

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

PRESENT: Chairman William M. Ellis, Vice-Chairman Ed Brantley, Secretary-Treasurer Brian Farrar, Commissioners Thomas B. Hart, Bruce C. Scott.

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: Brionna Powell, Florida Department of Health for Lee County, Jamie Saunders 8566 Redwood Drive, St. James City, FL 33956

MINUTES APPROVAL: Chairman Ellis requested Board approval for the March meeting minutes. Commissioner Hart made the motion and Commissioner Scott seconded motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved.

Commissioner Hart presented the meeting minutes from June 2016 for signature today. Commissioner Hart was the Chairman of the Board at that time and did not present them for approval and signing at that meeting he requested that Board approve and sign them today. Commissioner Scott seconded the Board approved unanimously.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Brionna Powell presented the Health Department report for the month. We have been quiet this year as there have been no human cases of arbovirus in humans, chicken or horses. There is a possibility for Zika to return as mosquito season progresses but we have a good grasp on things here but with travel cases, anything is possible.

WEBSITE REPORT: Eric Jackson, Public Information Officer, advised that he has done a proposal request and received three responses. We are working with Local Lines and Chris Gates in Purchasing is working on the contract. It can take between 30-60 days to get the site up and running is very dependent on how well we all work with each other and disseminate information in a timely manner. He will be working with Keith Lowe in IT and hopefully have it up and running by the end of summer.

EDUCATION PROGRAM: Eric Jackson has news that Jennifer McBride, Wendy Samz and now Mark McCreary has joined them as part of the team. Mark has 30 years of experience and will work well within our education program. Neil Wilkinson and Brian Murphy are both retiring.

PROJECT UPDATES AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: - Assistant Director, Dr. Hoel, reported the following:

- The first thing is that the last A Star should be in early this afternoon.
- We have the tanks and spinners hooked up on some of the booms and have done trial runs. The pilots are saying that they could fly at 80 knots and the boom sprayers did a good job at this speed spraying in the swath test.
- We have three liquid and one granular tank in house with more arriving over this next few weeks. - Our other aircraft are ready to go for this season. We should kick off around the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month.
- Two others are coming in from Fort Pierce they have been outfitted with raise back kits, which are actually different propellers that provide capability to take off in a shorter distance.
- Sterile Insect Technology (SIT) Building modifications are proceeding along nicely. The building upgrade is going well.
- The X-ray machine that we expected in July/August is actually ready and we will arrange to have it delivered at the same time as the chiller.
- The tray rack will go up soon and we start larval rearing tests. The European system is supposed to be the best and allow us to rear lots of mosquitoes.
- Selina Yaghoubi of the University of South Florida will be working with us for the next few months and reporting to Rachel Morreale, Applied Science and Technologies Manager.
- The floor is being replaced in the chemical mixing room and should be finished today. That will be a non-slip surface. Traction with this floor is very good.

- .. Still no word from Judge Gentile concerning the Woodstock property.
- Executive Director Gale and Commissioner Mann are in Washington today by invitation from the United States Department of Transportation. They are there to accept the partnership offered by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao for LCMCD to be one of ten participants in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (I-JAS) Integration Pilot Program which will develop a regulatory framework to safely integrate drones into our national airspace. He is learning what this all

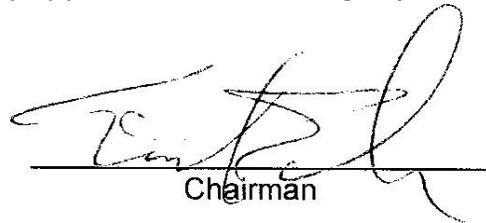
entails for LCMCD in the future and the opportunity provides us with a seat at the table for future discussions.

- .. Eric explained that the announcement was made yesterday in Washington D.C. and he has already received calls from the Associated Press, United Press and British press. It is a big deal that we are one of the 10 selected and the fact that we have pilots in the air we need to make sure that regulations provide safety for them.
- There is an empty blank contract in the Board packets that needs to be reviewed at the next board meeting. The contract is a Debris Staging Agreement for next year and they would like to have an agreement in place in case of future need. This will provide parameters of what each party is going to do. Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities stated that there is a 30 day exit clause on the contract for either party as the stated term in the agreement is for 10 years. Chairman Ellis requested that this be put back on the agenda for next month.

FISCAL REVIEW — Secretary-Treasurer Farrar reported that due to the early date for this month's meeting the Financial Statements for May will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Chairman Ellis commended Carmen McKinney on his service with the District and thanked him for his many contributions.

There being no further business Chairman Ellis requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, which the Board unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11 am.



Chairman