

Commissioner Bowen called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 2/18/2021, 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

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

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

**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

Purchasing Manager- Chris Gates

Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

**VISITORS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the 1/21/2021 LCMHCD regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve 01/21/2021 minutes. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

### **LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology

The Lee County Health Department representative was unable to attend. Lee County Mosquito Control Manager, Scientific Intelligence, Milton Sterling, briefed the Board with highlights from the State arbovirus surveillance report.

We are no longer under a mosquito illness advisory and there are no positive cases to report.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Surplus

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the consent agenda item Surplus. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve consent agenda. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion to approve consent agenda. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

N762 spar cap needs to be replaced. The cost of the repair is \$244,000. This repair has been budgeted. The repairs are estimated to be completed in June 2021.

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the Aircraft N762 wing repair. Commissioner Scott moved to approve N762 repair. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

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

- The Quad is undergoing renovations with vehicle organization, fresh paint, painted parking lines, and numbered parking spaces. The wash station has been improved with new vacuums as well as pressure washers to maintain the District vehicle appearance.
- Six buildings need to be re-roofed. We have received 3 proposals, and we have selected a contractor. We are asking for a 20-year warranty; more details to follow next board meeting where we will be asking for a vote.

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

- Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) - We will not be paying Government sustaining membership dues until further notice. John Agnew defined the types of FMCA memberships allowed by the FMCA association documents. FMCA is now requiring mosquito districts to pay Government Sustaining (GS) dues as a condition to allowing individual memberships of district employees, which is inconsistent with the FMCA's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. We find it difficult to justify the expense of GS dues considering the lack of return of service from FMCA. In addition, FMCA has expenditures that are concerning, and we are not being provided with the financials of the association to explain the expenditures. At this time, we do not feel it is prudent to spend

tax dollars on a membership with the FMCA. Executive Director Dr. David Hoel explained the District will continue professional development, CEU's and Legislative efforts in the future regardless of membership with FMCA.

- Note: The Board strongly agrees that Lee County Mosquito Control District is one of the largest mosquito districts and is fully capable of continuing the education, legislative and professional development in the absence of FMCA, therefore;

*Commissioner Ellis made a motion that the board fully support the Executive Director, Dr. David Hoel, allowing him to make decisions regarding FMCA on his own to include the renewal of dues. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

- AMCA presentations: Both districts have submitted a total of eleven presentations for the annual AMCA meeting covering SIT, drone usage, mosquito control, and education.
- Visit to Broward County Mosquito Control: Mr. Lloyd and Dr. Hoel met with Dr. Dagne Duguma, the new director of BCMC in Pembroke Pines to review their program and to offer assistance with administrative paperwork issues. The mosquito control is a part of Broward Co. government with about 20 workers. They requested larviciding training assistance this summer by visiting and working with our crew. We expect three visitors and will let them stay in apartments or the house for one week.
- Virtual Education Day: AMCA Education Day has been occurring since the 1990's where district educators from all over the US would go to a local city school and provide mosquito education. This year Andrea, Mark and Wendy will be virtually providing this program in the hosting city of Salt Lake City.
- LCHCD provided 500 triploid grass carp on 5 Feb to provide 36 acres of aquatic plant control, fulfilling in part the continuing collaboration with the Port Authority, who swept our runways last month.
- COVID update: One new case this month, the total infected since the outbreak is 8.

#### **FISCAL REVIEW:**

*Commissioner Brantley presented the LCMCD Treasurers report on 1/31/2021. 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 1/31/2021. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials. Commissioner Farrar 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 10:57 a.m.*



Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chairman

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



