

Regular Meeting Meeting Minutes

November 15th, 2018

Commissioner Ellis called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMCD/LCHCD) on November 15th, 2018 10:01 am, in the Training Center at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT:

- Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley, Vice Chair
- Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer
- Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chair
- Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
- Seat 5- Commissioner George T. Mann, Jr.
- Seat 6- Commissioner Absent
- Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott
- Legal Counsel – Douglas B. Szabo, Edward P. Canterbury and Kaylee A. Tuck

STAFF:

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| Director- Wayne T. Gale | |
| Chief Financial Officer- Russ Baker | Public Information Assistant- Jamie Fowler |
| Public Information Officer- Eric Jackson | HR Director- Jackie Small |
| Public Relations Assistant- Pat Ferrara | Manager, Scientific Intelligence- Milton Sterling |
| Executive Assistant to the Director- Summer De La Cruz | IT Director, Keith Lowe |
| Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts | |

VISITORS:

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| Ndakhte Ndiaye- Saint James City | Deb Memoli- Pine Island |
| Virginia Skorupski- Bokeelia | Jonathan Hunt- Matlacha |
| Ed Franke- Unknown Address | Jerry Weekly- Embry Riddle University |
| Jamie Saunders- Pine Island | Tyler Woodby- Lehigh Acres |

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

- Virginia Syorupski
- Ndakhte Ndiaye
- Deb Memoli
- Jamie Saunders
- Jonathan Hunt

MINUTES APPROVAL: *Commissioner Ellis requested board approval for the month of October 18th, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the October 18th meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The board unanimously approved. Commissioner Bowen abstained.*

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, reported that currently there are no mosquito-borne viral disease reported in Lee County. Updated the Board regarding an increase in cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) around the state, mostly northern areas. Commissioner Mann asked about news reports regarding yellow fever. Director Roth said that the State is looking into it but have found nothing to report thus far and are continuing to monitor.

SOFTWARE ENHANCEMENT

Leading Edge- MapVision was developed for Lee County Mosquito Control by Leading Edge to replace and enhance programs developed in house that could no longer be supported. The prior programming was written in a language that has been retired since early 2015. MapVision was developed over a two year period, 2016 - 2017, by a team of Lee County Mosquito Control personnel working with Leading Edge programmers designed to address Mosquito Control and specifically tailored for Lee County Mosquito Control. MapVision was deployed in the 2018 mosquito season and uses programming accessed via the internet, laptops with GPS, and iPhones. After using the MapVision programming for the past year, several areas of enhancements have been identified that will further improve the software.

Commissioner Mann called for a motion to approve Leading Edge software, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, the board approved unanimously.

VEHICLES REPLACEMENT: As indicated in the vehicle purchases for FYE 2019 worksheet, pricing and budgeted amounts for seven (7) vehicles, one (1) John Deere tractor for LCMCD and one (1) vehicle for LCHCD are available for review and approval. The District routinely purchase vehicles and equipment through a cooperative purchasing contract (Florida Sheriff's Association "FSA" - (pricing contract number FSA18-VEL 26.0). The District's use the FSA contract because of much better pricing.

As indicated in the District Property to be Declared Surplus worksheet five (5) vehicles for LCMCD and one (1) vehicle for LCHCD are presented for approval for disposal in accordance with Florida Statutes and District policy.

On a routine basis District personnel review the existing vehicle and heavy equipment fleet to determine operational effectiveness. As vehicles become more expensive to maintain, District personnel request the Board to declare those assets surplus so they may be disposed in accordance with Florida Statutes and District policy. On an annual basis, District personnel provide for the replacement of vehicles in the annual budget.

Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the purchase of (7) vehicles. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion, the board approved unanimously.

DIBROM PURCHASE OF F50 PALLETS:

The District received bid prices for the 2019 calendar year in October of 2018. The price of dibrom will increase (see attachment) by 3.96% from \$6,388.50 to \$6,672.90 per barrel on January 1, 2019. LCMCD will save \$56,880 by purchasing dibrom in the current calendar year.

LCMCD can treat 2 to 2.7 million acres, depending on the flow rate, with the dibrom available after the purchase.

Commissioner Mann moved to approve the purchase of 50 pallets of dibrom. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, the board approved unanimously.

AIRCRAFT SPRAY TANKS: The District procured four each Super King Airs (Two each 1974 C-12A and two each 1980 TC-12B aircraft). Two of these (TC-12B) aircraft were procured from and retrieved from Davis Monthan Air Force Base where they spent 12 plus years in storage and two each (C-12A) were procured from The Department of Homeland Security after being declared surplus. After a great deal of work, the two from Arizona were ferried home. The two C-12As were ferried home from Texas. All these aircraft have or are having all primary flight instruments and avionics (Radios and navigation gear) replaced with new Garmin "Glass" cockpit technology. All have also had the Raisbeck Engineering Epic performance upgrades accomplished to them (one here at the District and three at a facility in Ft Peirce). In addition, all the aircraft require/required a full biennial inspection, all of the Beechcraft mandated Special inspections, numerous landing gear component overhauls and the complete fabrication of Dibrom spray systems. The spray system requires an externally mounted composite tank which will have an equipment deck off the rear of the tank that will house the system's filler valve, strainer, pump, plumbing and electrical components. The tank will have aerodynamic fairings front and rear. Embry Riddle has been working with us in the design and engineering of the structural modifications necessary to support the tank as well as with the design of tank to insure proper aerodynamics and capacity. They are supplying us with the CATIA files for the tank that have been shared.

Commissioner Brantley requested from Jerry Weekly of Embry Riddle University to provide a project schedule.

WOODSTOCK AIRPORT PURCHASE: Director T. Wayne Gale briefed the audience on the history of purchasing Woodstock. T. Wayne Gale requested the board to make a decision to purchase Woodstock or not to purchase. Edward P. Canterbury, Legal Counsel spoke on the lease and purchase of Woodstock. Extending the lease for another six months would cost the District \$60,000 in rent. If the lease with Woodstock is extended for another six months, that would put the lease contract till 06/30/2019.

Legal Counsel, Douglas B. Szabo, whom will be handling the oral agreement on the appeal of the case spoke on the legalities on the brief and time frames of having the case resolved on the appellant level. Legal Counsel Szabo also briefed legality of the easement concerns with the Pine Island residents and the Woodstock purchase.

Commissioner Mann made a statement "Reference of Woodstock".

Commissioner Brantley – The Director, along with the staff, have many years of experience protecting the Lee County public from mosquito-carried diseases. I trust that their recommendation to purchase Woodstock Airport aligns with the pursuit to ensure public safety of Lee County, for this reason I'm in favor of the Director recommendation. I thank the residents of Pine Island for taking the time to provide input during this process. I respect the concerns raised by neighbors of Woodstock Airport. This was not an easy decision, but I feel it is what's best for Lee County as a whole.

Conclusion on not taking action to purchase Woodstock was, no action on the next board meeting, will result in a closing on December 31st.

T. Wayne Gale recommended that the Board make a decision at this regular board meeting.

Commissioner Bruce Scott called for a motion that LCMCD/LCMHD does not extend the lease of Woodstock. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion not to extend the least at Woodstock. The board unanimously approved, Commissioner Bowen abstained.

Bruce Scott moved to move forward with the purchase of Woodstock. Commissioner Ellis called for a second, no response to Commissioner Ellis, motion died.

Commissioner Bruce Scott made a statement on why it is a good opportunity to purchase the Woodstock airport.

Commissioner Ellis is concerned that Pine Island residents will keep Lee county Mosquito Control in litigation for a long period of time.

Motion made by Commissioner Farrar to terminate the purchase agreement. Commissioner called for a second. No response to Commissioner Ellis. Motion died.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Wayne Gale, Director of Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District

- Dr. David Hoel is visiting EPA in Washington with Katie Baker and Ed Foley. The Office of Pesticide Program director invited them to discuss LCMCD ongoing calibration with them in regards of developing useful labels with them.
- Directors retirement and last meeting is December 14th, 2018
- Finished presidency of FMCA this past week in St. Petersburg, FL
- Pat Mann received presidential citation from the FMCA

FISCAL REVIEW: *Commissioner Farrar presented the District Treasures report for October 2018 and moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously. Commissioner Bowen abstained.*

Commissioner Farrar then presented the Hyacinth Control District Treasures report for October 2018. Motion to approve the Hyacinth Financials was made by Commissioner Farrar, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brantley, The board approved unanimously. Commissioner Bowen abstained.

Commissioner Bruce Scott moved to approve to move forward with the team at Embry Riddle. Commissioner Ed Brantley seconded the motion, the board approved unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: CFO, Russ Baker presented budget amendments for both LCMCD and LCHCD for the fiscal year ending in September 30, 2018 in accordance with district policy.

Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the amended budget for fiscal year 2019, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, the board approved unanimously. Commissioner Bowen abstained.

DIRECTOR REPLACEMENT

Commissioner Ellis asked T. Wayne Gale the process of replacing Director Opp.

Director Wayne T. Gale stated that he was an acting director while the board was reviewing applicants and observing him. Director stated that he brought Dr. David Hoel in a year ago to act as an acting director and possibly observe Dr. Hoel while they were reviewing applicants.

Commissioner Mann moved to make Dr. David Hoel acting director for four months to conduct a search for replacement Director. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The board approved unanimously.

Commissioner Ellis appointed Commissioner Ed Brantley to work with HR Director Jackie Small in searching for a replacement director.

There being no further business, Commissioner Ellis moved to adjourn. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion which the Board approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.



Chair Mike Ellis

Term: December 2016 – November 2020



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer
Term: December 2014 – November 2018