

Commissioner Bowen called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 07/15/2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the William Opp Training Center at the Districts' 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 Bruce Scott, *Not Present*

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart

Seat 7- Commissioner William Burke

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

**STAFF:**

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director – Eric Jackson

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Human Resources Director- Jackie Small

Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

Purchasing Manager- Chris Gates

LCMCD Biologist II- Nick Lefkow

Risk Manager- Rick Pardo

**VISITORS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the 06/15/2021 LCMHCD regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 06/15/2021 minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Arielle Ghanem, Director of Epidemiology, reported:

**WNV activity:** No human cases of WNV infection were reported this week. No horses with WNV infections were reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV this week. In 2021, positive samples from two sentinel chickens have been reported from two counties.

**SLEV activity:** No human cases of SLEV infection were reported this week. No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week. In 2021, positive samples from two sentinel chickens have been reported from one county.

**EEEV activity:** No human cases of EEEV infection were reported this week. Three horses with EEEV infection were reported this week in Bay, Jefferson, and Nassau counties. Four sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Orange, St Johns and Walton counties. In 2021, positive samples from 12 horses and 113 sentinel chickens have been reported from 24 counties.

**International travel-associated Dengue Fever Cases:** No cases of dengue fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2021, five travel-associated dengue fever cases have been reported.

**Dengue Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired dengue fever were reported this week. In 2021, no cases of locally acquired dengue fever have been reported.

**International travel-associated Chikungunya Fever Cases:** No cases of chikungunya fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2021, no travel-associated chikungunya fever cases have been reported.

**Chikungunya Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever were reported this week. In 2021, no cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported.

**International Travel-Associated Zika Fever Cases:** No cases of Zika fever were reported this week in persons that had international travel. In 2021, no travel-associated Zika fever cases have been reported.

**Zika Fever Cases Acquired in Florida:** No cases of locally acquired Zika fever were reported this week. In 2021, no cases of locally acquired Zika fever have been reported.

**Advisories/Alerts:** Citrus, Jefferson, Orange, Pasco, and Walton counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. No other counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Surplus

*Commissioner Brantley made a motion for board approval of the consent agenda; Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None to discuss

**NEW BUSINESS:** Executive Director David Hoel discussed the advantages of increasing the millage rate 2021-2022. A handout out of the comparison proposed rate change was presented. Mosquito District was suggested to increase 0.2600. Hyacinth District was suggested at 0.0235.

*Commissioner Bowen requested a motion to approve the proposed millage increase with the understanding that the millage can decrease but not increase after the DR420 form is submitted today. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the proposed millage rate of 0.2600 for Lee County Mosquito Control District. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion, Commissioner Ellis opposed. Motion passed 5-1.*

*Commissioner Bowen requests a motion to approve the proposed millage increase with the understanding that the millage can decrease but not increase after the DR420 form is submitted today. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the proposed millage rate of 0.0235 for Lee County Hyacinth Control District. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion; all in favor say aye. Commissioner Farrar opposed. Motion passed 5-1.*

The Quonset hut purchase cost has exceeded the \$100,000 threshold due to the recent price increases and material shortages. Executive Director Hoel and Assistant Director Lloyd asked for the board approval to make a final decision on the RFP's. Legal counsel suggested that the board members put a cap on the final purchase amount. Chairman Bowen indicated that the Board receive all bids packages to keep the commissioners informed on the purchase.

*Commissioner Bowen requested a motion to approve the acquisition to be capped at \$150,000.00. Commissioner Ellis Made a motion. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

Healthcare 20/80 contribution from the Districts was discussed. This will be addressed during the budgeting process.

**FACILITIES REPORT:** Assistant Director Lloyd provided an update on LCMHCD. Since the last meeting, no new projects have been completed. LCMCD is working diligently to have the Woodstock location fully operational by next season.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Executive Director Dr. Hoel updated the Board.

Aircraft update N763, King Air 200 had rivets replaced on a four-foot section of wing. It recently performed its maiden spray mission. N764 is due back to the district any day now, should be ready for spray missions within the month. Aircraft were secured before Hurricane Elsa approached.

Updating the LCMHCD COVID Plan. COVID plan retired. Vaccinated personnel can resume all activities as during pre-pandemic times; those not vaccinated are to maintain social distancing and masks while working indoors.

Runway Surface re-finish. Civil Engineering organization, Hole Montes, has experience in re-surfacing runways and has done work in Immokalee, Collier Co. airport, others. Will visit LCMCD to offer solutions and cost estimates next week. Afterwards, we will submit a request for bids.

Sale of surplus property lots With Chris Gates, 5 of 6 lots separated from the rest of the district. Lots originally cost \$4-5K each, now worth \$18-24K each. Necessary to sell as we cannot use these lots in terms of operational mosquito control.

*Commissioner Farrar made a motion to approve the sale of the properties. Commissioner Brantley second the motion, the Board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

Possible re-scheduling of monthly meetings. Moving the meeting from every third Thursday to every fourth Thursday except November and December. September board meeting to occur the second of two meetings that month. This item will be discussed at the next board meeting.

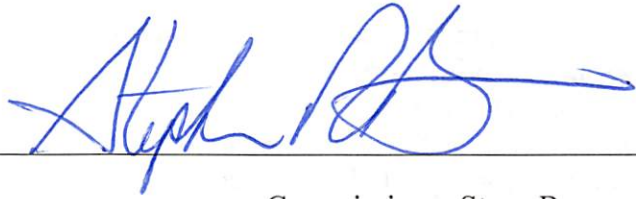
**FISCAL REVIEW:** CFO, Sean O'Neill quickly spoke about reformatting and shortening some of the financial reports.

*Commissioner Brantley presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report on 06/30/2021. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Brantley presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for 06/30/2021. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials. Commissioner Burke 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 11:05 a.m.*



Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chair

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