

Commissioner Brantley called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMCD/LCHCD) on December 20th, 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 Bruce Scott, Vice Chair

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

**STAFF:**

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Risk Manager- Rick Pardo

Assistant Executive Director- Aaron Lloyd

Public Information Assistant- Jamie Fowler

Chief Financial Officer- Russ Baker

HR Director- Jackie Small

Senior Accountant- Sean O'Neill

Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

**VISITORS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Commissioner Brantley requested board approval for the month of October 2019 and November 2019 regular board meeting minutes.

*Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the October regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Hart made a motion. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the November regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar made a motion. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology for the Lee County Health Department reported that there are still a few sentinel chickens testing positive for West Nile virus in Florida.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- SunTrust Bank resolution for new signers

*Commissioner Scott made a motion for board approval of the consent agenda, Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Executive Director Pilot training- Commissioner Mann thought it would be beneficial for the Executive Director to have his pilot's license to better understand the operational side of aviation. Cost factor and time will be considered while taking actions towards a pilot's license. Commissioner Mann suggested that the budget would be up to \$18,000 on the next fiscal budget 2020-21.

*Commissioner Brantley requested a motion for board approval for the Executive Director to budget up to \$18,000 for a pilot's license, Commissioner Mann motioned the budget up to \$18,000 for the Director to obtain a pilot license. Commissioner Bowen added that he viewed the motion as training to allow the Executive*

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*Director to better understand the aerial operations and pilots he managed. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion questioning the Director on why he would want to proceed with the pilot licensing. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Election of new officers for the LCMHCD board

The Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts Nominated:

**Bruce Scott, Seat 7, for Chairman**

*Commissioners of LCMHCD nominated Commissioner Scott for chair. The board approved unanimously.*

**Steve Bowen, Seat 4, for Vice Chairman**

*Commissioners of LCMHCD nominated Commissioner Bowen for Vice Chair. The board approved unanimously.*

**Brian Farrar, Seat 2, for Secretary/Treasurer**

*Commissioners of LCMHCD nominated Commissioner Farrar for Secretary/Treasurer. The board approved unanimously.*

**FACILITIES REPORT:**

- Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd spoke briefly on the Boca Grande Heliport

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- First SIT release of X-ray sterilized mosquitoes in US this October on Captiva Island
- Completion of the SIT building making it functional, shelving is all that are left to be installed
- Successfully switched *Aedes aegypti* colony from blood feeding on live vertebrate host blood to artificial blood system
- LCMCD was awarded a grant by the FDOH for the CDC Hurricane Coagreement to support operational SIT through Dec. 2020. Grant is for \$879,000
- Rachel Morreale was invited by the IAEA to an Interregional Workshop in Guangzhou, China, and presented LCMCD's findings on the entomological baseline of Captiva Island in preparation for SIT releases. Participants toured an SIT facility to observe state-of-the-art technology being developed in China for *Aedes* control. She gave a trip summary presentation to the board
- Aerial adulticiding in August at a 10-year high, 3rd busiest season in a decade, 750,000 acres treated
- Truck ULV acreage treated at 10-year high, 779,000 acres through November
- Aerial and ground larviciding of 46,000 acres for the year, higher than 5-year average of 37,000 acres
- Hyacinth Control's treated acres for aquatic plants has more than doubled over the last 6 years, from 413 acres in 2013 to 850 acres this year
- HR Director Jackie Small updated the board on finishing the Director evaluation form

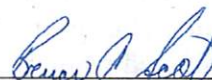
**FISCAL REVIEW:** *Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the District Treasurer's report for November 2019. Commissioner Farrar moved for a motion to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously, motion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

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Farrar Commented on Russ Baker's last board meeting due to retirement.

*There being no further business, Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.*



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Commissioner Bruce Scott, Chair

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