

Commissioner Bowen called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) happening 8/20/2020, 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
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen, Vice Chair
Seat 5- Commissioner George T. Mann, Jr.
Seat 6- Commissioner T. Hart, Not present
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, Chair, Not present

Legal Counsel – John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd
Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill
Deputy Director, Public Information & Education- Eric Jackson
Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts
Senior Accountant- Angela Kershaw
Manager, Scientific Intelligence- Milton Sterling
Public Information Specialist- Jamie Fowler
Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

VISITORS:

William Burke

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:
None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the month of 7/16/2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 7/16/2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology for the Lee County Health Department reported that recent Arbovirus surveillance in Florida includes endemic mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), and St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV), as well as exotic viruses such as dengue virus (DENV), chikungunya virus (CHIKV), Zika virus (ZIKV), and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). Malaria, a parasitic mosquito-borne disease is also included. During the period of August 16-22, 2020, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida.

- **WNV activity:** Thirteen human cases of WNV infection were reported this week in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. Five horses with WNV infection were reported this week in Broward, Lee, and Manatee counties. Five sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week in Martin and St. Lucie counties. In 2020, positive samples from 17 humans, 31 asymptomatic blood donors, six horses, four crows, 11 blue jays,

two ibises, 12 mosquito pools, and 73 sentinel chickens have been reported from 18 counties.

- **EEEV activity:** No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week.
- **Dengue Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** Five cases of locally acquired dengue fever were reported in Monroe County this week. These were identified through retrospective case finding efforts to better characterize activity early in the outbreak. In 2020, 53 cases of locally acquired dengue fever have been reported.
- **Chikungunya Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever were reported this week. In 2020, no cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported.

Advisories/Alerts: Bradford, Holmes, Lee, and Martin counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness alert. No other counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Surplus

Commissioner Bowen requested board approval of consent agenda item Surplus. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion to approve consent agenda. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Manager, Aircraft Maintenance, Al Bennett presented to the Board Airbus Component Depreciation breakdown. Mr. Bennett also discussed the warranty for the helicopters and part costs. Commissioner Farrar recommended that the Mr. Bennett put together a summary of suggestions and the Executives bring it back to the board with recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bruce Scott will work with the LCMHCD handbook.

FACILITIES REPORT: Assistant Director, Aaron Lloyd

- Port Authority– Deputy Director Eric Jackson has been working with the Port Authority to undergo a memorandum of understanding to sweep our runways here at the Districts.
- Ding Darling– The LCMCD Education Department has been working with Ding Darling, USDA and Woodstream Corp. on a small-scale mosquito trapping project.
- FDACS– Marah Clark with FDACS reached out to the District for future training. Deputy Director Eric Jackson and Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd believe that the District is very capable of accommodating them as well as others for Public Health and aquatic CEUs. Further discussion to work out an agreement between FDACS and LCMCD will take place.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Dr. David Hoel


- OPEB– The LCMHCD Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund held a meeting on July 21st, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the District headquarters.
- SIT consultant, Danilo Carvalho cannot return this fall as originally scheduled due to COVID-19 lockdown in Europe.
- SIT– Invoices have been submitted for the last two quarters. FDH has moved the process along and we will be expecting payments.
- We have signed a contract with Dynamic Aviation to spray our aerial adulticide blocks if an emergency arises such as a storm or COVID infection of pilots create the need.
- Meeting remote participation– Governor Ron DeSantis issued an Executive Order 20-193 amending the provisions of order 20-179, which allows board members to attend board meetings by remote means. EO 20-193 extends through 1 Oct 2020.
- Deputy Director Eric Jackson briefed the Board on how the Lee County School District and LCMCD are moving forward this school year.

FISCAL REVIEW: *Commissioner Farrar presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report of 7/31/2020. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

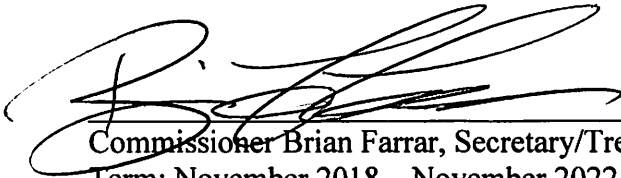
Commissioner Farrar presented the LCHCD Treasurers report for 7/31/2020. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously, motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: None

No further business, Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



STEPHEN R. BOWEN VICE CHAIR
Commissioner ~~Bruce Scott, Chair~~
Term: December 2016 – November 2020



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