

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting June 26, 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, Thomas Hart, Bruce C. Scott, and Director T. Wayne Gale.

Visitors: Harold Hume, Jr., Attorney Henderson Franklin Attorneys at Law, Fort Myers, FL
Brian Farrar, BCI Management Group, Estero, FL

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Brian Farrar introduced himself as one of the candidates for the open seat on the Board for Area 2.

MINUTES - Chairman Dortch asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on May 8, 2014. 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, reported that Chikungunya cases have increased to 48 travel associated cases in Florida for 2014. Six travel associated cases in the past week across the entire state were from the Caribbean. One local case came in from The Dominican Republic in a person who was visiting Lee County. LCMCD tested and sprayed the area near where he was staying. Most of the state is now seeing activity. Volusia County is under a mosquito born disease alert due to vectors testing positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) no human cases have been reported.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Brett Bacot, Lobbyist at Fowler White Boggs – provided the following information from this year's session. On the budget side state revenues generated by sales tax have increased over the last two years. This past year was a record year for tourism which has been a good thing for the entire state. There is \$3.5 billion more than last year in the budget. A reduction in the cost of vehicle registrations by \$25.00 was approved for Floridians. Tax breaks have been spread across the budget such as tax free holidays for hurricane supplies and school supplies. The mosquito control budget was funded at \$2.7 million including a \$500,000 competitive grant program. Local mosquito control districts will be able to seek funding specific to their local area. Senate Bill 1632 was passed and will be effective July 1, 2014 as follows:

CS/CS/CS/SB 1632: Special Districts

GENERAL BILL by Appropriations ; Community Affairs ; Ethics and Elections; Stargel Special Districts; Revising duties of the Legislative Auditing Committee; specifying applicability of procedures regarding suspension and removal of a member of the governing body of a special district; deleting provisions relating to the application of a special district to amend its charter; revising the circumstances under which the Department of Economic Opportunity may declare a special district inactive; repealing specified provisions relating to the Community Improvement Authority Act; requiring the Legislative Auditing Committee to provide notice of the failure of special districts to file certain required reports to certain persons and bodies, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2014

Representative Caldwell worked on an amendment to help the District to change airport and heliport licensing for private airports to protect them against encroachment by developments. The Department of Transportation (DOT) was involved and had issues with the amendment as proposed. Representative Caldwell was very helpful but the amendment did not go through. He will continue to work to accomplish this in the future.

AUDIT REPORT PRESENTATION: Auditor Don Ashley, with Ashley Brown & Company, presented the 2013 financial statements for the District. No instances of non compliance were reported. After discussion, Commissioner Pritchett made the motion to accept the 2013 Mosquito Control audit as presented. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

CAPITAL ASSETS – Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer, presented the lists of Unlocated and BER/Obsolete Surplus capital asset items. Russ, requested approval by the Board to remove the unlocated items from the asset list. Commissioner Mann made the motion to approve removal of the items. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion with no dissenting votes.

Russ then requested a motion by the Board to declare the list of items which were located but deemed to be beyond economical repair and obsolete as surplus. This will allow for disposal through auction or donation. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to declare these items surplus to allow for disposal. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

School Board and FGCU Budget Proposal – Neil Wilkinson presented the fiscal year review for the School Board Contract. The teacher's mission is to make people in Lee County aware of what LCMCD does for the county. They were at 79 schools with over 1,000 individual presentations done during the year. Neil is the President of the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) and presented topics at the Dodd Short Courses on History of Mosquito Control in Florida, LCMCD and Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Internship Program, and Malaria and Yellow Fever this year. Neal teaches at FGCU and presented during environmental biology outreach events across the county during the year. Throughout the year there are service learning projects for FGCU students. Out of the 800 service learning projects 65 were selected for a showcase. The winner of this year's showcase was the project for mosquito control. Brian Murphy is the Public Information Chair for FMCA and Eric Jackson is the Co-Chair of the Dodd Short Course Committee for the coming year. The state FMCA meeting was held in November at the Westin in Cape Coral and fourteen teachers were involved at the conference. The District held a workshop here for the teachers on a Saturday which was well attended. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) made state money available and FGCU applied for a grant to do research funded for \$102,000 on what happens to mosquito control compounds while they are out in the environment. Another grant proposal for research is being submitted for Dengue and Chikungunya research.

Shelly Redovan, Deputy Director of Education and Communications reviewed last year's budget of \$268,750. This year the department is proposing a slight increase in the form of a 3% cost of living increase for all three instructors. The School Board has mentioned that they will be giving 3% so the district has included it. LCMCD will not know until it actually takes place if the School Board has approved the increase. This would increase the budget to \$283,182. Motion was made by Commissioner Hart to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATE – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that the UH1 TT straps will be tested by Airwolf out of Ohio. The District has one UH1 helicopter that is in need of new TT Straps. The cost of the TT Straps is about \$18,000.00. By entering into this agreement the District will save this amount (\$18,000.00). This will require about four (4) hours of flight time in the UH1 with a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) representative on board. The new Airwolf TT Straps will remain on the UH1 helicopter replacing the ones that had to be removed due to time on them.

PROJECT UPDATE (Continued) - The Coast Guard boat from General Services Administration (GSA) will be released to us providing clear title to it as the District has met the time to keep it in service. LCMCD will sign (within the next 30 days) the paperwork needed to complete the release of the title.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT -- Director Gale advised the Board that Commissioner Hart was unopposed for the upcoming election and as such retains his seat on the Board.

Director Gale stated that this has been a dry summer so far and mosquito counts are down. Our daily service request total is about 10-15 when normally at this time of year its 300-400. We are finding that neighborhoods are the areas where Aedes are in abundance. This could have an impact on our entire operation. These are not mosquitoes that we normally seek to control due to the fact that they are daytime biters. We normally go after night time mosquitoes between 9:30 and midnight. We have restrictions on how many times we may apply material to an area in a span of time. If we need to impact the daytime mosquitoes at dawn we cannot treat that same night for the nighttime mosquitoes. Another issue is that in order for us to inspect we must get into people's back yards. There are some legal issues with our authority to go into property and we have no real legal rights. Code Enforcement is limited in the county. We are in the talking stage concerning how we are going to deal with active transmission. We only have 3-4 people who answer service requests. This will require a lot of public education to have the public eliminate breeding in their yards. We may bring back thermal fogging of small areas so that we can see what we have reached. Malathion used in fogging creates increased activity in the mosquitoes and they become more of a nuisance during the death process. But this distresses the public. High tide this week did not amount to much for right now that is great. But when we get a significant tide and rain everything will fill and all will be breeding mosquitoes. The pre hatch spraying worked in areas we have tested with materials we know will work. The testing of several new products did not go well and the products were deemed not useful. Jim Burgess and Director Gale attended a conference in Vero Beach, FL to discuss Chikungunya and Dengue with 120 people from across the state. There should be a document coming out shortly from the University of Florida's Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory to discuss how we are all going to deal with this.

The Mosquito Control website roll out of the new platform is working and much improved. It will be easier for us to maintain and update in the future.

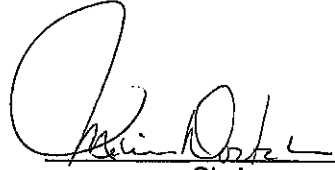
Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control was held here this week. Nothing of great significance occurred, discussions were mainly covering what to do about Dengue and Chikungunya.

The annual Fish and Wildlife meeting with Ding Darling personnel was held here this month. The Service has put out guidance to refuge managers to allow some flexibility as to what they can allow for Mosquito Control. There were some water control structure projects identified that may be beneficial to LCMCD as well as them getting grants and we will put some money in the budget this year to work with the refuge to put in culverts and create some water control structures to save us money on pesticides in the future.

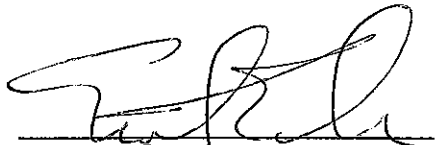
Vivian Jones - Chief Financial Officer officially retires on Monday, Linda Parks - General Accounting will be retiring on Monday and a retirement celebration will be today. Doris Cooke - Accounts Payable specialist is retiring this week as well. We have placed temporary employees in these positions. Payroll will be contracted out and transitioning all of that will take place throughout the next month or so.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mike Ellis reviewed the financial reports with the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis to approve the financial reports as read. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Chairman



Secretary