

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District (LCMCD/LCHCD) held a regular Board Meeting, July 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Rd., Lehigh Acres, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Vice Chairman Thomas J. Hart, Commissioners Melissa Dortch, Richard Paul, Bruce Scott, Mike Ellis and Chairman Brian Farrar via phone.

**Visitors:** Al, Schilling, 1910 Birkdale Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33903

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**MINUTES APPROVAL** - The Vice Chairman, Thomas Hart, asked if the Board had reviewed the minutes previously provided. Commissioner Dortch moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded it. The motion carried. Commissioner Hart asked for the minutes of the special meeting. Executive Director Gale advised that those minutes should be available at the next Board Meeting.

**LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, Lee County Health Department, stated we have six (6) imported cases of Zika virus with none of these being current. There are 327 confirmed cases in Florida and we are investigating a possible local transmission of Zika virus in Miami Dade. The Miami Dade Health Department will be distributing Zika prevention kits to pregnant women.

**SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2016/2017 for LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT** - Russ Baker presented a summary worksheet that led to the proposed tentative millage rate. The current millage rate is 0.2397 mills per \$1,000. Executive Director Gale advised they usually set the maximum rate that the District cannot go above. He is recommending going with the current millage as the starting point. He is not recommending taking rollback, as we would continue to run a deficit budget. This will be the tentative rate. This is the rate that will be shown on proposed tax bills. Commissioner Ellis moved to set the tentative millage rate for the Lee County Mosquito Control District for FY 16/17 at \$0.2397 mills. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. Commissioner Paul asked about the increase in personnel services benefits. Russ Baker responded the higher amount is to cover OPEB Trust Funding and a projected 25% increase in health-care premiums. Commissioner Hart asked if this budget considers a Zika outbreak. Executive Director Gale advised we have contingency funds that will provide some flexibility. The motion carried.

**SET TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FY 2016/2017 for THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT** –The current millage rate is \$0.0263 per \$1,000. Russ Baker noted the personal services is due to the reallocation of charging personnel to LCMCD. It also has the increase for OPEB Trust. Commissioner Ellis moved to set the tentative millage rate for Lee County Hyacinth Control District for FY 2016/2017 at \$0.0263 mills. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SET THE DATES AND TIMES FOR PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS:** Regular meeting starts at 4:00 p.m. September 8<sup>th</sup>. LCMCD budget hearing starts at 5:01 p.m. LCHCD budget hearing starts at 5:15 p.m. September 15<sup>th</sup> – LCMCD budget hearing starts at 5:01 p.m. and LCHCD budget hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.

**SET THE DATE FOR A BUDGET WORKSHOP** - Executive Director Gale advised we had to move the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The tentative hearing dates are September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. He was looking at the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. That date was a conflict for Commissioner Hart. There was consensus that August 4<sup>th</sup> would work for the majority of the Board at 8:30 a.m. prior to the meeting.

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**SET THE DATES FOR UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS** - The current dates were provided for 2017. Commissioner Dortch moved to adopt the meeting schedule. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The motion was amended to approve the schedule as presented with a change to March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**DETAILED WORKPLAN BUDGETS** - Russ Baker provided an overview of the Detailed Work Plan Budget – Arthropod Control for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Executive Director reported there is a requirement to provide a detailed workplan budget by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Russ Baker explained this is slightly more detailed than the proposed budget provided earlier. We just need this document approved and signed for FDACS compliance. The main difference is you cannot use fund balance for contingency. Commissioner Ellis moved to approve the motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT** - Russ Baker provided a Budget Amendment for Board approval. The FDACS notified Russ Baker that the District needed to clean up any line items that have been exceeded. Normally, we would have done that at the end of the fiscal year. The budget amendment was to increase travel by \$5,000; promotional activities by \$1,000; other charges by \$10,000, Publications and dues by \$14,000, Training by \$30,000 and offsetting it by decreasing contingency by \$60,000. Commissioner Dortch moved to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Russ Baker advised The Purchasing Manager is in the process of sending out bids for pesticides and fuel.

**PROJECT UPDATE** - Carmen McKinney provided a project update on the runway extension project. Construction of the runway will begin on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

One King Air from GSA is expected to arrive at Buckingham sometime in September 2016 with the second one expected to arrive sometime in January, 2017.

The possible purchase of Woodstock Airport on Pine Island was discussed. This airport could serve to replace St. James and Pine Island Center Heliports. Executive Director explained by keeping helicopters at that location could save up to ¼ million dollars per year in reduced ferry time from Buckingham, plus we could eliminate two other heliport sites. The Board moved to spend the funding for appraisal and then wait to do a contract and then survey after the appraisal. Executive Director advised there were other properties that could impact the airport, however it is not one contiguous property that is under one owner. They want to know the exact boundaries first. Commissioner moved to approve the appraisal and Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion. It is titled as Woodstock Airport but online as Woodstock Properties. Commissioner Hart advised there will be policy decisions that must be discussed prior to voting on the purchase. The motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Gale advised this has been an interesting month. There is potentially a locally acquired case of Zika in Florida; he and personnel from CDC were invited to address the Florida Congressional delegation Washington DC. Also on June 29<sup>th</sup> the Senate Homeland Security Committee invited Executive Director Gale to Washington DC for their discussion of the Zika virus and the entire discussion was televised on CSPAN. June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Health Department held a Table Top Exercise here at the District and July 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss local responses to Zika introduction into Lee County. Executive Director Gale was invited to attend a local meeting and luncheon with Senator Nelson; all of the Mayors in Lee County and Bruce Strayhorn. The severe water problems were discussed and then the Zika discussion was turned over to Executive Director Gale. Executive Director Gale has been invited to a meeting in Vienna, Austria on August 18 and 19 at the International Atomic Energy Agency. This group is looking for a potential site where they could irradiate mosquitoes to make them sterile, and release for control purposes.

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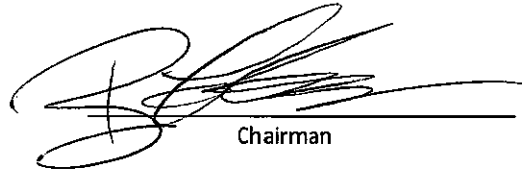
The District has requested funding assistance but none has been given. Executive Director Gale anticipates there may be funds given to small districts. Commissioner Hart asked what kind of a season are we having. Executive Director Gale said salt marsh has been light and pre-treatment has reduced aerial aduenticiding applications. Fresh water is fairly typical with planes and trucks treatments. Commissioner Hart asked about water problems. Kevin Watts reported we are not permitted to do any algae control. Commissioner Ellis asked if there has been an increase in plants. They have treated over 104 acres of spatterdock alone. Executive Director Gale reported heavy nutrient loads increases plant growth and there has been some problem with Mansonia mosquitoes coming from the plants.

Executive Director Gale introduced Captain David Hole, a Nany Entomologist visiting this week.

Commissioner Ellis asked about the tire situation. Jennifer Roth indicated the Lee County Health Department issued an affidavit on the tires with regard to Zika. Executive Director Gale said the Lehigh Acres pile has made some progress, but is still producing mosquitoes. Executive Director Gale has talked with Matt Caldwell for a legislative fix on restricting storage of used tires for mosquito control.

**FISCAL REVIEW** – Commissioner Ellis provided the Treasurer’s report for the month of May and June for LCMCD and LCHCD. He focused on page 2 and page 6. We are ahead of receipts from last year. Expenditures are a little below. Hyacinth Control ahead on receipts and slightly higher on expenses due to reallocations. See reports and tape. Commissioner Ellis moved to accept the May and June reports. Commissioner Melissa Dortch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commission Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Paul seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

  
Chairman

  
Vice-Chairman