

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting April 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Mann, Commissioners Melissa Dortch, William M. Ellis, Brian F. Farrar, Thomas B. Hart, Bruce C. Scott, Richard Paul, and Director T. Wayne Gale.

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jenny Lynn from Lee County United Way Campaign attended the meeting to present a photo plaque to LCMCD for our contributions to United Way which helped them reach and surpass their goal providing the charity with \$9.39MM. The District gave just shy of \$9,000.

MINUTES - Chairman Mann asked for Board approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on March 5, 2015. Commissioner Farrar moved that the minutes be approved as read. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, advised that there is nothing to report regarding mosquito borne disease in Lee County. There have not been any imported cases since January.

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU) CONTRACT

Shelly Redovan, Deputy Director of Communications & Education, presented the contract with FGCU for the Board to review.

PROJECT UPDATES - Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that they are still working on getting the King Airs from Arizona. The E90 King Air purchased last year is up and ready to be used this season.

Runway painting should be done within the next 30 days. The extension is still in the planning and permitting stage.

There are some improvements to security at the gate for the back of Runway 6. The District is looking at installing a Wi-Fi capable system to operate the gate and give entrance and egress information to Security. There is also the possibility of updating the gate near the Auto Shop. The K-9 unit is moving over to the Gun Range and when they do the 2-wide trailer will be moved to their old location and utilized for classroom and restroom space. The project to move the fence line out a few feet in order to make the ditch area accessible to mowing and maintenance is still in the planning stage.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported that preseason work with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Fish and Wildlife at Sanibel has begun. This year a \$100,000 grant was put into the budget to help with water control structures on the Refuge. There will be a culvert installed to improve water flow which will help fish get into and out of the wilderness protected area. The advantage to us is it will reduce mosquito breeding, reducing our need to adulticide and provide a natural control via water and fish. Two or three more areas have been identified where it may be possible in the future to control mosquitoes by using this same method.

FDEP participated with Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission on a controlled burn in the Estero Bay Marsh area by providing helicopters for this project. The District allowed them use of the Winkler Helistop to herbicide for melaleuca so that we can have better control of mosquitoes in that area.

There were 45 people from the Florida Department of Agriculture and U.S. EPA here for the annual regulatory tour of the District. All went smoothly. Leadership Lee County was also here with a group of about 20 during the month for a campus tour.

During Florida Mosquito Control Association Tallahassee Days this month the Association requested additional funding for mosquito control from the State. The additional funding was not provided, however the funding level from the previous year remains including mosquito control research funding which is available to the District through partnership with FGCU.

American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Washington Days will be May 4-6 and we will be focusing on the cancellation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirement for applying pesticides to waters of the United States. The District and AMCA have been pursuing this for about the last five years and our best chance of approval is coming this year. We will additionally be asking for continued funding of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grants for state laboratory capacity to test for mosquito transmitted diseases. The Tampa lab is short staffed and being run from Tallahassee right now. We need to push for increased funding to get those grants back to where they were. We probably need to partner with the Health Department to get the state to help us with that. We have had requests from other mosquito control districts if we could help them test their mosquitos since we have the only other lab in the state that can do this type of work. We have been asked to come up with a price and get back to them. We can turn around results in a day. Does the board have any objections to us heading down that path and pursuing this assistance to other districts? The Board asked for numbers and to research further to see if this is a viable activity.

Three Navy Entomologists will be coming here for training again this year in August.

The Clarke Mosquito Control Workshop will be held here on April 10th.

Gene Sutton will be retiring on April 30th with a luncheon on that day.

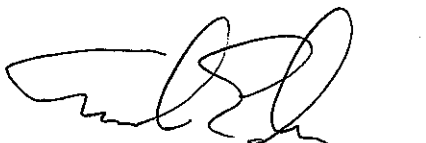
The annual American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) meeting in New Orleans was good. Director Gale in his role as Vice President is responsible for the meeting in Savannah, GA in February of next year.

GOV DEALS – Director advised that there are two sheets in the packets one showing what the District has auctioned to date on site. So far \$17,429.76 has been made. The second sheet shows the items that are next up to be auctioned on GovDeals. The Director requested that the Board declare these items surplus. Commissioner Dortch made the motion to declare surplus the items on the list. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion which the Board approved unanimously.

FISCAL REVIEW – Commissioner Ellis reported on the budget for the previous month. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the financial report as read. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mann at 10:53 AM.



Secretary



Chairman