

Commissioner Ellis called to order the scheduled Final Public Hearing of the Lee County Hyacinth Control District (LCHCD) on 09/19/2024 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, 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

Commissioner Ellis announced that this is the Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Millage rate and Final 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 final millage rate to be levied at .0200 mills (\$.0200 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The final millage rate of .0200 mills is equal to the rolled back rate of .0200. The Final Budget for Lee County Hyacinth Control District for fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$3,927,341.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE:

Vee Leonard read Resolution 24-03 to adopt the final millage rate for fiscal year 2024-2025.

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

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 19th day of September 2024 at 5:05 p.m.


RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET:

Vee Leonard read Resolution 24-04 to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

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

Duly adopted at a public Hearing this 19th day of September 2024 at 5:07 p.m.

No further business, Chairman Ellis requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Farrar moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.



Commissioner Mike Ellis, Chairman

Term: November 2020 – November 2024



Commissioner William Burke, Secretary/Treasurer

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