

Commissioner Scott called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 9/10/2020, at 4:45 pm. 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

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 Scott requested board approval for the month of 8/20/2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the 8/20/2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*  
*Commissioner Scott requested board approval for the Workshop minutes the month of 8/20/2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 8/20/2020 workshop minutes. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Surplus

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Board meeting calendar.

Calendar Year  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Workshop (8:30 a.m.)

Regular meeting (10:00 a.m.)

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Regular meeting (4:15 pm)

First public hearing on proposed budget

(5:01 p.m. Hyacinth Control District)

(5:15 p.m. Mosquito Control District)

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Final public hearing on proposed budget

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#### **Fiscal Year**

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Executive Director Dr. David Hoel discussed Helicopter warranties and has decided not to purchase either plan and LCMCD will designate reserves for the repairs of the helicopters.

#### **FACILITIES REPORT: Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd**

- No report

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Executive Director Dr. David Hoel:

- Aircraft update. Spray system for N762 just installed and ready for testing. Second tank for N763 is being manufactured in Kansas and we expect it in before year's end. N1560 (second King Air 200) is under contract for purchase by Davis Aviation, Brandon, MS, for \$400,000.
- Hyacinth drone aquatic herbicide applications. The LCHCD aquatic herbicide Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) program has officially taken flight as of September 1, 2020. It was a long arduous process in receiving the final certification of approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, but it was worth it. To the best of our knowledge, the District is the only legal entity approved to perform aquatic herbicide applications via UAS in the State of Florida at this time. Our first mission last week was a promising success targeting water lettuce at the Lee County Utilities wastewater settling ponds on Summerlin Road and Pine Ridge Road. In the last few years, *Mansonia* numbers have been quite prevalent in Lee County. Now with this added component to our plant management program, LCHCD staff are able treat areas that previously had no access, at a better efficacy, and using reduced amounts of chemical, saving the District money. It's still a bit early, but we believe this is going to be an integral and effective instrument to continue the success and innovation of our program ... more to come!(go to the Drobo folder - video -Agras videos, there are three videos of our drone spraying water lettuce at the Lee County Utilities wastewater ponds).

**FISCAL REVIEW:** *Commissioner Farrar presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report of 8/31/2020. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Farrar presented the LCHCD Treasurers report for 8/31/2020. 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

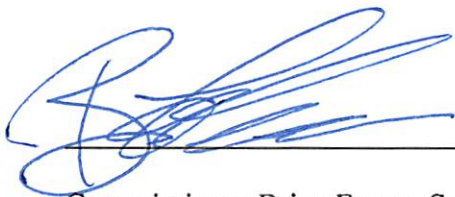
*No further business, Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at: 5:02 pm.*



Commissioner Bruce Scott, Chair

Term: December 2016 – November 2020

COMMISSIONER STEPHEN BOWEN, VICE CHAIR



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