

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting October 9, 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., William M. Ellis, Richard Pritchett, Bruce C. Scott, and Director T. Wayne Gale.

VISITORS: Howard Lowe -- Bonita Springs, Candidate for Area 2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MINUTES - Chairman Dortch asked for approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on September 4, 2014. Commissioner Mann moved that the minutes be approved as read. Commissioner Ellis made the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, reported that in Florida there are currently three imported cases of Chikungunya and one imported case of dengue. The total for reported disease cases so far this year in Florida is 260. The Health Department is monitoring other counties who do have locally acquired cases of Chikungunya and Dengue. They have hired a new administrator, Robert Palussek who was the administrator in Highlands County previously. A visit to the district will be arranged as well as a time for him to meet the Board.

125 PLAN AMENDMENT – Director Gale asked for discussion on an amendment to the employee 125 Plan which involves employees who are still employed but are 65 years old or older and not eligible for a Health Savings Account. Our health insurance is based on us providing the deductible in the form of a Health Savings Account (HSA). What the District does for these employees is provide them with a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) up to \$2500 to use for medical expenses in lieu of a HSA. The problem is that it is just like a health reimbursement account which requires the District and employee to administer how funds are dispersed and spent for health issues. The District would like to just pay these employees the money that would normally be put into the HSA account and eliminate the administration of the flexible spending account. There is also a payroll deduction allowed for child care where employees can have funds deducted pretax for that purpose. The District has only one employee using the child care program and childcare is tax deductible. Eliminating these two payroll deductions would allow us to close a bank account with Wells Fargo. There are seven people over 65 that would be affected by this change. Cost wise it works out about the same but the administrative effort will be eliminated. Director requested the Board amend the 125 Plan. Commissioner Pritchett made the motion to amend the 125 Plan and close the bank account. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

Budget Amendments - Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Board with the 2013-2014 Mosquito Control Monthly Report. This is the report that is required to be filed with Department of Agriculture that the Board will receive from now on. Next Russ presented the Arthropod Control Budget Amendment for 2013-14. This amendment cleans up the budget. It includes sales of equipment, an increase in loans, and covers a transfer allowing the District use of their money in the interim between receipt of revenues and the end of the budget year. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to accept both of these reports. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Fiscal 2014-2015 as financial statements roll forward the District needs to adjust the cash going forward. This will involve an increase in the amount of \$971,622.00 to revise our Beginning Fund Balance of \$10,171,622.00 for the budget for 2014-15. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the \$975,622.00 increase. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

The Fund Balance Worksheet is under construction and Russ will present it at the next Board meeting.

PROJECTS UPDATE – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that the work has been completed on the water line.

Carmen reported that the District has been able to obtain a sweeper truck from the U.S. Government through the General Services Administration (GSA) which gives the District the ability to sweep the runway of debris which helps maintain a clean area for the King Air's which sit low to the ground. The cost is \$13,000 including shipping to Jacksonville.

The GSA has four King Air 200's that went up for bid. The District chose to bid and were awarded two King Air 200's which are at the bone yard in Arizona. The project is moving ahead rapidly. At this time the military is giving mixed messages regarding whether they can be flown out of Arizona or will need to be trucked out. The aircraft are serviceable and they are reclassified so that after 5 years the District could sell them and recoup money spent. They will be brought in to replace DC3's down the road about 3-5 years out. There will be a cost of approximately \$5,000 per aircraft and a trucking fee somewhere in the range of \$10,000-\$15,000. The DC3 program is sliding out of feasibility to operate as we lose the ability to get parts and have pilots who are trained to fly them. We are now awaiting permission to fly them off the runway before we take the steps to dismantle them and truck them out. Both aircraft are air worthy and can be converted to civilian registry through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Commissioner Mann made the motion to purchase the two King Air's and arrange for transport. Commissioner Pritchett seconded the motion. The Board approved with no dissenting votes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported that after the budget hearings last month all budgets are certified and the TRIM docs delivered so we are good to go another year.

Mosquito season has been a crazy time this year. Our regular season never really developed but now there is a season. The funds we were able to carry forward we are now spending. The areas east of I-75 are blanketed with mosquitoes. We are running all drivers and planes out every night. Aerial larviciding for domestic mosquitoes in urban areas is being tested on property here. We could larvicide urban areas if need be for disease. Manatee County has already done this and flew at night just like Ultra Low Volume (ULV) adulticiding missions.

Director spent a day on the river last week with Ernesto Lasso de la Vega of the Hyacinth District. The went from the Franklin Locks up to LaBelle and up Hickey Creek and the oxbows taking samples which will be tested utilizing the new analyzer which will be much more efficient and allow Ernesto more time for sampling and less time in the lab.

The District had visits by Leadership Cape Coral and Bonita Springs as well as the Community of Cypress Cove this past month.

Director has agreed to have our United Way Campaign early and be Pacesetters starting October 17th.

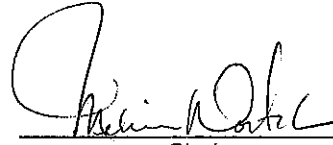
Auditors have started and completed the initial inventory as part of the audit. Everything went very well.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION – Commissioner Ellis reminded the Board that it is time to evaluate the Director at a workshop prior to the next Board Meeting. Evaluation Forms will be sent out to the Board prior to the workshop. Director will present his plan for the coming year and Commissioner Ellis will compile the results. The workshop will be at 8:30 a.m. prior to the November Board meeting.

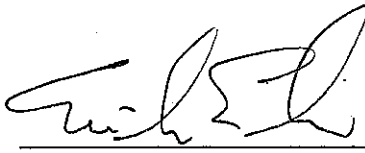
FINANCIAL REPORT – Commissioner Ellis advised the Board that the August report has been completed. Commissioner Ellis requested a motion to approve the September report. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

Commissioner Ellis requested that a new type of software be purchased for the commissioner's iPads called Board Effect. The software allows for maintaining files on all the minutes for both Districts, all the finance reports, enabling act, announcements, etc. It makes life as a Board very simple. He has requested that staff look at these programs.

NEW BUSINESS - There being no further business the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Chairman



Secretary