Commissioner Brantley called to order the scheduled First Public Hearing of the Lee County Hyacinth Control District (LCHCD) on 09/04/2024 at 5:01 p.m. in the William Opp Training Center at the Districts' headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

PRESENT:

Seat 1- Commissioner Ed Brantley, Vice Chairman

Seat 2- Commissioner Brian Farrar

Seat 3- Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman

Seat 4- Commissioner Steve Bowen

Seat 5- Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, (joined @ 5:04 p.m.)

Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present

Legal Counsel- John Agnew

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel

Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd

Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District-Kevin Watts

Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill

Human Resources Director- Jackie Small, not present

Communications Director- Jenifer McBride

IT Director- Keith Lowe

Executive Administrative Assistant-Sabina Vilarchao

Commissioner Brantley announced that this is the Public Hearing to Adopt the Tentative Millage rate and a Tentative Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board:

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISCUSSION: Executive Director Dr. David Hoel discussed the tentative millage rate to be levied at .0200 mills (\$.0200 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The tentative millage rate of .0200 mills is equal to the rolled back rate of .0200. The Tentative Budget for Lee County Hyacinth Control District for fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$3,927,341.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE:

Vice Chairman Brantley read Resolution 24-01 to adopt the tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Vice Chairman Brantley requested a motion to adopt the tentative millage rate of .0200 mills for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Commissioner Farrar moved the motion including a 3.5% COLA, Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 4th day of September 2024 at 5:12 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET:

Vice Chairman Brantley read Resolution 24-02 to adopt the tentative budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Vice Chairman Brantley requested a motion to adopt the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Commissioner Bowen moved the motion, Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, motion passed.

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 4th day of September 2024 at 5:14 p.m.

No further business, Vice Chairman Brantley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman

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Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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