

Commissioner Bowen called to order the Budget Workshop of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 08/19/2021 at 8:30 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, Not present

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chairman

Seat 5- Commissioner Bruce Scott

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, Attended by Zoom

Seat 7- Commissioner William Burke

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

Human Resources Director- Jackie Small

Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

LCHCD BUDGET DISCUSSION: Director Dr. David Hoel and CFO Sean O'Neill discussed the upcoming fiscal year budget for Lee County Hyacinth Control District.

1. Current Millage Rate.0221
2. Proposed Millage Rate .0235
3. Capital outlay
4. Vehicles purchased from FY 2020-21
5. Chemical purchases
6. Insurances
7. Suggested COLA increase 4%

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS ON LCHCD BUDGET:

Chairman Bowen commented that chemical purchases decreased from last fiscal year, vehicles purchases decreased as well due to the purchases made 2020-21.

LCMCD BUDGET DISCUSSION: Director Dr. Hoel and CFO Sean O'Neill discussed the upcoming fiscal year budget for Lee County Mosquito Control District. Items discussed:

1. Current millage rate 0.2439
2. Proposed millage rate 0.2600
3. Suggested COLA increase 4%
4. Capital outlay
5. Vehicles purchased from FY 2020-21
6. Aids to other Government agencies
7. Insurances

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS ON LCMCD BUDGET:

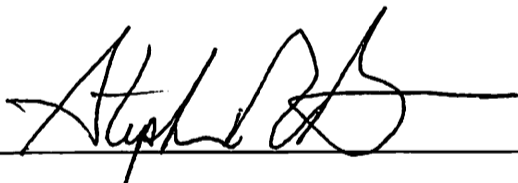
Commissioner Ellis would like to know what percentage the District should keep in reserves.

Legal Counsel addressed the Board about possible Board approval on percent amount needed for reserves in the future.

Commissioner Burke spoke about worst-case scenarios if the millage rate stays at 0.2439. Executive Director explained that with any emergencies, the District could face dire circumstances. Sean O'Neill stated that if the District only carried 19% reserves if a disaster happened, it would cost the District **\$600,000** alone in deductibles.

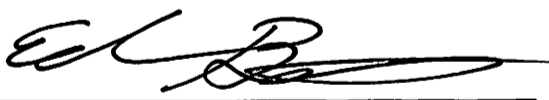
Chairman Bowen also spoke briefly about the 2006 crash and how the District struggled. With increases and inflation trending this year, the District may have unexpected costs.

No further business, Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chair

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

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