

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District held its regular scheduled meeting June 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Chairman Hart asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on May 9, 2013. Commissioner Pritchett moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Dr. Hartner stated that there is nothing new to report from the Health Department at this time.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Keith Arnold, Government Affairs Consultant with Fowler, White, Boggs Attorneys at Law, distributed his 2013 Legislative Summary. The following issues will need attention:

- Provisions for dealing with mosquito control districts providing additional funds for research and development that the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) will conduct. Some of these funds will be in the form of grants for research dollars. Director mentioned that the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services (DACS) has had a change in the way the funds are allocated. The funding available to mosquito districts has remained unchanged but IFAS has been given an allocation for three positions to replace some of the research that was done at the Public Health Entomology Research Education Center (PHEREC). The seed money comes from the waste tire fund. LCMCD has a student intern going back to school in the fall who may avail himself of these funds to do a study project at Florida Gulf Coast University. Director Gale is meeting in Tallahassee in July with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at which time he will offer this option to them as a way of providing data on the effects of aerial adulticiding for mosquitoes over State managed lands.
- Senate Bill 538 and House Bill 881. Keith feels that Senate Bill 538 designed to abolish independent taxing districts including mosquito control, which did not pass, will be reintroduced next year. He would like to take a team to Broward County to meet with Senator Ring and others over the course of the summer to distinguish Lee County Mosquito Control from the districts that the bill is attempting to abolish.

The balance of the handout covers the rest of the general legislative topics. Governor Scott's vetoes were severe this year and the feeling is that this will be the course of action in the future. Keith recommends as many Commissioners as possible attend the legislative days in Tallahassee.

The vacancy on the District Board was brought up regarding the application submitted by John Mathwig. Keith advised that Governor Scott is backlogged on pending appointments at this time due to the fact that he is still receiving bills for signature from this past session. Roughly 250 out of 1900 bills were passed this year, more than in recent years.

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD & FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU) BUDGET PROPOSAL Shelly Redovan – Deputy Director Communication & Education, introduced Neil Wilkinson, Brian Murphy and Eric Jackson who are the teachers in the Environmental Education program sponsored by LCMCD in cooperation with FGCU and the School District of Lee County. Neil presented their annual review and budget proposal with a short video of the program focusing on the kindergarten students over the past year. There was a motion made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the budget as requested for the program. The Board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY CONTRACT RENEWAL – Shelly Redovan reminded the Board that the FGCU contract is in the second year of a three year term so no action is required by the Board this year.

PROJECT UPDATES – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities reported that the District has begun the application process for two limited development orders covering the canvas hangars which are in the budget. The aviation hangar will be the same as the ones already on the tarmac. The automotive hangar will be smaller, 90'x75' with 8' walls.

The King Air airplane has arrived at the District. The transition went well. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will be working on the engineering to convert this aircraft over to using a 120 gallon pesticide tank. Spray tanks will cost approximately \$75,000 plus engineering costs estimated to be \$10,000. The propeller change out will make the aircraft flight ready for next year with the cost coming in under \$100,000. With this addition, the District now has two Turbine DC3s, two King Airs and one Bell 407 helicopter for aduictiding

FISCAL REVIEW – Commissioner Ellis reviewed the receipts and balances with the Board

NEW BUSINESS – Director Gale introduced the new District Chief Financial Officer, Russ Baker who will officially begin work on June 17th. Russ comes to the District with extensive experience in auditing special taxing districts and working as CFO at McGregor Iona Fire District.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.