

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District held its regular scheduled meeting March 7, 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. Bruce C. Scott 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 February 7, 2013. Commissioner Ellis moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Dr. Hartner, Director Lee County Health Department reported that there had been a report from Germany of two individuals who visited Cape Coral contacting dengue. The District trapped the area for mosquitoes and found no signs of the virus. The Health Department will follow up. There has also been a reported case of malaria imported by a visitor from Africa.

**FIVE YEAR PLAN APPROVAL:** Director Gale requested Board approval of the five year plan of goals and priorities presented at the previous Board Meeting. Commissioner Pritchett made the motion to approve the five year plan with a report given once each year to update it. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

**SCHOOL BOARD CONTRACT RENEWAL:** Shelly Redovan, Deputy Director Education & Communications requested approval by the Board to renew the contract with the School Board. This is a perpetual contract with the termination date being March 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The budget adoption will be done at a later date. Note that in the contract any unspent funds during the year do not stay with the School Board but are used as a credit on the second quarter of the following year. The Board chose to continue the contract for another year.

**OPEB TRUST UPDATE:** Vivian Jones, Chief Financial Officer presented a report on the status of the establishment of an Other Post Employment Benefits Trust (OPEB). Before the end of the year, Director Gale and Vivian met with Foster & Foster Actuarial Firm to discuss how to set up the trust for OPEB. Foster & Foster recommended Attorney Mark Floyd from Lake Worth, FL who has assisted other agencies from this area. Director Gale and Vivian met with Attorney Floyd who presented a draft proposal for the trust. A review is being done of the draft; once all the changes have been made a draft copy will be presented to the Board.

**LAND EXCHANGE PROPOSAL:** – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet and Facilities, advised the Board that Wayne McDermott, air park owner, has requested a mutually beneficial land swap of the 2.86 acre parcel adjacent to the District administration building for a 3.1 acre parcel adjacent to the north end of the runway. The swap would provide a buffer between the District administration building and the air park. The 3.1 acres beside the north runway is vacant unused land which could be used as additional air park. Commissioner Pritchett requested that the legal details and professional appraisal of property values be worked out before the Board would consider the concept. The Board agreed that more information was needed.

**PROJECT UPDATES:** Carmen McKinney advised the following:

- The limited development order (LDO) for the hangar is still in process and should be ready by the next Board meeting.
- Carmen is still actively seeking a second King Air in exchange for one of the District's surplus helicopters.
- The boat is installed at the Lockmore Marina helistop. Everything is hooked up and operational.

**COMMISSIONER VACANCY UPDATE:** Director Gale provided the Board an update on the status of filling the vacant Commissioner seat. John Mathwig, PhD Entomologist from Bonita Springs is interested in the position. The District has submitted the necessary paperwork to the Governor’s office for his appointment. Dr. Mathwig has been contacted by the Governor’s office and has provided the additional information they requested. Director Gale is unaware of anyone else showing interest.

**FMCA/FASD LEGISLATIVE DAYS:** Director Gale reported that a Senate Bill was introduced which stated that all capital projects undertaken by Special Taxing Districts be approved by the County Board of Commissioners and that a non voting County Commissioner be placed on each Special District Board. There is now an amendment to the original bill stating that all Special Taxing Districts be administratively combined with their respective County’s government. This is a backhanded way of abolishing the special districts making them dependent districts. In the revised bill there is a long list of special taxing districts which are exempt from being absorbed some of which are airports, children services, hospitals, EMS, fire districts, and port authorities. Representatives from the District will be attending the Florida Mosquito Control Association’s Tallahassee Days, March18-19 and will be discussing this bill during meetings with the local delegation. A report will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES:** Valent BioSciences has approached the District to test a new product for them in the future. Lyle Clarke, President of Clarke Mosquito Control, is coming down this month to tour the District’s laboratory facilities. Dr. Frost from Florida Gulf Coast University will also be visiting to look at our labs for research opportunities. The District has been discussing the establishment of a Mosquito Control Research Foundation. It may be that a research institute would be more feasible, allowing those that want to perform research use of the District’s facility at a predetermined cost. There are many graduate students in need of space to perform research. California Mosquito Control already has a foundation in partnership with University of California Davis that provides operational mosquito control research funding.

**REVIEW:** The annual Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory tour is being conducted on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the District, giving the EPA who regulates the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts an opportunity to see when, where, how and why the operation works as it does.

**FISCAL REVIEW:** Commissioner Ellis reviewed the receipts and expenses for January 2013. Next month the fiscal statements will be in the Board packets prior to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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