

Commissioner Bowen called to order the Public Hearing scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) on September 9th, 2021, 5:15 pm in the William Opp Training Center at the District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT:

Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasure
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar, Vice Chairman
Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis, Not present
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’Neill
Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts
Deputy Director- Eric Jackson
Public Information Specialist- Jamie Fowler
IT Director-Keith Lowe
Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz
Health Department - Arielle Ghanem

Commissioner Bowen announced that this is the Public Hearing to Adopt the Tentative Millage rate and a Tentative Budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

VISITORS:

Tracy & John McGee- Fort Myers

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:
None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCUSSION: Executive Director Dr. David Hoel discussed the millage rate of .2439 per \$1,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022. Budget for Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County Fiscal year 2021-2022 of \$37,022,877. The Executive Director briefed the board on other Mosquito Districts reserves percentages. The Director explained the Helicopter pay off (3) at 5.5 Million. The District runway is in need of repairs that could cost 3.6 Million. The renovation of Woodstock and the Miller building renovations are also planned.

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None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Farrar still believes that the value of the properties have increased and we should not need to increase the millage. Hart is inquiring about how many Lee County residents were uncollectable. Commissioner Farrar respects Executive Director Dr. David Hoel reasoning to pay off debt, however Commissioner Farrar does not want the higher millage rate. Commissioner Brantley is still in favor of the 4% COLA for the staff, but would like to see a consideration of the roll back .2323. Commissioner Burke is hesitant with a roll back rate due to the rise in materials, housing and the unexpected. Chairman Bowen feels current inflation and is reluctant for the higher millage, but does not want the roll back.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE:

Chairman Bowen requested a motion to adopt the tentative millage rate of .2439 by 4.99 %. Commissioner Hart moved the motion, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, Commissioners Brantley and Commissioner Farrar opposed a tax increase, but agreed to a 4% COLA. All in favor say “Aye”. Those opposed say “Opposed”

Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley -Opposed
Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar- Opposed
Seat 4- Chairman Steve Bowen - Aye
Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke – Aye

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart- Aye

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott- Aye

4/2 motion passed.

Chairman Bowen read the Resolution to adopt the tentative millage rate for Fiscal year 2021-2022.

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 9th day of September, 2021 at 6:28 pm.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET:

Chairman Bowen requested a motion to adopt the Final budget \$37,022,877. Commissioner Hart moved the motion, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. Commissioners Brantley and Commissioner Farrar opposed.

Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley -Opposed

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar- Opposed

Seat 4- Chairman Steve Bowen - Aye

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke – Aye

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart- Aye

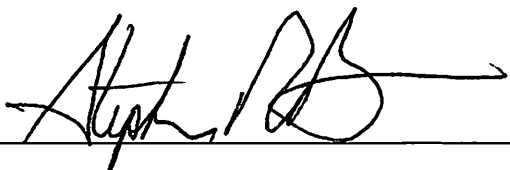
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott- Aye

4/2 motion passed.

Chairman Bowen read the Resolution to adopt the tentative annual budget for the Fiscal year 2021-2022.

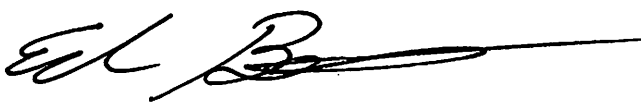
Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 9th day of September, 2021 at 6:31 pm.

No further business, Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 05:32 pm



Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chair

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024