

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District (LCMCD/LCHCD) held their regular scheduled meeting June 9, 2016 at 10:01 a.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Brian F. Farrar, Commissioners George "Pat" Mann, Melissa Dortch, Thomas B. Hart, William M. Ellis, Bruce C. Scott 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 May 5, 2016. Commissioner Dortch made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mann seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Tracey Murray, standing in for Jennifer Roth gave the following report. Regarding Zika there are 137 travel associated cases in Florida. Lee County has five travel cases. The 137 cases represent 19 counties here in Florida.

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU)

BUDGET PROPOSAL – Shelly Redovan, Deputy Director of Education and Communications introduced Neil Wilkinson and Eric Jackson to present the proposed budgets for the next year's environmental education programs. Neil Wilkinson presented the year in review to the Board. SEE ATTACHED PRESENTATION OVERHEADS. Over 13,600 students participated in the programs. This is the largest student attendance ever for the courses. Eric Jackson was in charge of the American Mosquito Association (AMCA) Education Day 2016 held during the annual meeting. Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) also had a presentation that was given by Neil Wilkinson during the 87th Annual Meeting. The educators are involved with groups such as the Conservancy of SW Florida, Florida Native Butterfly Society, Naples Zoo as organization members to assist them in understanding how mosquito control benefits them. The Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Internship program is going very strong there have been 1,250 service learning hours from students. Reach with FGCU connections is broad within and outside of Lee County. There have been 130 students doing outreach events teaching about how/what to clean up in the outdoors to help stop breeding of mosquitoes. Brian Murphy created inexpensive microscopes that the teachers could make for themselves and use in the classroom. Brian supervised creating a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for explaining the Zika virus to the public. Shelly Redovan explained the cooperative effort between FMCA who provided the funding and the school board helped to create the video. A dog heartworm video will be created next year at the beginning of the year using this same method. The cost to get this done was \$1,000 and our logo will appear with our information and can also be distributed to FMCA sustaining members for use with their local media. The state was not going to provide a PSA and the District wanted something that we could get out to the public. Budget proposal for 2016-2017 total budget request is \$292,934 up from \$290,970 last year. The PSA will probably get out to the local media next week for airing. We could pay money to have it done in a time slot where it will reach more people but we don't feel that we need to do that unless there are locally acquired cases in Lee County. The suggestion is to provide the other government agencies with the PSA to have them post to their own web pages. Radio stations as well were suggested for the audio portion. Commissioner Dortch made a motion to approve the budget for education as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL – Director Gale presented surplus items to the Board to be disposed of through sale on GovDeals. There is a list in the Board packets of those items. There is also a list of valueless equipment that is so old it will be donated. Commissioner Mann made a motion to approve the surplus lists and the donation lists for disposal. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

AUDIT UPDATE – Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Baker provided an update on progress of the 2015 audit. GASB 68 requires governments to pick up any pension liabilities for a pension plan they are a part of. The Districts will pick up a liability on their financial statements for the unfunded liability. Our auditor has a back log of financial statements and our audit is tied up in a review of this. There will have to be an additional meeting between now and the end of the month as the audit needs to be approved and filed before June 30th. The date selected for this meeting is June 29th, at 8:00 a.m. for the Special Meeting of the Board.

PROJECT UPDATE – Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported on the following:

- Progress is being made in the King Air program and work continues.
- The North Bank Heliport is still being discussed with the County.
- The runway extension bid is going out this week.
- The Woodstock Airport owner has been in discussions with us and our attorneys. The attorney would like to submit a letter of intent to make it binding upon the seller and non-binding on our part. It will be subject to Board approval, a completed appraisal, title search and a cost review by LCMCD. Our fear is that if we would pump money into these efforts and then find out that the seller may back out. We are looking at cost savings on our part as 74% of our larvicide operations occur within five miles of this airport. We are looking for Board approval to proceed. The time frame would be 6-months to a year. With 4-6 months for a decision and 6 months to complete the transaction. The LOI would lead to a real estate contract including some back out clauses to protect the District. We explained all this to the seller and he is in agreement with our approach taking this route. LOI will proceed forward immediately upon the Board vote as it is only the letter of Intent being approved at this time. After discussion by the Board as long as the District is not bound it seems viable to the Board. The owner has tossed out a figure of \$1.5 million for 36.9 acres. The airport is in a corporate name as well as he and his wife's name. The Board requested the ability to review the letter at the special meeting on June 29th. Cost analysis has begun but is slowing to await further information from appraisals, etc. There will be several additional things that will need to be negotiated with the county for other things that will need to happen on the site to make it a totally functional location.

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

The District is in the middle of an audit, and we are working on the budget and working on reducing costs of employee benefits.

He advised the Board that with mosquitoes in tire piles, extremely heavy rain and high tide things are very busy.

He has been invited to Washington, D.C. next week to brief the Florida Congressional Delegation on Zika and mosquito control preparedness along with the Center for Disease Control Director and the Health Director for Miami-Dade.

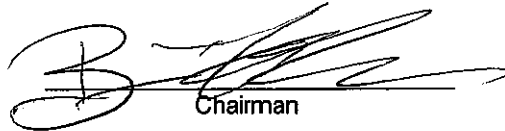
The Board asked how are we doing with the funds request from the Government? Director Gale replied that there has not been general distribution of funds except in Orange County. That distribution gave some insight into what they are funding right now. They are restricting funds to personnel, pesticides and equipment only. No funding has been provided for aerial spraying, trapping or purchase of vehicles to spray. There was a conference call on Monday with the Department of Agriculture (DACS), Director stated that they are funding mosquito control in Florida as if we are a third world country. They are doing this type of mosquito control in those countries and it is not working. There needs to be a mosquito control person on the committee to provide expertise to help them make these type of decisions. He spoke to Lisa Contie from DACS yesterday and they are going to put someone on the group and revisit the issue and review those things. Almost everything he asked for would be denied based on what they are planning to fund at this time. Necessary items for the District would be three spray systems, tire clean up funds, spray vehicles. Small equipment. None of which would be

funded under the current restrictions. Personnel would be funded and pesticides would be funded. Tires are a big issue here in Lee County there are a significant number of tire piles here that are breeding mosquitoes. What is the definition of a waste tire and what is a used tire? Used tires have no restrictions if you are going to retread and resell them they don't fall under the control guidelines for disposal. The tire pile here in Lehigh also owns one in North Fort Myers which is where they take their used tires to resell them. These piles are all growing mosquitoes no matter waste or used. The law is not helping us right now. The Health Department is issuing an injunction against this facility within the next week. These sites are the owner's responsibility to control mosquitoes there. We have been asked not to treat at this time in order to avoid setting the precedent of us spraying by the DEP and Health Department as they both have pending actions against the tire company. It costs \$80.00 per ton for the incinerator to take the tires which equals \$275,000 to haul all of them there. The media is well aware and the County Commissioners are aware there is just no quick fix. Director Gale will discuss this with Congressman Matt Caldwell to explain this situation. DEP has an appropriation of \$750,000 to dispose of tire piles around the entire state this year. We are spraying the perimeter of the site not spraying the actual tire piles at this time we are surveilling the site and over the last several weeks we have been knocking them down but cannot continue this long term. This will be an ongoing situation. If we have to treat Director Gale wants reimbursement from the owner of the business or the property owner to cover our expenses.

FISCAL REVIEW – Commissioner Ellis presented the Treasurer's report for May. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to approve both Mosquito and Hyacinth reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mann and the Board unanimously approved the reports.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Farrar at 11:04 a.m.



Chairman



Vice-Chairman