

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District held its regular scheduled meeting January 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Linda Fox, a resident of Southeast Lehigh Acres, advised the Board that there was no notification provided prior to a truck spraying their neighborhood last week. She, being a new resident did not understand why this would happen. They had windows open and a fan running drawing in the spray that the truck put out. Ms. Fox could not believe that the District doesn't advertise our intention to spray two weeks in advance and feels that there needs to be more public information provided. Chairman Hart gave a short statement regarding District standard operating procedure and the Director advised that she can be placed on the District call list and will be notified when spraying is to be done in the area around her home either by ground or plane. Ms. Fox read on the District web site that there are sentinel chickens which the District tests for disease and wanted to know why that information is not available to the public. In order to fully answer her questions and provide a full explanation, Ms. Fox was offered and accepted a tour of the District following the Board meeting.

MINUTES: Chairman Hart asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on December 6, 2012. Commissioner Pritchett moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: – None

COMMISSIONER REPLACEMENT: Keith Arnold - Government Affairs Consultant with Fowler, White, Boggs Attorneys at Law, provided the following information to the Board regarding the resignation of Sarah E. Larsen as Commissioner of the District and the process for her replacement. Mr. Arnold stated that the Governor's office indicated the Commissioner of Agriculture should appoint a replacement according to Florida Statute Chapter 388.111, which reads as follows:

388.111 District boards of commissioners; vacancies.—In the event of a vacancy due to any cause in any board of commissioners, the same shall be filled by appointment by the Commissioner of Agriculture for the unexpired term.
History.—s. 2, ch. 59-195; s. 3, ch. 92-203.

Director Gale advised that the District's enabling act, Laws of Florida Chapter 98-461 reads:

Section 3.4 Vacancies created by resignation, death, or removal from office shall be filled by appointment of the Governor for the remainder of the term of office.

The Governor has forwarded the information to the Commissioner of Agriculture. If it is not up to the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint someone, responsibility will return to the Governor. The District has the opportunity to assist in recommending a nominee for District 2 which covers the City of Bonita and Estero. Individuals living in the District can apply for the position. Once the legal issue of which law takes precedence is decided and which office will actually appoint a replacement is determined, the Director and Keith will work with that office to help fill the vacancy.

Florida State Representatives Fitzenhagen and Rodriguez will be touring the District later this month. Commissioner Ellis would like to have Jason Moon, Chief of Staff for Representative Trey Radel take a District tour sometime in the future. Keith Arnold will work to arrange this.

MEETING DATES APPROVAL: Director Gale advised that there is a calendar of dates in the meeting packet. The Director would like to publish semi-annually the calendar year schedule in the News-Press in January and the fiscal year calendar in July. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to publish the 2013 calendar year meeting dates this month and the fiscal year 2013-2014 calendar in July. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The Board approved with no dissenting votes.

CREDIT UNION: Vivian Jones – Deputy Director Administration and Chief Financial Officer presented a packet of information regarding the District Credit Union to the Board. The information was provided to see if a decision was needed on continuation of hosting the Credit Union. As host, the District provides an employee part time for an average of about 8 hours per week. Commissioner Ellis – Secretary/Treasurer of the Board indicated he is comfortable continuing to host the Credit Union after learning more about the benefits to the employees and minimal expense to the Districts. The Board agreed that the Credit Union does not cost a lot of money and is a great benefit for the employees.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION: Commissioner Ellis reminded the Board that there was no review for the Director done last year and they need to do one this year. The Board agreed to hold a workshop to evaluate the Director after the Board meeting on February 7th.

PROJECT UPDATES: Carmen McKinney – Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities reported that the development order on the hangar project is still pending due to holiday delays. The request to vacate the right-of-way is progressing through the system and should be ready in January.

Carmen advised that electrical usage for the District was discussed at the last meeting with the Board requesting a study be done regarding usage and cost. Carmen will begin monitoring starting this month and provide a preliminary report to the Board at the next meeting.

The boat that was acquired through government surplus will be arriving soon.

The King Air 90 is in Tampa with the prop upgrade completed and the new instruments will be installed for delivery of the aircraft sometime next week. A new tank with a 120 gallon payload is being worked on for the King Air. Production cost is under \$30,000 for the tank and the District will own the mold for any new tanks in the future.

This week simulator training is being provided for the helicopter pilots. This training allows for repeated practice of multiple emergency scenarios while not involving risk to District aircraft.

REVIEW THE BILLS: Secretary-Treasurer Ellis, starting this month will provide the background information and the list of bills for the past month. Next month Receipts and Balances and an Expenditures and Balances form given to the Board will allow them to know what the District has spent for the month, year-to-date and what is remaining in the budget for the year. The report is brief but gives the Board more background information. As a point of information, these reports are on a two (2) month delay, if there had been one in the packet today it would be the report for November.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director reminded the Board that the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) Aerial Fly-In starts next week. There are approximately 120 registered. The Board is invited to attend the meeting at any time.

The FMCA DODD Short Course is the last week of the month in Ocala, FL. Commissioner Dortch and Commissioner Mann are attending the Commissioners Caucus.

On January 24th Andy Rackle - Director, Division of Agricultural Environmental Services and Lisa Conte - Deputy Commissioner and Chief Science Officer of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are coming to the District for a tour of the Districts. They are both senior mosquito control regulators for the State of Florida.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.