

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting January 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Dortch, Commissioners George T. Mann, Jr., Thomas B. Hart, Richard H. Pritchett, III and Director T. Wayne Gale.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MINUTES - Chairman Dortch asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on December 5, 2013. Commissioner Mann moved that the minutes be approved as read. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

Lee County Health Department Report – There was no representative in attendance at this meeting.

Meeting Dates Approval – An updated calendar of scheduled Board meetings for the 2014 calendar year was presented by Director Gale. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of changing the date of the February meeting to Friday, February 14th due to the fact that Commissioner Hart will be unavailable on February 13th. Director Gale's Assistant will contact Commissioner Ellis to find out his availability in February. Commissioner Pritchett made the motion that either the February 13th or 14th date would be decided upon and said date would be placed on the schedule and the advertisement for the 2014 meeting dates would be run in the News-Press. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and the Board unanimously approved.

Project Update – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that the canvas hangars are under construction and should be completed within the next week.

The OV-10 will fly out today going to Beaufort, SC.

Director's Report – Director Gale presented an update of the Districts' activities including a review of the last year and plans for the next five years covering topics such as; Personnel Changes, State Land Mosquito Control Issues, Helistop Land Use Protection, Legislative Issues, Facility Improvements, Additional Canvas Hangars, Technology Development, Larviciding Pretreatment, 2013 Fly-In, King Air 90's, Hyacinth Control, Research Improvements, and Future Plans. A copy of the presentation is included in the Board Minute File.

Director advised the Board that there is still possible legislation regarding Special Districts in 2014. Director intends to arrange meetings for he and Keith Arnold with each one of our Representatives to make certain the District is on the exemption list if there is any legislation presented.

Financial Report – Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

- Computer Tablets are available for the Board to look at and decide if they would like to make use of this technology.
- New rules for lease purchase agreements for aircraft may cause the District some difficulty relating to financing and how the District will handle that for any future aircraft purchases.
- The District deposits up to \$4200 for a family and \$2100 for singles into a Health Savings Account (HSA). Individuals can make more deposits into the HSA which can be used as a way of setting aside funds for carryover to help cover any medical expenses in the future.

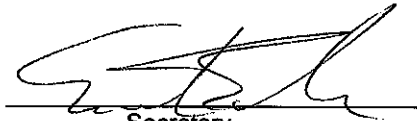
Providing Retirement Benefit for FRS Retired Individuals - Due to changes in the law by the Legislature, those who have retired under FRS are not eligible to work again under the FRS system. At the Board's request during the last monthly meeting the Director was asked to present a proposal for consideration for future hires that may have already retired under FRS. The following proposal was submitted:

- The change in wording of our retirement policy will provide future employees of the District who have already retired under FRS the same retirement benefit as the FRS system provides by placing 6.9%, the percentage used by the FRS, into a 457 Deferred Compensation Account. Each employee would have to agree for the money to go into that account in order to participate in that retirement program.

After discussion the Board decided to take no action on this issue which effectively leaves in place the current policy of no District sponsored retirement benefit for new employees that have previously retired under the Florida Retirement System.

Awards Ceremony for 2014 - We would like to hold the next awards event on December 4th after the Board meeting in December. The Board agreed that this will work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary


Chairman