

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District held its regular scheduled meeting April 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Hart, Commissioners William M. Ellis, Melissa Dortch, Richard H. Pritchett, III, George T. Mann, Jr. Bruce C. Scott and Director T. Wayne Gale.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dr. Mathwig introduced himself and his wife, Bonnie. He expressed his interest in helping the District and has applied to the Governor's office to fill the vacant commissioner seat on the Board.

MINUTES: Chairman Hart asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on March 8, 2013. Commissioner Ellis moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

COPY OF THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT: Shelly Redovan, Deputy Director Education and Communication, distributed draft copies of the annual report document. Shelly requested that if the Board has any changes or comments that they respond to her.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Director Gale reported that after the last Board meeting Dr. Hartner was going to check on the suspected local transmission of dengue in travelers from Germany. There was also an imported case of malaria that the District did trap and check the areas but found nothing.

AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION: Jeff Brown and Don Ashley, auditors with Ashley Brown & Company, presented the 2012 financial statements for the District. No instances of non compliance were reported. After discussion, Commissioner Pritchett made the motion to accept the 2012 Mosquito Control audit as presented. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

OPEB TRUST DOCUMENT APPROVAL: Vivian Jones, Chief Financial Officer, presented to the Board the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) draft document. The document establishes the trust and the Board of Trustees once it is approved. Vivian requested approval by the Board to set up the trust with the recommended Board of Trustees first meeting to be held on May 1, 2013. Motion to approve the trust document and declaration of trust was made by Commissioner Mike Ellis. Commissioner Bruce Scott seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Director Gale reported on a good meeting in Tallahassee with the Florida Mosquito Control Association and Florida Association of Special Districts regarding pending legislation affecting mosquito control and special districts. SB 538 which would have required certain district consolidation into county government has been postponed for now and will probably not get out of committee. Senator Benacquisto was instrumental in getting the bill postponed. The Bill sponsors indicated they will be back next year. Lisa Conti, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, and Andy Rackley, Director of Agricultural Environmental Services Division, visited the Districts last month. They indicated they would like to help with the issue of permission to aerial adulticide State managed lands and would facilitate a future meeting with the Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

COMMISSIONER VACANCY UPDATE: Director Gale asked Keith Arnold, Lobbyist with Fowler, White and Boggs, to contact the Governor's office to see what if any progress has been made on the paperwork Dr. Mathwig has submitted. At this time the appointment is still in process.

PROJECT UPDATES: – Carmen McKinney reported that the approval for the limited development order for the hangar has been received. Fire suppression is still an issue which is being driven by Fire Department regulations.

The District has decided not to proceed with the land issue mentioned at last month's Board meeting

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/DEPUTY DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS: Director updated the Board advising that the advertisement has been placed on mosquito industry web sites, the Florida Association of Special Districts web site and one human resources web site. There have been seven applications received with two of those meeting most of the requirements and one all of the requirements. The Board agreed that a Board member participate in the selection process. The Director recommended the Secretary Treasurer, Commissioner Ellis, serve as the Board participant in the selection process and the Board agreed.

FISCAL REVIEW: Commissioner Ellis reviewed the receipts, expenditures and balances for the month of February with the Board members.

FOUNDATION: Director Gale reported that the District is currently attempting to partner with a University and/or private industry to come up with a way to do mutually beneficial operational mosquito control research at the District with little or no cost to the District. The District has facilities and an operational setting that would be ideal for either industry or university research projects. Clarke Mosquito Control (Luell Clarke) visited a few weeks ago and did a tour of the District and Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). They met with FGCU professors who are performing cutting edge research. They are researching a vaccine for dengue and have received a \$2 million grant for research. There is a lot of interest by Clarke and FGCU in a partnership with the District. Dr. Murphy, who has been coordinating this project, reported the level of intensity and cooperation presented potential for the District to partner with the University.

WASHINGTON DAYS: Director Gale, Katie Heggemeier – Manager, Mosquito Control and Commissioners Mann and Dortch have appointments with Representative Trey Radel (R; 19D) and aids in four other areas. Diana McGee, Senator Nelson's aid will go with them to the meetings. Katie and Dr. Jonathan Hornby – Deputy Director, Mosquito Control and Scientific Intelligence, will go to the Environmental Protection Agency to discuss label language. Issues regarding federal wildlife refuge mosquito management policies, national pollution discharge elimination system permits, and pesticide label language will be discussed on behalf of the American Mosquito Control Association.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.