

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting July 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Melissa Dortch, Commissioners George T. Mann, Jr., Richard H. Pritchett, III, William M. Ellis, Thomas Hart, and Director T. Wayne Gale.

Visitors: Richard Paul candidate for Area 4.
Visitor #2 signed in as "Tax Payer"

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MINUTES - Chairman Dortch asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on June 26, 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 no locally acquired cases of Chikungunya in Lee County. All cases so far have been travel associated. Alachua, Pasco and Volusia Counties are 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.

AUDITOR SELECTION – Director Gale advised the Board that there needs to be an auditor selection committee established. He recommended the committee consist of Director Gale, Russ Baker-Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner Ellis. Their task will be to solicit potential auditors who are interested in working with the District and provide a recommendation to the Board for approval. Commissioner Hart made a motion that these gentlemen be the committee to carry out this task. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion. The Board approved with no dissenting votes.

TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 FOR LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT – Director Gale and Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer, submitted to the Board a Tentative Work Plan Budget and proposed tentative maximum millage rate for approval. Revenues are going to increase by around 6% so there is a recommended roll back rate. Their recommendation is to set the rate at the roll back rate from \$0.252 to \$0.2397. Commissioner Hart moved to decrease Mosquito Control millage to the recommended roll back rate of \$0.2397 mills for the coming year. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and there were no dissenting votes.

SET DATES FOR PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS – Director Gale presented the proposed dates for the public hearings the first being Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 5:01 PM for Mosquito Control and the second public hearing on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 5:01 PM for the final Mosquito Control budget public hearing. Motion for these two dates and times was made by Commissioner Pritchett. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

SET A DATE FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP – Director Gale requested a Workshop to review the detailed work plan budget and discuss budget numbers. The date of Wednesday, August 6, 2014 was suggested for the Workshop as well as the Board Meeting to accommodate changes to some of the Commissioner's schedules. Commissioner Pritchett made the motion to have the Workshop 8:30 a.m. and the Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on August 6th. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

DETAILED WORK PLAN BUDGET – Director Gale presented the proposed tentative budget worksheet for the District. There is a 3% pay increase included which is up for discussion at the August meeting. There is an additional item in there for grants and aids. The District wants to partner with Ding Darling Refuge and have included \$100,000 for a project to decrease mosquito breeding on the refuge through construction of water control structures. The other \$10,000 is a donation to the Mosquito Research Foundation. This is a way of partnering with other mosquito control districts across the United States to do operational mosquito control research. Dr. Hornby, Deputy Director Mosquito Control and Scientific Intelligence is on the Grant Selection Committee and Director Gale is on the Board.

Reduction in personnel costs is the result of moving money out of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) into reserves. At some point there needs to be a trust established and funded at some level. The personnel services are also lower because of scheduled retirements. The cash carried forward is estimated to be \$9.2 million and the district currently has about \$13.3 in cash now. Self insurance and aviation insurance is an issue for future discussion. Also replacement of fixed assets needs to be reviewed. Capital outlay is about \$500,000.

There being no further discussion Commissioner Ellis made the motion to approve the Work Plan Budget for 2014-2015 for LCMCD. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

DATES FOR UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – Director Gale presented the Board meeting dates for the rest of 2014 including the change of the August meeting date. Motion was made by Commissioner Mann to approve the meeting dates as revised. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

PROJECTS UPDATE – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that the back gate on Runway 6 is being electrified with a security system and new lighting. This will provide increased security on Runway 6 at any given time. Agencies granted access to this gate will be given the access code.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported that there was a live report on Channel 2 from our parking lot this morning. They were reporting on the first case of Dengue in South Florida this year which is in Miami.

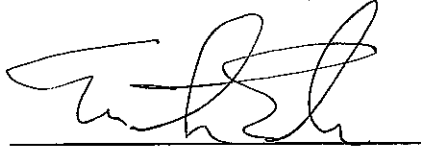
This year has been really slow due to lack of rain and lack of really high tides, no aerial adulticiding missions have been flown yet. Tonight the first aerial mission will be flown in Lehigh and Iona as part of the test being conducted with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) to demonstrate there is no negative impact on state lands from mosquito spraying.

The District has responded to the imported Chikungunya cases by inspecting neighborhoods in the vicinity of the cases for container breeding mosquitoes. We found a significant problem in almost every neighborhood we inspected due to bromeliads other vegetation and water holding containers. We are discussing thermal fogging again as a means of controlling these particular mosquitoes. Another consideration is using Malathion due to its excitation of the mosquitoes which may be more effective in exposing them to control efforts.

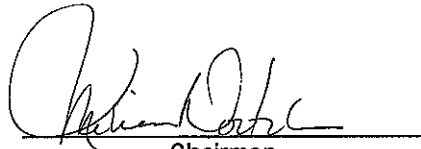
The new shrimp farm on Pine Island is concerned about the District spraying near them. There have been visits made attempting to reassure them that larviciding in their vicinity will not cause them problems.

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.



Secretary



Chairman