

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting December 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas Hart, Commissioners George T. Mann, Jr., Melissa Dortch, William M. Ellis, Richard H. Pritchett, III 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 November 7, 2013. Commissioner Ellis moved that the minutes be approved as read. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

Lee County Health Department Report – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology at the Lee County Health Department will be taking over reporting to the Board from Dr. Hartner. Jennifer stated that there is nothing to report, no elevated disease levels or disease cases in the county. The state is showing the northern counties are still under a mosquito alert due to West Nile Virus cases. There is nothing south of Orlando to report.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS: – Chairman Hart facilitated discussion for the selection of Board officers for next year which resulted in the following nominations.

Nomination of Commissioner Dortch for Chairman was made by Commissioner Mann. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the nomination and the Board approved unanimously.

Newly elected Chairman Dortch took over conducting the meeting and requested a nomination for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Mann was nominated for Vice Chairman by Commissioner Pritchett the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Ellis. The Board unanimously approved.

The nomination for Secretary/Treasurer was made by Commissioner Hart to retain Commissioner Ellis in that position. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Retirement Policy – Director Gale provided information on retirement options for future employees. Director asked the Board for input regarding those employees not eligible for the Florida Retirement System (FRS). There are a number of employees who have retired once from the FRS and have come back. Due to the change in rules by the Legislature; those who have retired from the FRS system are not eligible to return under the FRS system. Does the Board want to offer some type of retirement benefit to those who are now ineligible to come back into the FRS? The Board requested the Director come back with a specific plan that they could review.

Projects Update – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that the state has a wind code for the entire state and we have had to reengineer our planned canvas hangars to meet the new code of 160 mph. We may be receiving an answer today so that construction of the hangars can still begin next week.

Director's Report – Director Gale advised that he addressed the local legislative delegation at their meeting this week. He had the following issues: First he asked for continued support of State funding for mosquito control districts and research as well. LCMCD was able to partner with FGCU this year on a research project and received a \$100,000 grant to study non-target effects of aerial adulticiding. Second he requested support for a change to Chapter 330 to exempt government operated helistops.

The District disposed of two vehicles through GovDeals.com as a test of this system to dispose of property without having a local auction. The 2004 Chevy Pick Up sold for \$4,769.30 and a 1998 Chevy Pick Up sold for \$3,311.50 for a total of \$8,080.80. Based

on auction history that is about \$500-1000 more than what would have been made locally. This appears to be a very good system for disposing of surplus property.

Director spoke at the recent Chamber luncheon which was held for the newest County Commissioner and provided a district overview for the group.

The District has ordered a significant amount of pesticide the last couple months in an attempt to save money prior to the January bid price increases. \$29,960 was saved by purchasing before January 1, 2014.

Financial Report – Commissioner Ellis reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer, asked that the Board consider changing a few small things relating to our Treasury Management System which will provide more checks and balances. He requested adding Director Gale and himself to that account. a Commissioner Ellis made the motion to add them both to the account. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

The Director mentioned that there is the possibility of purchasing a laptop or tablet for Board members to be used for District business. The Board requested a presentation by the IT Department at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary