

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

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

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – None

MINUTES APPROVAL – Chairman Mann asked for Board approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on September 10, 2015. Commissioner Hart made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion after discussion the Board the motion to approve the minutes carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, reported that there have been no locally acquired mosquito borne disease cases in Lee County. There was an imported case of malaria from Guatemala. There are several counties to the north of Lee County with mosquito alerts. The closest county to us that tested positive for West Nile was Hillsboro County. The District is offering flu shots to employees next week.

BENTLEY CROSSING AVIGATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVAL – Director Gale stated that the agreement was presented at the last meeting which was tabled to await the hearing with the County on October 1st. Basically there has been an agreement reached between the Buckingham Community Association and the developer. The project has changed significantly in density from six units per acre down to three and a half units per acre. The height limitation has been decreased to 35'. The parcel of land on Sunset is the only land reserved for commercial use. There is no change planned to realign the roadway as a result of this project. This is just a request to make a zoning change not a request to develop. There is a lot more buffering in between bordering neighbors and the development. The hearing is finished and Director Gale did speak stating that our agreement had been tabled pending the outcome of the hearing and with that outcome he is requesting the Board approve the avigation agreement. Discussion ensued regarding what the scope of the project is and whether the District should sign the agreement prior to the next hearing without knowing the answer to that. The decision was made to discuss this with our attorney to see if we can postpone signing this until after that hearing. Director Gale's main concern is should the project be approved by the hearing officer without us having the agreement why would they sign the agreement which protects us. The Board would like a letter stating that the project presented is the same as previously presented to them with no road realignment changes. Commissioner Farrar made a motion to approve the agreement with a letter including stipulated language presented on October 1st at the hearing to allow for changes at the next meeting. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

DISTRICTS' DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY APPROVAL – Director Gale reminded the Board that the policies were presented at the last meeting. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the policies as presented. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

DISTRICTS' INSURANCE – Chief Financial Officer, Russ Baker advised the Board that they have been working on Property Casualty and General Liability insurances. There are two agents that have worked on the policy going to two different markets to research them. The best offer was \$223,000 which is a savings of \$71,000 over last year. They have also lowered some of the deductibles and the policies are virtually the same. They have offered a two year rate lock for this year and next year with no penalties. Workers' Comp policy cost is \$144,000 which is about \$40,000 less than what we were paying for being self-insured. Now that the drug free work place policy is in place we can apply for a 5% rate decrease on this policy.

The District still has a Marine Policy for the boat that we have been using as remote office space in North Fort Myers. The boat has fulfilled its usefulness and is for sale. When the boat sells we will cancel that policy.

Commissioner Ellis reported that he has been watching this over the past years and is appreciative of the way staff has worked to control costs in these areas that are within our control.

Director advised that we hired a consultant to review all of our information from an insurance perspective. We have had good service with both carriers that are in competition and have had no issues with either one and went with the lowest proposal.

2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT - Russ advised that there is a cash carry forward number in the budget amendment, the first budget amendment that we do every year is to adjust that number. The Hyacinth Control District \$2,800,000 in the revenue \$2,792,030 to decrease the cash carry forward and basically decrease the cash carry forward for hyacinth. On the Mosquito side the arthropod control budget adopted \$8,800,000 and ended up with \$9,524,122. We need a budget amendment to increase the cash carry forward balance at the end of the year as well. The September 30, budget was completed last night and that will be presented at next month's meeting. Russ is requesting approval for the 2016 Budget Amendment. Commissioner Dortch made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES - Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that the engineering work is commencing on the runway to be completed in the next thirty days.

The District took delivery of the forklift purchased from GSA in Germany. The total cost was under \$10,000 on a machine valued at \$70,000. Norway is selling a fuel truck which the District is going to bid on. To update the GSA King Air 200s situation, the contractor is having trouble getting the aircraft to the fence for transport. The District may need to send some of our personnel out to help expedite the process.

There is an issue of time that has come up with a power section on the engine of one of our DC3's. We have had discussions with the Aircraft Museum in Pennsylvania who happens to have two low time engines that we are in need of. There has been an agreement to exchange our power section for their power section along with our three surplus Huey frames and we will also receive some blades for the Huey. Doing exchanges of parts that we have for these needed engines we will save approximately \$230,000 by going that route. Transport of the Hueys is up to them. Our maintenance crew will go to Pennsylvania to remove parts.

Eventually the DC3 program will be phased out due to parts scarcity in favor of the King Airs. We have 16 operational aircraft now and will add the 2 King Air 200s. Currently we have 11 helicopters and five fixed wing aircraft.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Director Gale changed the September 10th minutes should be changed from advised the Board that they "had" on page 3 to "had not". Commissioner Ellis made the motion to change the minutes as presented by Director Gale. Commissioner Hart the Board approved unanimously.

AQUATIC WEED CONTROL - Director pointed out that there was some significant problems at Lakes Park with spatter dock which is looking really good now after our Hyacinth Control group has taken care of the problem.

MOSQUITO CONTROL - Mosquito control is finally starting to taper off a bit but we are now watching Culex which are the disease carriers. We are monitoring and have not had any positive sentinel chickens at this time.

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) requested our help for Oriental Fruit Fly control last month in Miami/Dade County. This was a cooperative effort to do the work but they finally decided to hire a commercial applicator who had more helicopters and could perform the mission in one night. It actually took them two nights. Director is attempting to find out what was paid, we estimated \$3.50 per acre would be our cost which included per diem for personnel, \$1200 per hour for operating the Huey and fuel for moving equipment.

Dr. Hornby and Director Gale attended the Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control meeting in Pascoe County. Dr. Hornby presented the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) study results on non-target impacts of aerial adulticiding over mangrove habitats. Dr. Roxanne Conley also presented preliminary results of a similar study conducted over an entire season in Pascoe County at the meeting. It was a very ambitious project undertaken by them. Our project showed very minimal impact on the flora and fauna and those things that were impacted recovered within two weeks. Director Gale has been in contact with our Attorney in Tallahassee, Carry Roth and she is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). She wants to start at the top to make our point about aerial spraying over state lands. Russ and Director will also attend meetings with DACS to discuss budgeting requirements of DACS which don't fit with the requirements of the state.

Director will be giving a presentation to the Sanibel Captiva Chamber meeting next week. He will be attending the American Mosquito Control Interim Board meeting in Savannah this month and will also be going to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta to teach the Vector Control portion of the Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response Course. He is a subject matter expert for that particular section of the course. The course is given for Health Departments around the country.

The local delegation meeting for our local delegation is October 14th this year which is very early because Session starts in January this year. Director is not on the agenda this year because we have no pending legislation and FMCA doesn't have talking points ready yet for the Legislature.

The Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) annual meeting is being held November 15-18 in St. Augustine. We need to know if you plan to attend.

Commissioner Ellis reported had a meeting with Congressman Curt Clawson and mentioned mosquito control during his discussion. Congressman Clawson and his Chief Aid, Peter Simon are both interested in a tour of Mosquito Control. Now may be a good time to reach out. Congressman Clawson will be speaking at the local Chamber luncheon soon which Director Gale plans to attend.

Over the last several years we have been taking our vehicles to over 130,000 miles before we replace them. We had been replacing them at 70-80,000 miles but now we are getting as much out of each vehicle as we can.

FISCAL REVIEW – Commissioner Ellis, Secretary-Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Paul indicated that he was frustrated with the budget because he failed to see any concerted effort to cut costs. Director Gale indicated much of the expense is the cost of providing the service. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve both Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts' financial reports for August. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrar. There were six "Yes" and one "No" vote.

NEW BUSINESS – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mann at 11:13 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary