

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting January 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mann, Commissioners Melissa Dortch, William M. Ellis, Brian F. Farrar, Thomas B. Hart, George T. Mann, Jr., Richard D. Paul, Bruce C. Scott and Director T. Wayne Gale.

**VISITORS:** One visitor, Mr. Kim Hawk of North Fort Myers

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – KIM HAWK, NORTH FORT MYERS**

Spoke regarding term limits and indebtedness of government. Last month there were two separate discussions regarding these two topics. Mr. Hawk encouraged the Board to consider these items. The Board reiterated that this is not an issue that they can address and would require a change in the Enabling Act which would need to be done by the state legislature. There being no further discussion Chairman Mann moved on to the next agenda item.

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT** – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, reported that there are no reports of arbovirus in humans or animals so far in 2015.

**MEETING DATES**

Director Gale presented the following list of Board meetings for calendar 2015.

January 8, 2015	September 10, 2015 (4:45 p.m.) TENTATIVE
February 5, 2015	Regular meeting
March 5, 2015	First public hearing on proposed budget
April 9, 2015	(5:01 p.m. Mosquito Control District)
May 7, 2015	(5:15 p.m. Hyacinth Control District)
June 4, 2015	September 17, 2015 TENTATIVE
July 9, 2015	Final public hearing on proposed budget
August 6, 2015	(5:01 p.m. Mosquito Control District)
Workshop (8:30 a.m.)	(5:15 p.m. Hyacinth Control District)
Regular meeting (10:00 a.m.)	October 8, 2015
	November 5, 2015
	December 10, 2015

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Director Gale reported that the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District has gotten Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval to use drones for mosquito control. The use would be for outer island missions to determine if a particular island is wet or not. This would save making a boat trip to the island and sending an inspector. Next week is the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) Fly-In and there will be drone demonstrations by several companies. The Fly-In runs from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday morning. Drone demonstrations will be Wednesday. The full agenda is on the FMCA web site under the Fly-In. Drones do make sense for surveillance and potentially could help in locating breeding mosquito sites. There should be about 145 people attending the meetings.

Director Gale advised that he will be speaking on Tuesday morning at the Lee County Legislative Delegation meeting being held at Florida Southwest University. He will be asking for Legislative support for State mosquito control funding for research and District operations.

The FMCA DODD short courses are the last week of this month in Altamont Springs. The Director/Commissioner day is Tuesday, January 27.

The Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) regular meeting will be held here at the District on January 30. The District is hosting along with East County Water Control as Dave Lindsey their Director is the FASD President this year.

Anastasia Mosquito Control from St. Augustine in St. Johns County has requested help from LCMCD with some Human Resources issues. Our Human Resources Director, Susan Merris will review their position descriptions and payroll policies. They will provide all expenses for her travel and she will do that the end of March. The District has offered Human Resources assistance to other districts as we are the largest and are the only one who has a professional Human Resources representative.

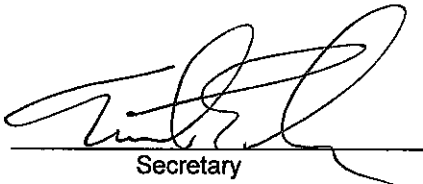
Director reported on mosquito activity during the holiday period. The District was busy with temperatures being up so there was a continual stream of service requests. The majority of staff was off but there were those individuals called in to spray with trucks for both salt water and fresh water mosquitoes. Mosquitoes were everywhere from the Islands to Lehigh Acres which is odd for this time of year.

**PROJECTS UPDATE** – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that the King Air 200 project is still in the waiting process and could last up to six months before we get the aircraft from General Services Administration (GSA). The FAA has inspected us regarding our Congested Area Plan and has approved our Plan.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Commissioner Ellis advised that this is the November report due to the early nature of the end of month close and the early date of this month's meeting. The District is actually ahead on incoming tax dollars and only have about \$3 million in Mosquito to collect for the rest of the year. Commissioner Farrar made a motion to accept the financial report as read. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mann at 10:54 AM.



Secretary



Chairman