

Commissioner Bowen called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 10/15/2020, 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 Chairman  
Seat 5- Commissioner George T. Mann, Jr.  
Seat 6- Commissioner T. Hart  
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, Chairman, 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  
Manger, Scientific Intelligence- Milton Sterling  
Public Information Specialist- Jamie Fowler  
Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz  
Purchasing Manager- Chris Gates

**VISITORS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board:  
None

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the 9/10/2020 LCMHCD Regular meeting minutes, 09/10/2020 LCHCD Public Hearing, 09/10/2020 LCMCD Public Hearing, 09/24/2020 LCHCD Final Public Hearing, and 09/24/2020 LCMCD Final Public Hearing. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve all five meeting minutes. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

**Advisories/Alerts:** Bay, Bradford, Charlotte, Holmes, Lee, and Martin counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. Broward, Collier, 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 for the consent agenda item Surplus. Commissioner Mann moved to approve consent agenda. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion to approve consent agenda. The board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Purchasing Manager Chris Gates presented to the LCMHCD Board the results from the BID Proposals for Adulticide and Larvicide for Lee County Mosquito Control and the BIDS results for the Aquatic Herbicides for Lee County Hyacinth Control. The District solicited and received bids from vendors for an Annual Price Agreement for Adulticides, Larvicides, and Herbicides. Recommends award to the lowest responsible bidder(s) that meets BIDS specifications.

**Lee County Mosquito Control District**

TOTAL ANNUAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES \$3,460,692.00 plus

CONTINGENCY (if necessary) \$500,000.00

**FINANCIAL and BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Chemical purchases will be charged to the inventory account. Chemical expenditures will be charged as chemicals as requested from inventory for use for the field.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** Bids were due October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020, bid tabulation sheets were emailed Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 and presented on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 for approval.

**Lee County Hyacinth Control District**

The District solicited and received bids from vendors for the Annual Price Agreement for Aquatic Herbicides. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsible bidder(s) that meets BIDS specifications.

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE \$200,000.00

**FINANCIAL and BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Chemical purchases will be charged to the inventory account. Chemical expenditures will be charged as chemicals as requested from inventory for use in the field

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** Bids were due October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020, bid tabulation sheets were e-mailed Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 and presented October 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 for approval.

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the Annual Price Agreement(s) for the Adulticide and Larvicide, LCMCD. Commissioner Mann Made the motion. Commissioner Farrar seconded, the board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the Annual Price Agreement(s) for Aquatic Herbicides LCHCD. Commissioner Farrar Made the motion. Commissioner Ellis seconded, the board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the Annual Price Agreement for Fuel for LCMHCD. Commissioner Hart Made the motion. Commissioner Ellis seconded, the board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**FACILITIES REPORT:** Assistant Director, Aaron Lloyd spoke about the completion of the Park Road project. The road is now accessible. Woodstock LDO for cement pad, the County had some questions and are now working with LIS Engineering for permit.

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

**Aircraft Update-** Airbus N868MC is undergoing transmission input and engine output oil seal replacement at this time. N198RD is undergoing an annual inspection at this time (Propellers will be coming off for overhaul in December). We are scheduling a wing pull inspection at Basler Turbo Conversions in June. King Air 200 N762MC has been flown a few times and we are working off minor discrepancies (Fuel Quantity gages, air conditioning and radio issues) that are coming up as we start operating the aircraft. We are looking forward to a night time test flight to check the LED IR lighting. These lights have proven to work very well in conjunction with the helicopter ULV system.

N763MC has been run and we are working on some mods we have found necessary on N762MC so as to have these done prior to receiving the chemical tank. Do not know the status of the second King Air 200 spray tank progress. One aircraft mechanic is scheduled to go to Airbus training for the next two weeks.

First contracted spray by Dynamic Aviation occurred the evening of 8 Oct 2020 north of the Caloosahatchee River and between 1-75 and SR 31. 17,500 acres were treated with a King Air 90 using our Dibrom. We sought out Dynamic Aviation in case of COVID infections in our pilots, as a way to cover aerial treatments. All went well, and post-spray truck trap surveillance showed a drop in adult mosquitoes for this area.

**Meeting with Hendry Co. Public Works-aquatic weed and mosquito control-**

Kevin Watts and I met to discuss aquatic weed control issues in western Hendry Co. next to Lehigh Acres that we feel is producing a lot of mosquitoes. Hendry Co. is funded at \$420,000/year, enough to treat only townships several times a year by air and to maintain a truck ULV operation. We would like to do either aerial sprays several times a year just within the Hendry Co. border or drone herbicide applications for *Mansonia* and *Coquillettidia* control. We will formulate a plan and return to you with it for your approval. We will provide cost estimates, frequency of application, and work for approval/coordination with Hendry Co. beforehand.

**Employee Handbook-**

The updated Employee Handbook has been completed and reviewed by Chairman Scott. I'll be sending each of you the electronic version of the handbook via email. Please review, and if you have any questions or comments give me a call or email me by Nov. 1, 2020. I'll be asking for a vote to approve the updated handbook at the November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 board meeting.

**FISCAL REVIEW:** *Commissioner Farrar presented the LCMCD Treasurers report 9/30/2020. 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 9/30/2020. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials. Commissioner Hart 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.*



Commissioner Bruce Scott, Chair  
Term: December 2016 – November 2020



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