

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control Districts (LCMCD) held its regular scheduled meeting September 10, 2015 at 4:45 p.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman George "Pat" Mann, Commissioners Melissa Dortch, Brian F. Farrar, Thomas B. Hart and Director T. Wayne Gale.

VISITORS: Kim Hawk, resident of North Fort Myers and Rick Molek, resident of North Fort Myers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – Kim Hawke stated that he found the information on the LCMCD website about how homeowners can control mosquitoes and it was informative. He would like to see the District advertise this information so that children and adults could access it to educate themselves on how they can manage mosquito control as individuals. The website could also be used to fulfill the District's education requirement by allowing all students access to work at their own pace to learn about mosquito control which would eliminate the need for teachers and the District funded education program.

Mr. Hawke also spoke about the retirees who were here at the last meeting mentioning that the District has given them a promise regarding retirement benefits. This current Board did not make those promises so you cannot be held to a promise that another Board made. These old promises don't hold up any longer. He feels these are two areas that this Board can make some changes.

Rick Molek mentioned that during a series of talks on local Lee County government he has attended lately something has been jumping out at him which is that the people involved in these meetings don't know how to start engaging with government. One thing that came out is that there are a lot of people in the community that have no idea how good of a job the various governmental agencies are doing and then they don't know how to become involved in being the eyes and ears for the residents here. This board of seven needs to be the filter for those people that will maybe never know you exist. An individual could make it a full time job learning about every agency. You are the eyes and ears of the people, please don't rubber stamp the items that come before you as a Board representing this community.

MINUTES – Chairman Mann asked for Board approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on August 6, 2015. Commissioner Farrar made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion which carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, reported that there have been no mosquito borne disease cases in Lee County. There have been six cases of West Nile reported in the state. The latest case reported is in Pinellas County in the St. Petersburg area but none have come further south at this time.

PROJECT UPDATES – Director Gale presented the Bentley Crossing aviation agreement which is an agreement between the District and developer acknowledging and protecting the aviation operations of the District. The agreement is between LCMCD and the developers of Bentley Crossing which lies across from the District. The hearing on this has been suspended at this time and the attorneys have asked for a continuance. One of the key elements after attending the hearings, the hearing examiner was very concerned that Mosquito control be considered during the rezoning. They have agreed to reduce the height requirement to 35 feet to protect the aviation use for the airpark. This is not an FAA issue it is a good neighbor issue. This would keep construction at three stories high. Even at 50 feet they would not be in the flight path of the runways.

PUBLIC HEARING – Chairman Mann suspended the Regular Meeting of the Board at 5:00 p.m. in order to convene the Public Hearing on the tentative Budget and Millage Rate. The meeting was opened by Chairman Mann at 5:01 p.m. Chairman Mann announced the Lee County Mosquito Control District proposes to adopt a tentative millage rate of \$.2397 mills \$.2397 per thousand. The tentative millage rate of \$.2397 mills is greater than the rolled back rate of \$.2277 by 5.27%.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farrar and seconded by Commissioner Dortch to approve the tentative millage rate of \$.2397 for fiscal year 2015-2016. There being no further discussion by the board the motion carried with no dissenting votes by the Board.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 10, 2015 adopted a fiscal year 2015-2016 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

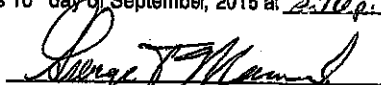
WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lee County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Lee County Mosquito Control District as \$66,508,798,007.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, that

1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt and set a tentative operating millage rate of .2397 mills (\$.2397 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2015-2016. The tentative millage rate of .2397 mills is greater than the rolled back rate of .2277 by 5.27%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2015-2016 operating millage rate shall be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 5:01 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing on this 10th day of September, 2015 at 5:16 p.m.


Lee County Mosquito Control District
Chairman

Attest:



Chairman Mann suspended the Mosquito Control Public Hearing as it was running over time in order to convene the Public Hearing for Hyacinth Control at 5:16 p.m. Commissioner Farrar then made the motion to suspend the Hyacinth meeting in order to complete the Mosquito Control Meeting. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the suspension of the Hyacinth Meeting to reconvene the Mosquito Meeting.

Chairman Mann presented the tentative budget for 2015-2016 to the Board for approval. Director Gale advised the Board that at the workshop they had discussed a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) but did not discuss that there was 3% in the budget presented at that time for said COLA. After discussion Commissioner Farrar recommended they amend the amount of the COLA to 2.5% and take the additional monies needed for chemical come out of reserves. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the amended tentative budget. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the tentative budget.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

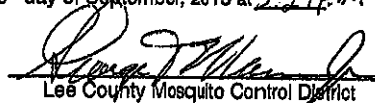
WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 10, 2015, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$24,097,100.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2015-2016 budget shall be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 5:01 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 10th day of September, 2015 at 5:24 p.m.


Lee County Mosquito Control District
Chairman

Attest:


A motion was made by Commissioner Dortch to close the public Mosquito Control meeting and reconvene the public Hyacinth Control meeting. The board unanimously approved the motion and reconvened the Hyacinth meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Director Gale reported that the Board had agreed to take roll back as there is \$300,000 slight deficit spending in the budget but roll back for Hyacinth keeps us fluid. Chairman Mann read the Hyacinth resolution to adopt the tentative millage rate of \$.0263 mills, \$.0263 per \$1,000.00 which is equal to the rolled back rate of \$.0263. The millage rate as a percent change of the rolled-back rate is 0.00%. Commissioner Hart made the motion to adopt the millage rate. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 10, 2015 adopted a fiscal year 2015-2016 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

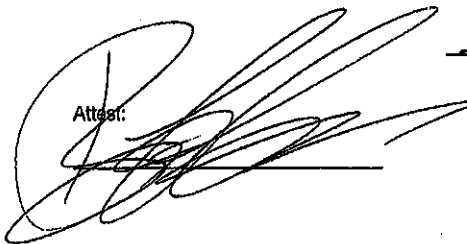

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lee County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Lee County Hyacinth Control District as \$69,864,646,210.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, that

1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt and set a tentative operating millage rate of .0263 mills (\$.0263 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2015-2016. The adopted final millage rate of .0263 mills is equal to the rolled back rate of .0263. The adopted millage rate as a percent change of the rolled-back rate is 0.00%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2015-2016 operating millage rate shall be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 5:15 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing on this 10th day of September, 2015 at 5:31 p.m.

Attest: 

Lee County Hyacinth Control District
Chairman

Chairman Mann presented the tentative budget for 2015-2016 to the Board for approval at 5:31 p.m.

Director Gale advised the Board that at the workshop they had discussed a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) but did not discuss that there was 3% in the budget presented at that time for said COLA. After discussion Commissioner Farrar recommended they amend the amount of the COLA to 2.5% and take the additional monies needed for chemical out of reserves. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the amended tentative budget. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the tentative budget.

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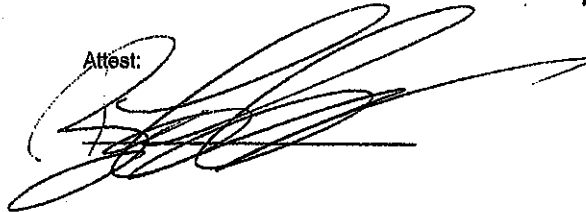
WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$4,556,600.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2015-2016 budget shall be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 5:15 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 10th day of September, 2015 at 5:34 p.m.


Lee County Hyacinth Control District
Chairman

Attest:


Commissioner Farrar made the motion to close the public hearings and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

RECONVENE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – Chairman Mann reconvened the regular monthly meeting at 5:35 p.m.

RETIREE BENEFIT POLICY APPROVAL - Director requested approval of the amended retiree benefits policy which was amended by the attorney doing the trust. Commissioner Hart would like to table this discussion to have time to review the policy but there is a timing issue. After discussion the Board decided that they would discuss this issue after which Commissioner Farrar made a motion to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Dortch and approved unanimously.

At this point Commissioner Dortch excused herself from the meeting and the remaining Board members continued discussion on the following:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported that this has been the busiest August on record with over 2,000 service requests for the month which is a record for us. Most of the spraying has been east of I-75, Alva, Estero and Corkscrew areas. Aerial works very well for fresh water mosquitoes. The Web site has helped a great deal with the percentage of people using the site to make a request increasing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Continued - The King Air 200's are not going to arrive here until next fiscal year. There is now the potential to make one King Air 200 fully functional and keeping the other for spare parts.

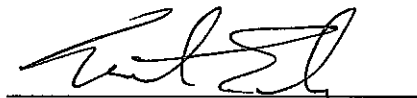
Director Gale advised that the Alcohol & Drug Policy packet they have in hand is provided for their review and will be on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.

FISCAL REVIEW - Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Commissioner Ellis, Treasurer. The change in the group of employees paid monthly switching over to bi-weekly contributed to some of the budget change.

NEW BUSINESS – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mann at 6:04 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary