

Commissioner Brantley called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMCD/LCHCD) on February 21st, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the William Opp Training Center at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT:

- Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley, Chair
- Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer
- Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis
- Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen
- Seat 5- Commissioner George T. Mann, Jr.
- Seat 6- Commissioner T. Hart
- Seat 7- Commissioner Absent

Legal Counsel – Not Present

STAFF:

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| Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel | Deputy Director, PIO- Eric Jackson |
| Chief Financial Officer- Russ Baker | HR Director- Jackie Small |
| Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz | Milton Sterling- Manager, Science Intelligence |
| Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts | |

VISITORS: None Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:
No one present

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the month of February 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The board unanimously approved.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology
For the Lee County Health Department reported that Lee County is quiet Advisories/Alerts: Bay, Calhoun, Miami-Dade, Sumter, and Suwannee counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. No other counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.
<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/documents/2019/2019-week-11-arbovirus-surveillance-report.pdf>

AGENDA ITEM REPORT TOPICS:

- **Completion of Embry-Riddle spray tank project**

Authorize the expenditure of funds, not to exceed \$198,200, for engineering and construction of three (3) spray tanks for LCMCD King Air 200 airplanes. The action will allow the Executive Director, Manager, Aircraft Maintenance and the Purchasing Manager to: (1) enter into an agreement with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for an aerial spray tank support design, analysis and engineering/manufacturing data package, and (2) enter into a contractual arrangement with Creative-Composites for the construction of three (3) aerial spray tanks for the King Air 200 aircraft.

Commissioner Brantley moved for a motion to approve completion of the Embry-Riddle spray tank project with the stipulation that a certified engineer would approve before tested and flights. Commissioner Farrar made the motion, Commissioner Hart seconded. The board approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Hoel will provided an update on recent activities.

Aircraft inventory update:

- **Painting of the King Air 200 N762MC-** April 15th in Lakeland Florida
- **Floor mats for Airbus helicopters-** We are having a difficult time finding a company who makes

floor mats for dual control helicopters. The District is considering making the floor mats.

- **Bell Helicopter-** The last Bell has left the District property and there are no longer any Bell helicopters left in our capital asset inventory.

Facilities and activities update:

- **SIT-** LCMCD submitted a request for proposal to FDACS to be part of the CDC cooperative agricultural grant for our SIT operations as novel technologies in mosquito control. We are currently awaiting commentary from FDACS, FDOH, and CDC. If we receive this grant, we expect it will be for \$300,000 and that the money will arrive in July.
- **AMCA-** We met the owner of a small company called Senecio that manufactures a machine that rapidly separates adult mosquitoes by sex. Senecio will loan us their machine to test for speed and accuracy trials. If it proves satisfactory, we will purchase it. This stands to eliminate a big bottleneck in mosquito production- separation of males from females, a very time consuming undertaking.
- **Infected Mosquito-** Our mosquitoes have been infected with a fungus detrimental to their health. Mosquito samples were sent to USDA and the fungus was identified. It is a soil fungus. We contracted with GFA to take rearing room, water and chicken pen samples. An analysis is due next week.

Health Insurance Renewal: HR Director, Jacquelyn Small briefed the board on the results of the District employees' benefits for April 1st, 2019- March 31st, 2020. Our broker, Mercer, researched and negotiated the rate for the District. All the insurance providers remained the same. Medical insurance through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida increased by 3.7% and the Districts vision insurance through Standard had increased by 5%.

Consent agenda: CFO, Russ Baker addressed the board on adopting the use of consent agendas at future meetings.

Commissioner Brantley requested board approval to add the use of consent agendas to the District policies. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The board unanimously approved.

FISCAL REVIEW: *Commissioner Farrar presented the District Treasurers report for February 2019. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously.*

Commissioner Farrar presented the Hyacinth Control District Treasurers report for February 2019. Motion to approve the Hyacinth financials was made by Commissioner Bowen, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart; the board approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Chair
Term: December 2016 – November 2020



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer