

Commissioner Ellis called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMHCD) on 9/19/2024 at 4:15 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, not present
Seat 6- Commissioner Thomas B. Hart, not present
Seat 7- Commissioner Bruce Scott, not present
Legal Counsel- Vee H. Leonard

STAFF:

Executive Director- Dr. David Hoel
Assistant Director- Aaron Lloyd, not present
Deputy Director, Lee County Hyacinth Control District- Kevin Watts
Chief Financial Officer- Sean O'Neill, not present
Human Resources Director- Jackie Small, not present
Communications Director- Jenifer McBride
Network Support Technician- Joel Canova
Executive Administrative Assistant- Sabina Vilarchao

VISITORS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the Board: None

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 08/22/2024 LCMHCD_10321 Workshop meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 08/22/2024 minutes. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 08/22/2024 LCMHCD_10322 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the 08/22/2024 minutes. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 08/22/2024 LCHCD_10323 Public Hearing meeting minutes. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the 08/22/2024 minutes. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 08/22/2024 LCMCD_10324 Public Hearing meeting minutes. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the 08/22/2024 minutes. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Department of Health report. Jennifer Roth, Health Officer, Department of Health in Lee County provided an update: https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/_documents/2024-38-arbovirus-surveillance.pdf

CONSENT AGENDA:

10325_Surplus

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the consent agenda item. Commissioner Brantley moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

10326_Aviation insurance – Approve the FY2024-2025 aviation insurance policy from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. for a total cost not to exceed \$465,500 for the current aircraft fleet.

The Districts' current carrier, Arthur J. Gallagher & Company submitted their aviation insurance proposal for FY2025. The estimated cost of the insurance for FY2025 will be \$427,732 pending certain additional adjustments to aircraft values. Using a not-to-exceed amount will allow for any additional changes to their estimated adjustments. The cost of the insurance in FY2024 was \$399,188.

The policy covers the Districts' four fixed wing aircraft and six helicopters plus the District's drones.

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 10326_Aviation insurance not to exceed \$465,500. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve 10326. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10327_General liability insurance – Approve the FY2024-2025 General Liability insurance policy from FIA/EGIS with a not-to-exceed amount of \$410,569. The Districts' current carrier, Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors, submitted their insurance package proposal for FY2025. The cost of the insurance for FY2025 will be \$410,569. The cost of the insurance in FY2024 was \$388,099.

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 10327_General liability insurance. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve 10327. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

10328_Board meeting calendar – Approve FY 2024-2025 and CY 2025 Board Meeting Dates. Set dates to provide notice of regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners to LCMHCD.

Commissioner Ellis requested Board approval for the 10328_Board meeting calendar. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve 10328. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

OPERATIONS & FACILITIES REPORT: Executive Director Dr. Hoel updated the Board.

Operations report – Nothing unusual about mosquito control operations at this current time, adult mosquito counts seem to be lower than usual for this time of year. However, counts have increased this past week and larvicide operations continue at a steady pace.

Facilities report – The Quad (Bldg. E) continues at a rapid pace; we anticipate completion on or about Oct 23rd. Internal kits for heliport fuel tanks are on their way. The last 3 tanks are under construction in Ohio.

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

Aircraft update – N146 (DC-3) should be returning from Mina, AR, before the next board meeting. Our mechanic, Russ Witt, drove to Mina to do a final functionality check before our pilots arrive to test fly it. After the check flight is finished, it comes home.

Fixed wing replacement options – Review fixed wing purchase options & prices sheet. An updated sheet was emailed to all commissioners prior to this meeting. At the present time, option (1) appears to be the most economical solution for replacing an ageing fleet of 2 King Air aircraft.

Pine Island Center update – Awaiting word from our realtor on an interested party for buying lots 1-6, Pine Island Center. There is a possibility of selling lot 8, which includes the lake, at a discounted price.

FISCAL REVIEW:

10329_LCHCD

10330_LCMCD

Kevin Watts presented the LCHCD Treasurer's report for August 2024. Commissioner Farrar moved to approve the Hyacinth Control District financials, 10329_LCHCD. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

Dr. Hoel presented the LCMCD Treasurer's report for August 2024. Commissioner Bowen moved to approve the Mosquito Control District financials, 10330_LCMCD. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously; motion passed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:


None

There being no further business, Commissioner Ellis requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Farrar made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman

Term: November 2020 – November 2024



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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