition, estimated fair value and any comments about the item. Al Bennett's Aircraft Maintenance group has evaluated the systems. Most of the helicopters have less than 500 hours and condition was approved by the broker. The broker will handle these items once they are out on Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) website. Russ asked if the Board would approve this list to be placed on DACS surplus property list. Commissioner Brantley asked if it is still possible to use the equipment when it goes on the surplus list. Russ answered affirmatively. Carmen stated that Russ has the bio of the seller/broker. The spray systems will be sold with the aircraft they are attached to, as they are aircraft-specific per Director Gale. The Broker works with Airbus but is an independent/licensed broker. Chairman Hart requested this information to make certain that we have explored other Brokers and vetted this one to be the choice.

Airbus has a department for used helicopters. They have a process whereby they may have to hold the used ones a year or more before selling them and they could be sold 30% less than what we could sell them on the open market. This is one of the reasons we did no helicopter trade-in with them. They were very up front about trade-in prices and we felt that going on the open market would be advantageous to us. These values are significantly higher than trade-in value with Airbus. None of these will be sold until our new ones have arrived and been tested. DACS will receive the list with the purchasers contacting the broker directly to make negotiations. The broker will sell to mosquito control districts first. We are using the broker in order to avoid having to enter into negotiations. Motion was made by Commissioner Farrar to list the surplus property as provided by staff with the condition that we have outlined. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mann and the Board unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATES – Dr. Hoel, reported the following:

- The Board of County Commissioners approved the "CF" designation of the District's property.
- The old DC3 that was stored for many years off the south runway is now being dismantled. The aircraft was owned by the WWII pilot who actually flew it. He has passed away and the estate has no interest in the aircraft and have left it to us. It is in extremely poor condition and the District has decided for safety reasons to dismantle and dispose of it.
- Two Airbus helicopters arrived yesterday. Dr. Hoel invited the Board to have a look at them after today's meeting.
- Spray systems should be in next week and will be installed as quickly as possible.
- The District is applying for a Limited Development Order (LDO) to finish the driveway off Runway 6.
- Woodstock Property Court hearing will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 19 at the County Courthouse, Boardroom 4H with Judge Tile presiding.
- The current Leadership Lee County class came out for a demonstration and tour of the District on March 9. Commissioner Hart asked what island the class visited. Dr. Hoel advised that we utilize Beautiful Island as a demonstration area for spray systems using water and corncobs. Demos are performed to show group how we spray. Taking the Leadership group on tour this way helped us to do a trial run of the same presentation for the meeting next week with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Gale reported that his American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) term as President has ended. Now he is Chair of the Nominating Committee and Awards Committee and in charge of planning AMCA Washington Days for next year. He advised the Board that Washington Days is just around the corner on May 13-17, 2018 and the room block is closing quickly. Commissioners Farrar, Mann and Brantley are planning to attend.

The first part of this week Director Gale was at the National Association of City & County Health Officials (NACHO) annual meeting. AMCA training materials were modified for their summit meeting and Director was a facilitator for that training in Orlando. Next year the AMCA meeting will be in Orlando. Director also advised the Board that he is now President of the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) until next November. Next year the FMCA meeting is going to be in St. Petersburg, FL.

Director has had a trip to Geneva, Switzerland this month to present on behalf of AMCA regarding the training program sponsored by AMCA. We do have a training contract with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to develop mosquito control training for AMCA. Mosquito.org is the site for online, and there are 10 training centers around the country set up to do onsite training. The presentation was to the Roll Back Malaria Working Group who meets annually to discuss malaria control and Director gave a presentation on the training.

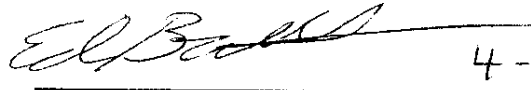
FISCAL REVIEW – Secretary-Treasurer Farrar reported on the Mosquito Control financials. Motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Farrar and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the Mosquito Control financial reports as presented. The Board approved unanimously.

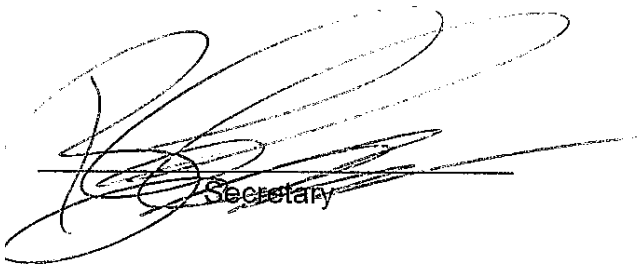
Secretary/Treasurer Farrar then presented the Hyacinth Control financial reports for the month and made a motion to approve as submitted. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Director Gale requested Eric Jackson speak to the Board about Sterile Insect Technology (SIT) information. Eric advised the Board there is an SIT information sheet covering this technology and there will be a meeting with City Managers on Sanibel in March and will also be meeting with the Captiva panel to present the SIT program to them. It is about a year away from program implementation and LCMCD is attempting to get this information out quickly to as many groups as possible early on. LCMCD is attempting to provide information to the community so people understand what we are doing and there are no misconceptions about the new program.

Commissioner Mann stated that there is some Bailey Tract property that they are planning to return to marshland (pond areas). We are out there every year during Ding Darling Days and are planning to incorporate more information on that in our Mosquito Control information covering how we have been involved setting up the drive, etc. Director Gale stated that we share our concerns with them even though we do not have any control over what happens with it. They have been more cooperative over the last several years.

There being no further business Vice-Chairman Brantley requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion which the Board unanimously agreed. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.


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Chairman


Secretary