

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District held its regular scheduled meeting December 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chair Larsen, Commissioners William M. Ellis, Thomas B. Hart, Melissa Dortch, Bruce C. Scott, Richard H. Pritchett, III and Director T. Wayne Gale.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – None

MINUTES: Chair Larsen asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on November 8, 2012. Commissioner Mann moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: – None

RESOLUTION FOR COMMISSIONER MURPHY: – Director Gale read the following resolution being presented to Commissioner Murphy by the Board.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lawrence J. Murphy provided valuable leadership and guidance from November 22, 1994 to November 19, 2012, as a member of the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control District Boards and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lawrence J. Murphy served as Secretary Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Board and,

WHEREAS, the programs of mosquito and hyacinth control in Lee County have been materially aided by the efforts of Commissioner Lawrence J. Murphy during his tenure of office, and

WHEREAS, during this period, the mosquito control program was continually revised and significantly improved to protect citizens from pests and disease and,

WHEREAS, during this period, the hyacinth control program was continually revised and significantly improved to protect Lee County waterways from exotic vegetation and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lawrence J. Murphy led fellow Commissioners through numerous fiscal and legislative challenges and,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lawrence J. Murphy provided highly valued insight in public health issues, organizational development, aquatic weed control improvements, public education improvements and fiscal responsibility and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control District, at its regular meeting held Thursday, December 6, 2012, hereby recognizes the long and valued service of Lawrence J. Murphy, and by this resolution expresses gratitude for his farsighted and untiring efforts on behalf of the citizens of Lee County, and the State of Florida, resulting in more efficient and effective mosquito and aquatic plant control, and thereby making Lee County an even better place in which to live, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be furnished to Commissioner Lawrence J. Murphy, and copy spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts at the regular meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2012.

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

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

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

UPGRADING KING AIR CARRYING CAPACITY: – Director Gale provided background information on the initial process of determining which type of aircraft the District was going to use for aerial adulticiding. When looking at replacing the old DC-3's the carrying capacity of 120 gallons of material was a critical issue along with the need for external spray systems. The District opted to go with Turbine Conversion DC-3s using MicronAir pod spray systems. Recently the District had the opportunity to acquire a King Air 90 from Hillsborough County equipped with an external spray system for mosquito adulticiding. This system currently has a 90 gallon carrying capacity. The District has learned that this aircraft can be modified to increase carrying capacity by changing props to upgrade performance and the District can get a tank made by the original manufacturer to fit in the same location that will hold 120 gallons. The District will be moving forward with these modifications as time permits and the estimated cost will be \$110,000.

DISPOSITION OF RADIAL ENGINE C-47 AIRCRAFT: – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation & Facilities, reported on the disposition of the radial engine C-47 which was transferred to the Florida Air Museum in Gainesville. The last of the piston aircraft, 36 Mike and 37 Mike will be going to the museum in January. This will result in strictly a turbine fleet saving the District money on maintenance costs over the piston aircraft.

NORTH FORT MYERS HELIPORT MODIFICATION: – Director Gale reviewed with the Board the previously approved installation of a trailer at the Lockmore Marina to serve as the office location for the Aerial Inspector at an agreed upon rate of \$300.00 per month. The District has since learned that there may be zoning issues with the placement of a trailer on the site. Alternatively the District can have a boat slip for the same cost with electricity and internet hookups which are needed for the mapping of spray missions. The District has an opportunity to procure a 41 foot surplus Coast Guard boat from GSA for \$ 2,000 which will serve the same purpose as the trailer. After discussion Commissioner Ellis moved to purchase the boat to replace the trailer. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion with the stipulation that the boat must be maintained so that if necessary it could be sold in the future. The Board agreed with this modification to the motion and approved with no dissenting votes to purchase the boat.

AIRCRAFT HANGAR UPDATE: – Carmen McKinney advised that a flow test on the water system was done yesterday which is critical to the determination of which type of fire suppression system will be needed in a new hangar. The District is trying to avoid the need for installation of a foam system due to the expense involved. The test was successful and current flow should be adequate for the size of the planned hangar.

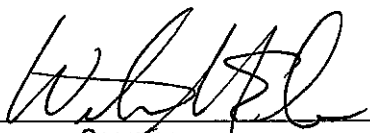
PESTICIDE PURCHASES: – Director Gale advised that on next months bills there will be some fairly sizeable pesticide purchases for 36 pallets of Dibrom and 1,400 gallons of Temephos at a cost of approximately \$1 million. Approximately \$57,000 was saved by making the purchase at this time. By doing this the District purchased next year's Temephos supply plus two years providing a three year cushion before Temephos is removed from our tool kit. There is still a slight chance that Temephos may continue to be manufactured.

REVIEW THE BILLS: – Chair Larsen reviewed with the Board the monthly expenses for the Districts.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Director advised those present that the memorial service for former Commissioner Tim Gardner will be held on the December 12th at the Shell Point Church. Mr. Gardner had been working with the District to facilitate removal of the 5-wide and double wide trailers. Mr. Gardner accomplished this goal and Ding Darling is taking the Double wide and the Florida Panther Wildlife Center in Collier County is taking the 5-wide. The Double wide will be moved out before the first of the year the 5-wide sometime early in 2013.
- Because the Lee County Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Employee Credit Union was a subject of inquiry by the local legislative delegation last year, activity of the Credit Union has been on hold. A decision on the future hosting of the Credit Union by the Districts needs to be made soon because the Credit Union is regulated by the State of Florida and must be functioning properly for compliance. The Board requested information on the Credit Union and the process for closing to be provided to them in the form of a report prior to the next Board meeting so they can make an informed decision.
- The Annual Employee Service Awards Banquet will take place Friday, December 14. There is normally an expense attached with this which has been lowered over the last several years. The food expenditure will be \$1,300 this year. Commissioner Hart made the motion to approve this expenditure and Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.
- There was a surprise FAA inspection yesterday which the District passed.
- Director Gale has asked former Commissioner Murphy to volunteer and look into the possibility of setting up a Mosquito Control Research Foundation. Because of cuts in the State budget to zero this past year this is a monumental task but former Commissioner Murphy is willing and has agreed to take on this project.
- Director taught an Environmental Health Training and Emergency Response Class at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta this month. His class covered Vector Control.
- Commissioner Ellis would like to put the Director evaluation on the agenda for next meeting to discuss how the Board wants to conduct the process.
- The Florida Mosquito Control Annual Aerial Short Course will be held here again this year from January 15-17 and is open for the Board to attend.
- The American Mosquito Control 78th Annual Meeting is coming up February 24-28 in Atlantic City if any of the Board would like to attend. None of the Board plans to attend at this time.
- The DODD Mosquito Control Short Course will be held the week of January 28th with the Commissioner's conference being held on Tuesday, January 29. Commissioner Dortch and Mann may attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary


Chairman