

Commissioner Bowen called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 3/18/2021, 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 Not present

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Vice Chairman

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chairman

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke Not present

Seat 6- Commissioner T. Hart

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott

Legal Counsel- John Agnew Not present

**STAFF:**

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director- Eric Jackson

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neil

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Human Resource Director- Jackie Small

Scientific Intelligence Manager- Milton Sterling

Purchasing Manager- Chris Gates

Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

**VISITORS:**

One visitor, arrived late, did not sign in

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the 02/18/2021 LCMHCD regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve 02/18/2021 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 District's Scientific Intelligence Manager, Milton Sterling, briefed the Board with highlights from the state arbovirus surveillance report.

There are no positive cases to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

None to discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

TPO Recover of Lee County Mosquito Control District, Buildings B, C, D, E, 1/P (see overhead view)

- Complete an infrared moisture scan by a licensed technician as required by Florida Code for a re-cover.
- Replace any moisture saturated areas at the additional cost of \$2/SF, \$250 minimum per location as indicated on moisture scan.
- Prep modified roof for TPO recover, remove lead VTRS's, vents and base flashings where existing.
- Full adhere GAF .060 Fleece back TPO to existing modified roof.
- Supply and install a single ply .060 TPO wall flashing at all wall / roof conditions terminating at a 1 piece shop fabricated 24 GA Kynar finished surface mount counter flashing. Note: install ¼" Scurlock if required for proper adhesion.
- Prefabricated penetrations at all existing VTR's.
- Shop fabricated 24 GA TPO Clad drip edge at eaves over existing fascia. Note: If wood blocking or sub fascia is found to be rotted it will be replaced where needed at per foot pricing below.
- On building E only, Shop fabricated 24 GA Kynar finished gutters and downspouts in a standard color at all existing locations.
- Vents on building I/P will be eliminated.
- Issue (2) two year Latite Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC Contractor Warranty.
- Issue GAF 20 Year No Dollar Limit Warranty.
- Price includes permits, taxes and all insurance requirements.

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval to award the bid to Latite Roofing in the amount of \$149,131. Commissioner Scott moved to approve bid awarded to Latite Roofing. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business to discuss

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

The painting project with Noel Painting to paint and repair rusted metal on the Administration building and the laboratory is underway and will be completed in 2 weeks. The color will not change, the doors will be sanded and then painted.

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

10<sup>th</sup> Employee at the District has contracted COVID-19.

AMCA annual meeting report. Colin Lewis drone herbicide aerial application presentation. Eleven members of LCMHCD gave presentations at AMCA's first virtual meeting.

AMCA legislative support action. LCMCD with guidance from the AMCA and ESA wrote letters to Senators Rubio and Scott and Congressman Donalds asking for full support of the SMASH provisions of P.L. 116-22. SMASH is the Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health act to provide state, local, tribal and territories resources for comprehensive mosquito control and abatement programs intended to meet CDC core competency standards.

The Committee requests \$100,000,000 for Mosquito-Borne Diseases; Coordination Grants to States; Assessment and Control Grants to Political Subdivisions to maximize mosquito surveillance and abatement which is critical to preventing mosquito-borne diseases and protecting public health including during public health emergencies and responses to natural disasters.

HB 1103 committee review from Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.:

- HB 1103/SB 1624- Special District Accountability 01464557-1; CALLS FOR A NEW PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS INCLUDING MCDs.
- Accountability/Transparency - Special districts are just as accountable and transparent as counties or cities. They are subject to the Sunshine law (public meetings and records), Code of Ethics, annual financial audit requirements, required websites, public budgeting, etc.
- Oversight - Oversight of special districts is already provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity, the Florida Auditor General, the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee (JLAC), the Division of Bond Finance and the Division of Retirement. The Auditor General already has the authority to conduct performance audits of local governments if directed by JLAC.
- Why Only Special Districts? - Despite multiple layers of existing accountability, transparency and oversight, the bill focuses on special districts, and even then, only certain types of districts. With much larger budgets and ability to impact taxpayer's lives, why are counties and cities not subject to the bill as well?
- Expensive and Unnecessary - Early estimates from fire district auditors indicate the cost of performance audits will be between \$10,000 and \$50,000 per district. These are local, unbudgeted taxpayer dollars that will be spent to perform unnecessary "performance audits", which are in many aspects duplicative of existing annual financial audit requirements. These audits will decrease district efficiency, as the funds would be better used to provide the critical services demanded by residents.
- Why Mosquito Control and Fire Control Districts? - In 2012, Governor Scott's office began a review of all special districts in Florida, beginning with mosquito control and fire control districts. The final report on mosquito control districts was favorable, finding that they were good stewards of taxpayer dollars, delivered more consistent service than city/county departments, were accountable to the electors and didn't need to be reviewed again. The review of fire control districts was concluded without a final report being issued but staff indicated that their findings were also favorable towards fire control districts. No further reviews were conducted or reports issued by the Governor's office.
- Conclusion - It is unclear what issue or problem the bill is trying to address. There has been no scandal or public outcry necessitating the bill. However, special districts are not hiding anything or afraid of undergoing "performance audits" or increased financial reporting. If the Legislature thinks this is a good use of local taxpayer dollars, special districts will not stand in the way. We believe the performance audits will confirm that special districts are efficient, accountable, and transparent and provide high quality, consistent service to their residents.

LCMCD will be holding an Aerial Workshop on April 6-8.

#### **FISCAL REVIEW:**

*Commissioner Farrar presented the LCMCD Treasurers report on 2/31/2021. Commissioner Scott 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 2/31/2021. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials. Commissioner Hart 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 10:50 a.m.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bowen", with the word "CHAIRMAN" written in small capital letters to the right of the signature.

Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chairman

Term: December 2018 – November 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Brantley", with a horizontal line drawn below the signature.

Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024