

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting May 8, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MINUTES - Chairman Dortch asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on April 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 there are currently no disease issues statewide.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS – Director Gale reminded the Board that at the April meeting they voted to table the implementation of a change in the health insurance premium policy for retirees and commissioners who are responsible for providing their premium payment each month to allow the Board time to consider the change. To reiterate LCHCD 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 would 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. Director Gale also asked as part of this change the Board vote on removing the mandatory debit for retirees from their Credit Union account and go with an Automatic Clearing House (ACH) electronic account debit for their premiums. After some discussion Commissioner Pritchett made the motion to approve the policy change as written in the policy document along with the changeover to an ACH account debit for monthly premiums. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE – Director Gale reported that there is a request to renew the letter of agreement allowing them to use District property for debris storage after a hurricane. The Board left this up to the Director.

MEETING DATE CHANGE: Director Gale advised the Board that the annual audit is moving along slower than anticipated. The audit must be completed by June 30th and the Accounting Department needs the extra time. Director Gale requested that the Board meeting for June be moved to the 26th at 10:00 a.m. After discussion by the Board, Commissioner Pritchett made a motion to reschedule the meeting to June 26th. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

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 concrete hangar. Carmen stated that the LDO is good for six years. The canvas hangars are working for the time being.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale advised the Board of a notice received for rezoning of 95 acres off Buckingham Road for a development called Bentley Crossings. Current zoning is A2 residential and the change would include commercial building height of 45 feet. This may create a flight path or noise issue for District aircraft coming and going from the South Runway. The Director will work with the County to insure continuity of mosquito control airport operations are considered if the project moves forward.

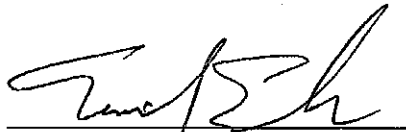
DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Commissioners Dortch and Mann along with Katie Heggemeier, Manager of Mosquito Control and Director Gale had very good meetings with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington D.C.. Katie advised that she has met with and is actively speaking with everyone at EPA who has a role in finalizing labeling issues associated with mosquito control pesticides. Katie gave a presentation to the Board on her project with the EPA to improve the language on mosquito control pesticide labels. This is a project that will be beneficial to all mosquito control districts nationwide.

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

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


Chairman


Secretary