

Commissioner Bowen called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 1/21/2021, 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, Secretary/Treasurer
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Vice Chairman- Remote Zoom
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis
Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chairman
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke
Seat 6- Commissioner T. Hart
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, Not present

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

Legal Counsel notified the board that Executive Order 20-246 had expired and that the Chairman would have to request a motion for Commissioner Farrar to attend the regular Board meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Bowen requested a motion to allow Commissioner Farrar to join the meeting remotely. Commissioner Hart moved to approve Farrar's remote attendance. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously, motion passed.

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neil

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Human Resource Director- Jackie Small

Public Information Specialist- Jamie Fowler

Risk Management- Rick Pardo

Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

VISITORS:

Robert Greco, Anthony Greco, Tony Greco

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology
The Lee County Health Department was unable to attend. Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd updated the Board that there have been no cases on the state report. However, in-house testing reported one sentinel chicken WNV positive at Shady Oaks in Fort Myers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

No Consent Agenda

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the 12/18/2020 LCMHCD regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve 12/18/2020 minutes. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business to discuss.

FACILITIES REPORT: Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd provided an update on LCMHCD facility projects.

- Building (H) metal repairs are complete. We are framing windows and preparing for external paint.
- Currently, the Miller building is still cleaned and cleared out. The Districts will be forming an internal committee for the future renovations of the Miller Building.
- Sunset Road paving project will be moving forward with a survey.
- FWS (Ding Darling) will be installing (4) new culverts to increase the flow of standing water, and our District will be meeting with the survey company to further discuss on Jan. 26, 2021.
- We have received the LDO on the cement pad for Woodstock, and now the District is waiting for quotes to select a contractor and apply for the permit.
- Eric Jackson and Lee County Port Authority worked on an inter-local agreement to sweep the North and South Runway for the District. The inter-local agreement is still being finalized, but the Port Authority generously offered to sweep the runways ahead of the document being completed. Crews completed the work last week.

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

- Airbus N866 was paid off on Dec. 28, 2020. Three helicopters remain on the lease.
- DC-3 N46RD is undergoing inspection-related repairs. Request for paint job made to Foster's paint shop in Lakeland for work in the spring.
- N198 is awaiting propeller return in 3 weeks.
- King Air N762 is slated to go to Tampa Beechcraft for wing structural repairs and will be scheduled after we receive an updated work scope/quote.
- N763 is operational.
- King Air N484 is operational.
- All helicopters are operational with short periods of downtime for scheduled inspections.
- LCMCD has been in discussions with Anastasia MCD and Volusia MCD in planning to offer aerial CEUs to those districts with personnel that need them. FMCA canceled the fly-in due to COVID. We would like to provide hands-on and classroom training in April if possible. Class size would be limited to the number of people who could safely occupy the Opp Training Center. We are not yet sure what specific topics would be offered, so we reached out to these districts and asked if they can provide instructors and what they were interested in teaching. LCMCD would provide some training as well. As soon as a list of classes are decided on, we will advertise and offer first-come, first-served enrollment. Mr. Lloyd is authorized to provide CEUs. Hotel location and rates has been decided on. Training dates are from noon April 6th, 2021 through noon, April 8th, 2021.
- LCMCD signed an SIT grant agreement with the DOH in October 2019. Late in 2020, their lawyers reviewed this document and decided that provisions needed to be added that gave DOH ownership of any gear with a value greater than \$5000 purchased with grant money, and a percentage of ownership in any LCMHCD building in which grant money was spent for modifications or improvements. Discussions with Brianna Beynart, POC for DOH, occurred in early December. I discussed our position of staying with the original agreement and keeping the equipment we purchased with the grant money. They offered another \$351,000 grant extension to be paid between Jan. 1 and Jun. 30, 2021 if the new contract was signed. The last offer came at noon on Dec. 30, 2021. I was told I had until 4 p.m. to sign it; I did not sign. The extension opportunity has lapsed and DOH emailed me to say that it was too late for the \$351,000 offer. To date, they have paid \$630,000 of the \$879,000 grant, with plans to finish payout before Jun. 30, 2021. This grant was provided to FDOH from the CDC. FDOH was assigned as an administrator.

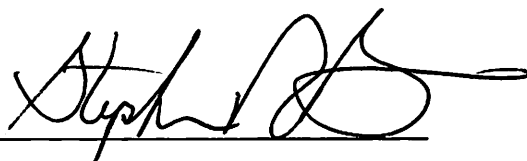
- The Districts are currently operating on a Work from Home schedule, minimizing the number of people working at the Districts. The intent is to limit personnel contact as COVID is now in the peak transmission cycle. To date, 7 LCMCD employees have contracted the virus. Three recovered last year; four returned to work this week following home quarantine.
- Model DC-3: The Greco family has finished the work on a small scale radio controlled DC-3. A demonstration will follow this meeting on the South Runway.
- I will be departing for a quarterly FASD meeting in Palm Coast immediately after this meeting that runs through COB Friday. Mr. Jackson is already at the meeting. Mr. Lloyd will be at the Districts both Thursday and Friday. At noon, the Sheriff's Department is scheduled to give training to their officers here in the Opp center today.

FISCAL REVIEW: *Commissioner Brantley presented the LCMCD Treasurers report 12/31/2020. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

Commissioner Brantley presented the LCHCD Treasurers report for 12/31/2020. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously, motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

No further business, Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chairman
Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer
Term: November 2020 – November 2024