

Commissioner Bowen called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 11/18/2021 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

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chairman

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, Not present

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

**STAFF:**

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, Public Information and Education- Eric Jackson

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill

IT Director- Keith Lowe

Public Information Specialist- Jamie Fowler

Executive Administrative Assistant- Summer De La Cruz

Legal Counsel John Agnew requested a walk-on item to have a selected commissioner participate with LCMCD staff regarding the redistricting process.

*Commissioner Bowen requested a motion to approve the requested walk-on item to old business. Commissioner Burke made a motion, Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**VISITORS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for the 10/21/2021 LCMHCD Regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 10/21/2021 minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Department of Health report. Arielle Ghanem, Director of Epidemiology, reported

[https://lcmcd.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021Week44ArbovirusReport\\_11-06-21.pdf](https://lcmcd.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021Week44ArbovirusReport_11-06-21.pdf)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:** John Agnew requested that the Board select Commissioner Brantley to service as Board liaison on the redistricting project.

*Commissioner Bowen requested a motion to approve Commissioner Brantley as liaison for the LCMHCD redistricting project. Commissioner Farrar made a motion, Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sean O'Neill, CFO, requested the Board to approve the additional cost of \$900.00 for the DC3 Avionics package.

*Commissioner Bowen requested a motion to approve the additional cost for the DC3 Avionics package. Commissioner Brantley made a motion, Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

Sean O'Neill, CFO, LCMHCD Budget Amendments: These budget amendments will adjust the FY2021 budgeted expenditures for the pre-audit FY2021 ending actual balances. The budget amendments do not affect the total budget for the year; it is a reallocation of existing funding between accounts.

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for LCMCD Budget Amendment FY2021. Commissioner Ellis made the motion. Commissioner Burke seconded, the Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Bowen requested board approval for LCHCD Budget Amendment FY2021. Commissioner Farrar made the motion. Commissioner Brantley seconded, the Board unanimously approved, motion passed.*

**OPERATIONS & FACILITIES REPORT:** Assistant Director Aaron Lloyd updated the Board.

- Facilities report- Woodstock road has been repaired, and we have millings ready for future repairs.
- Operations- Viral activity is low as expected for this time of year. LCMCD treatments are lower. The executive team is working with the staff to cross-train while we are in our off-season.

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

SIT UPDATE: Rachel Morreale presented to the Board a presentation on the SIT project. Sanibel Island is the control area, and Captiva Island is the treatment area. Mark, Release, and Recaptures studies have been conducted to research the following:

1. Population size
2. Longevity
3. Seasonal impact
4. Release frequency

Aircraft update- NI 98 has returned from Oshkosh wing pull inspection and will go into LCM CD inspection after NI46's inspection is completed here at the district. N762 is down for interim inspection, and two other helicopters will be undergoing 48-month inspections. N866 is getting a

transmission input oil seal replacement. Our King Air E90 is listed for sale on the "Trade a Plane" website.

Horizon Foundation meeting. The Horizon Foundation is a charitable 501(c)3 organization established to provide a funding vehicle for businesses to invest in the long-term economic development and vitality of Lee County. Eric Jackson and I were invited to attend their annual business meeting at the Caloosa Sound Convention Center & Amphitheater last month. A businessman with the organization solicited donations from LCMCD, but the idea was rejected on the basis that LCMCD cannot donate to organizations outside of vector control activities.

Aerial workshop plans. FMCA integration plan (April workshop vs January workshop, conflict with Fly-In dates). LCMCD is offering a 3-day hands-on Aerial Workshop April 19th - 21st; this event received good reviews from participants last year (about 60), so we decided to repeat this year in January. FMCA scheduled their Fly-In on top of our original Workshop dates, so we switched to April.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

*Commissioner Brantley presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for October 2021.  
Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials,  
Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Brantley presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for October 2021.  
Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials;  
Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously, motion passed.*

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

*No further business, Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn. Farrar seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.*



Commissioner Steve Bowen, Chair

Term: December 2018 – November 2022



Commissioner Ed Brantley, Secretary/Treasurer

Term: November 2020 – November 2024