

The Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control Districts (LCMCD/LCHCD) held its regular scheduled meeting November 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at Districts' 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 October 8, 2015. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and, after discussion, 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. West Nile virus has been reported in 10 northern counties. There was an imported case of Chikungunya in Lee county last month. There was transmission imported case of Dengue from Hawaii to Pinellas County Florida residents who were visiting there.

Commissioner Mann reported on the state of health for our former Executive Director T. Wayne Miller who has been hospitalized for the past three weeks.

PROJECT UPDATES – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported that engineering on the runway extension is progressing and once complete then the Engineer will put the job out for bid. We have been offered a terminal automation system to broadcast winds and environmental information to enhance the safety aspects of the airport itself.

We are still working on the most economical and practical way to move the King Air 200s from Arizona to the District. Right now we are looking at doing work there to make them flyable so they don't have to be dismantled for trucking. This is the most economical way to move forward toward the goal of getting them out of there and relocated here.

There is a remodeling project being done on the old Hyacinth building lab For future use by the Mosquito Field Validation group.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported that the mosquito season is still going strong due to weather conditions being unseasonably warm for the next two weeks. Rain a week or so back gave us a late hatching brood of mosquitoes. There is an article on mosquito control in today's News Press which explains the situation to the residents. October 31st is our last operational day for the season which means our seasonal employees time will end. We are still using light traps, checking sentinel chickens and watching anything the Health Department passes along to us. We did have some difficulty responding to the West Nile Virus (WNV) horse case. Spraying was delayed because of windy weather with 10-15 mph winds where we could not spray. Eventually the area was treated.

Duckweed and algae are causing some problems in some of the Cape Coral Canals by creating an unsightly and stinky condition. There is an article in the paper about this. This is normal for this time of year and it will normally clear up on its own in a couple of weeks when Lake Okeechobee releases stop and salinity levels rise. Submerged weeds are now sticking out due to draw down in water so calls are increasing again.

We have a meeting on December 1st with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in Tallahassee to discuss the arthropod control plan for aerial adulticiding on State managed lands. The Director, Dr. Hornby, Deputy Director Mosquito Control and Scientific Intelligence will attend along with Lisa Conte, Deputy Commissioner from the Department of Agriculture if she wants to participate. She participated in last meeting we had.

We purchased a replacement order of Dibrom (6,600 gallons) which has gone through. We saved a significant amount by purchasing now but it was still a cost of \$1,214,523. The price goes up \$6.48 per gallon in January so we saved \$42,678 by buying this year. We also negotiated savings because of the large order they gave us a 2% discount and Lynn Schiegner, our Purchasing Agent negotiated another 1% discount for cash payment, making total savings \$80,333.00. We have resupplied for next year. This is our primary aerial adulticide product.

There are a number of meetings coming up if anyone is interested in attending we need to know.

Russ Baker Report – Lynn has updated how we do the bids for fuel and chemical purchases and has gone out to regulars as well as finding new companies to obtain as many or more bids as we have in the past. We actually received fewer bids this year than we have in the past. These bids help us lock in a price for the entire year to get the best price. Much effort has gone into the bid process and Russ is asking for approval of the bids for this year. Commissioner Scott made the motion to approve the bids for this year. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

We are fortunate that our Purchasing Department handles things so efficiently and they really work hard to obtain the best pricing on everything we purchase.

Russ reported on the budget amendments needed for the annual corrections of the budget. Hyacinth will continue to be cleaned up as we go along. In the DACS budget categories when items are overspent, they ask that we do a budget amendment then. We will have more of these appearing going forward into 2016. Both of these are to increase or decrease these particular categories so that the final budget statement can bring certain areas in line to balance the budget amounts.

Russ requested a motion to approve the budget amendments for both Districts. Motion made by Commissioner Farrar to approve the budget amendments for both. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

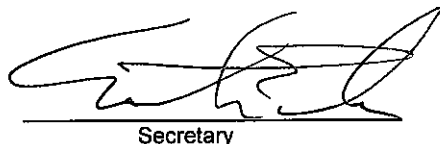
Russ advised the board that there is a list of items beyond economical repair and obsolete and needs the Board to approve that the Director dispose of them. We are still in the process of locating and tagging capital assets that are old as well as things now not in service. Motion made by Commissioner Ellis to approve the items listed for disposal. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

FISCAL REVIEW – Commissioner Ellis, Secretary-Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve both Mosquito and Hyacinth. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farrar. The Board unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mann at 10:49 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary