

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting February 13, 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., Richard H. Pritchett, III, William M. Ellis, Bruce C. Scott 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 January 10, 2014. Commissioner Mann moved that the minutes be approved as read. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, reported that so far in 2014 there has been one imported dengue case from Cuba. There were no reported problems resulting from that case. No counties are under health alert. Some chickens tested positive for St. Louis Encephalitis last week. There is no need for concern to the public. Dr. Hartner is planning to retire in April, 2014.

**MEETING TIME CHANGE** – The Director asked the Board if it would be possible to change the start time for the Board meetings due to schedule conflicts for one of the Board members. Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to change the regular monthly Board meeting start time from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the motion passed with no dissenting votes.

**PROJECTS UPDATE** – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported the Certificates of Occupancy have been approved for both canvas hangars. The project cost remains under the approved projected numbers.

Modifications to the King Air E90 are still being engineered by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU). The hard attachment points for the E90 will handle the 120 gallon weight and will fit on the C90 also. There will be two additional attachment blocks manufactured here at LCMCD for future aircraft acquisitions. The tanks will be made on the East Coast. We are looking at a company in Kansas who has manufactured the earlier tanks that were placed inside the DC3 and we will check for cost comparison. The high pressure system is on the DC3 with the non dibrom tanks under the belly area which will present no problems in the cockpit area should anything happen. The C90 will be ready this summer but the E90 has to have additional work done prior to any judgment on whether it is mission ready for the summer. Mechanically the aircraft is ready but engineering the hard points on the tank installation is slowing down the potential for flight this summer.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Director Gale has been working with Brett Bacot of Fowler, White & Boggs our lobbyist in Tallahassee regarding the heliport licensing issues. Senator Jeff Brandes of Hillsborough/Pinellas Counties has a bill pending regarding our interest in changing heliport issues. There will be a teleconference to discuss this issue with his office. We have already dealt with this locally and it is now a County ordinance. Our heliports are now identified in the Land Use Plan. The state DOT is saying that FAA licensing of our facilities is not going to provide the protection we are seeking. DOT is afraid that making an exception will cause problems with other private organizations who maintain so many airports here in Florida.

The U.S. Farm Bill was signed and passed by Congress. Unfortunately the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) portion that concerns LCMCD was taken out at the last minute. It appears that we are stuck with NPDES. Operating under the permit has not cost us anything it just opens us up to litigation under the Clean Water Act.

We have an agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to do research and testing on their lands for aerial adulticiding of State lands. We are now being told that the DEP is saying that we cannot spray their lands in order to do the testing. At this point we have a \$100,000 research project that will not work as written. Dr. Johnathan Hornby, Deputy Director Mosquito Control and Scientific Intelligence, has been working with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) to meet some of the criteria using other sites which they have located and received approval from the DEP to use. As of yesterday we are back on track and the research project can move forward. In finding these new sites we were denied access to an easement that we have used for many years. The homeowners association has asked us to now give them a hold harmless agreement to use the road; which we may do. The encroachment issue at Winkler Road is going to be around for some time. In their documents; buyers in the area are required to sign statements that they are aware of our Helistop and the noise issue associated with it.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Mike Ellis reviewed the financial reports with the Board and how he reads these and what they should be looking for when reviewing the reports. Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to approve the financial reports as read. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Russ Baker, CFO, has had discussions with the Director and has asked Josh McCoy, Vice President - Institutional & Government Division of SunTrust Banks, Inc., to provide information to the Board regarding the Interlocal Agreement between Lee County Mosquito Control District and Lee County Hyacinth Control District, the Treasury Management Master Agreement (TMMA) with SunTrust and the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME). After the presentation Russ requested a motion by the Board for approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Mosquito Control and Hyacinth Control. Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Mosquito Control and Hyacinth Control was made by Commissioner Ellis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott. The Board approved with no dissenting votes. Next a motion was made by Commissioner Ellis for the Board to approve the Florida Prime document for Mosquito Control. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Russ would like to have the Board consider a purchasing card (PCard) which is a credit card allowing Accounting to code and identify who has purchased what goods or services. The PCard provides a rebate or cash back program on all purchases of 1.35%. The PCard is most similar to a debit card and backed by either Visa or MasterCard or both. The card provides more safety in performing transactions and in the case of fraud the charges can be reversed. The cards can be coded specifically for certain types of expenses, i.e., travel or maintenance or whatever groups use cards it can be customized to allow only the types of transactions that group requires. If the District had used the PCard this past year when purchasing pesticides it would have been possible for the District to realize a \$27,000 rebate. This was presented to the Board for discussion only and possible consideration.

Commissioner Mann spoke about a situation in the Coos County Oregon Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge research area similar to our situation with Bokeelia and the removal of the mosquito control ditches. After two years of operating without the dikes, Coose County has mosquitoes taking over the area. At this point Fish & Wildlife is now paying for studies and paying for chemicals to kill mosquitoes. They are now going to dig 5 miles of canals on this property in an attempt to control mosquitoes at their cost. The same thing may happen on Bokeelia. We have good information on how much treatment had to be done prior to the “restoration” which was minimal. Now we treat it on a regular basis. Fish & Wildlife still maintains that they have restored a lot of marshlands and never had this problem before.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Secretary