

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

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – None

MINUTES APPROVAL – Chairman Farrar asked for Board approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on July 21, 2016. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – No report this month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported on the following:

There are a lot of freshwater mosquitoes around the county. We have been getting a lot of requests for service. District personnel have a weekly conference call with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services(DACS) and the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) including topics such as updates on funding, and new mosquito cases. There have been no new reports of suspect cases in Lee County. The East Coast of Florida is very active at this time. The District is ready to respond if there is any new activity here. Commissioner Hart asked when was the last case of Zika reported in Lee County? Director Gale responded that everything reported thus far has been travel related. We have had suspect cases but no more confirmed travel related cases. We are collecting mosquitoes and sending them for resistance testing to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) primarily for pyrethrum. Commissioner Ellis asked what is turnaround time for test results? Director Gale responded that it should not be more than a couple weeks. Commissioner Hart asked if we are testing for Zika? Director Gale responded that we had to purchase a multiplex rtPCR machine to test pools for Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika in pools. Collier County has recently purchased the same equipment. Commissioner Hart asked that with all the talk about Zika is there any other virus out there such as West Nile Virus? Director Gale responded that we are just getting into the arbovirus season late summer through fall and we are continuing to monitor sentinel chicken flocks. Commissioner Ellis mentioned that in his area he has not seen any salt marsh mosquitoes. Director Gale replied that we have remained very wet which allows for fish predation and the pretreatment of many areas early in the season has worked well. Commissioner Hart asked if there has been any progress on treatment of State Lands? Director Gale said that our attorney Cari Roth will brief him today on an updated policy letter to be signed by head of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for aerial adulticide using the parameters the District suggested. He is expecting to hear it is a go from Cari this afternoon.

Projects Updates: Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported on the provided a project update on the runway extension project which will start August 18 and finish September 9. It will help accommodate the King Air program. Still hoping to take delivery of one of the King Airs at the end of September. Attorneys are working on the contract for the real estate the District is interested in purchasing.

Russ Baker requested approval of a 20016-3 Budget amendment to increased spending authority in Freight Services, Other Charges and Publications & Dues by \$17,500 and decrease that amount in Contingency. Commissioner Dortch moved to accept the motion Commissioner Ellis seconded and motion carried.

Russ: we have an old tank which we would like declare as surplus for disposal. Commissioner Hart moved to declare the tank surplus and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Dortch. Motion carried.

Fiscal Review: Commissioner Ellis provided the Treasurers report for the month of July for LCMCD and LCHCD. He focused on page 2 and 6. Receipts Expenditures very close to last year's expenditures. We are ahead of receipts. Did not see anything else that was notable. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts' financial statements. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hart moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion. Commissioner Paul announced that last month he bought a new house outside of his District. Director Gale asked for a legal opinion from the Districts' attorney John Noland regarding the consequences of moving outside the District in which a Commissioner is elected. According to the attorney, our enabling act clearly stated that a Commissioner must reside within the area they were elected to serve. Commissioner Paul checked with Sharon Harrington, Supervisor of Elections and she agreed with the attorney that he was no longer eligible to continue in his capacity as Commissioner for District Four. He has moved to Buckingham which is within Commissioner Mann's area. He is very disappointed but said it has been a good learning experience.

Chairman Farrar asked what action will need to be taken regarding Commissioner Paul's vacant seat on the Board? Director Gale advised that in our enabling act it dictates that we notify the Governor who should fill the position. If you know of anyone from that area that would want to apply for the position, please let him know.

The motion on the table to adjourn the meeting carried with no dissenting votes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21. AM.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by,
Shelly Redovan, Deputy Director, Education and Communication



Chairman



Vice Chairman