

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 21st, 2019

Commissioner Brantley called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMCD/LCHCD) on November 21st, 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, not present
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, Vice Chair

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Executive Director- Aaron Lloyd
Chief Financial Officer- Russ Baker
Deputy Director, PIO- Eric Jackson
Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

Senior Accountant- Sean O'Neill
Risk Manager- Rick Pardo
Public Information Assistant- Jamie Fowler
HR Director- Jackie Small
Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

VISITORS:

Michael Morrison-Swamp, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the month of October 2019 regular board meeting minutes. Commissioner Mann requested that the minutes from October be tabled to correct the wording of the Director obtaining a pilot license. Legal Counsel suggested that the board and staff move this to an agenda item and open it up for public comments.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to table the October regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Ellis made a motion. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion to table the minutes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology for the Lee County Health Department reported that October was an unusual month. An advisory is still in effect for West Nile. West Nile increased for the month of November. The weather will decrease the activity of mosquitoes soon. There are reported cases of travel Dengue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Surplus
- Vehicle purchase
- SIT bank account
- Budget amendments (moved to new business)
- Airboat purchase

LCMCD/LCHCD staff recommended the board pull the amended budget out of the consent agenda and proceed as a separate line item. Senior Accountant Sean O'Neill briefed the board with the highlights of the budget changes for fiscal year 2019-2020. John Agnew, legal counsel, suggested that we move the amendment to new business item and open it up for public comments.

Commissioner Farrar made a motion for board approval of the consent agenda except for the items pulled for discussion. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT- Senior Accountant, Sean O'Neill

Commissioner Brantley moved for a motion to approve the fiscal year 2019-20 budget amendments for Lee County Mosquito Control District. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. Commissioner Brantley opened for any public comments, no public comments made. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Commissioner Brantley moved for a motion to approve the fiscal year 2019-20 budget amendments for Lee County Hyacinth Control District. Commissioner Ellis made a motion. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. Commissioner Brantley opened for any public comments, no public comments made. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.

FACILITIES REPORT

Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd discussed with the board about possibly changing the Lee County Mosquito Control District vehicle colors. The purpose of this plan is to:

1. Easily identify field vehicles from other County vehicles
2. Make public aware of Mosquito Control vehicles
3. Enhance safety when working with and around the public in the field.

Commissioner Brantley requested to have the staff put together a summary or a presentation at their leisure since the staff is not seeking approval at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- United Way meeting
- Aircraft update; Safran pilot training at LCMCD
- King Air 200s, Conroe, TX aircraft
- Sterile male mosquito release Captiva Island
- Thank you letter, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife)
- Thank you letter, Lee Co. Dept. of Health, All-Staff meeting
- Thank you letter, Cape Coral Fire Department
- Russ Baker retirement early January

Eric Jackson, PIO, gave the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Board an Education department update on Jennifer McBride's departure for an opportunity to work at Lee County School District and about a new education position within the Mosquito District that has been posted and advertised.

FISCAL REVIEW: *Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the District Treasurer's report for October 2019. Commissioner Farrar moved for a motion to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Hyacinth Control District Treasurer's report for October 2019. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously, motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:


Commissioner Farrar stated that he was impressed with the professionalism he observed at the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) annual meeting from Lee County Mosquito Control District staff that attended the meeting.

Commissioner Mann spoke about FMCA drone demonstrations at the FMCA Commissioners event.

There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:55a.m.



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



Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer
Term: November 2018 – November 2022