

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting April 10, 2014 at 10:00 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 – Richard Molek Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Lee County requested permission to address the Board. Mr. Molek stated that he is here to learn about an agency that those in his party knew little about in the past. Chairman Dortch attended their last meeting and invited their members to come and dig deeper into the district by attending a tour. Mr. Molek advised the Board that it is part of his party mission to be involved in the community and educating themselves and was complimentary to LCMCD staff for their cooperation in providing them with information they have requested.

Richard Paul, local business owner of TowBoat U.S. of Cape Coral requested permission to address the Board. Mr. Paul was here to express his concerns and question how government works from a businessman's point of view. He pointed out that there was a half million dollar increase in payroll costs and is questioning why such a huge jump in payroll from \$5.7 – \$6.2 million when benefits did not increase. The Director advised that payroll can vary significantly driven by how heavy or light the mosquito season is affecting overtime costs up or down. New positions hired can also be an issue. Raises over the past two years have been a 1.5% cost of living increase each year which basically gave back the 3% that the state required employees to pay into the retirement system. LCMCD has a step increase system in place each year for employees which impacts payroll. The Director advised that if there were retirements during that time payouts in retiring employee accounts can be significant. Director Gale is going to provide Mr. Paul with a detailed report.

MINUTES - Chairman Dortch asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on March 6, 2014. Commissioner Ellis moved that the minutes be approved as read. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, reported that there are currently no disease reports as everything has been quiet due to the dry weather. Nothing to report state wide, none of the state is under advisories or alerts. No imported cases of virus in Lee County. The state has had multiple meetings regarding Chikungunya (ChikV). Both the Tampa and Jacksonville labs are capable of testing for ChikV or dengue. Dr. Hartner is retiring next week; there will be a casual reception at the Pondella Road location from 10-2.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS – Director Gale stated that LCMCD is looking to implement a change in the health insurance premium policy for retirees and commissioners who are responsible for providing their premium payment each month. LCMCD is looking at a policy for those individuals in cases of nonpayment of premiums. They would be allowed to become one month behind and catch up, but after two months of nonpayment they will be dropped. If it is a retiree they would be terminated permanently if they do not pay their portion of the benefit after the one month grace period. Currently a written notification notice is sent after 15 days of an individual missing a payment. The updated policy will be sent out to all the retirees notifying them of this policy change. This change is consistent with the State's policy. Motion was made by Commissioner Mann to postpone finalizing until the May meeting to give the Board time to consider the change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and the Board approved unanimously.

Director Gale advised the Board that Robert Roper has left the position of Chief Pilot but will fly for LCMCD during mosquito season. LCMCD has hired Rick O'Neil as the Chief Pilot and will send him to Bell Helicopter School for training on the 407 at a cost of

\$15,725.00 which is unbudgeted. Pilots need this training, the benefit for LCMCD if they go to Bell is the use of Bell's 407 not LCMCD's for practicing auto-rotations. Commissioner Pritchett made the motion to approve spending the money for the Bell training. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion with no dissenting votes.

PROJECTS UPDATE – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, had nothing to report at this time. Commissioner Pritchett requested status information from Carmen on the outstanding Limited Development Order (LDO) for a new hangar. Carmen stated that it is an LDO which has six years for us to complete pending funding for the project. The canvas hangars are working for the time being.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported on the following items:

Chikungunya Virus (ChikV) – Jim Burgess, Manager of Scientific Intelligence

Jim reported that it is not a situation of "if" but "when" this virus arrives in the United States. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is conducting a training webinar today which the Board is invited to attend. This is a man to man alpha virus similar to West Nile. Right now it is in the islands off Puerto Rico with around 17,600 cases in the Caribbean. The virus can take one to 12 days to show up in humans. The LCMCD chicken program will be useless for testing because the virus is not transmitted through birds. Right now it is unknown if the female can pass this on to the eggs. There will be a seminar here tomorrow to develop rapid response teams in an attempt to get ahead of the situation. There is no treatment available at this time. Once a person has had the disease they will not get it again. Symptoms can last up to a year. LCMCD doesn't have a good way of controlling these mosquitoes as they live in anything that will hold water, i.e., tree holes, bromeliads, anything around homes. The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District dealt with dengue by hiring a force of people who could go yard to yard in their limited area which would be impossible for Lee County to do with ChikV. This will provide a significant challenge and at this point LCMCD's approach will be to attempt to limit the spread and try to snuff it out before it gets too far. It will involve significant resources to do any of these things. The Health Department has templates made up to help educate and make people aware and will use the media extensively in an attempt to educate people to help themselves.

The annual Regulatory Tour took place this month with 15 people from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) and 15 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Pesticide Programs and Office of Water Management. Meredith Laws, Chief, Insecticide-Rodenticide Branch at EPA who is in charge of registering the products we use was also in attendance. Katie Heggemeier, Manager of Mosquito Control, included label issues in her presentation and when the issues were presented Ms. Laws was very interested. Director Gale and Katie will meet with them next month during Washington Days.

Tallahassee Days was productive with the group able to meet with members of our local delegation and others as well. The Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke in support of the \$2.66 million state wide funding budgeted for mosquito control this year. Most of the delegation suggested that FMCA ask for more money next year especially with the ChikV situation looming. LCMCD has not taken any of the aid money but has obtained some of the research money.

With the small amount of rain this week LCMCD has actually had to aerial larvicide Little Pine and various areas in the county where there are mosquitoes right now. Some areas have never dried back from last year and LCMCD is in the process of identifying where to pre-treat with larvicides before the active mosquito season starts..

Director Gale will be at CDC in Atlanta teaching the Vector Control section of the Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response Course next week.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Rule 54 (GASB 54) - Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer discussed Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Russ discussed the objective of the statement which is to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions. The Statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.


Russ explained in detail each fund balance classification, how to handle fund deficits, if any, how and why minimum fund balance policies are used, financial reporting and disclosure and classification of fund balance amounts for their spending order.

Russ informed the Board that action was not required at this time. He stated that he would work with the Director to bring the Board Fund Balance recommendations prior to the September budget meetings.

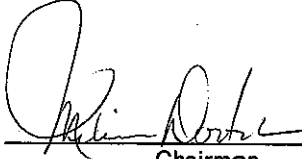
FINANCIAL REPORT - Mike Ellis reviewed the financial reports with the Board. Motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to approve the financial reports. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Secretary



Chairman