

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District (LCMCD/LCHCD) held their regular scheduled meeting September 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL.

PRESENT: Chairman Brian F. Farrar, Commissioners George "Pat" Mann, Melissa Dortch, 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 August 4, 2016. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jennifer Roth, reported that they are currently investigating different potential Zika cases in Lee County. The Governor has put in place a policy allowing any pregnant women to be tested for free. There are nine cases of travel related Zika in Lee County. There will probably be more next week, they have a couple of labs in the cue which report 604 travel related cases in the State. There are 56 locally acquired cases primarily in the Miami area. Out of the 660 cases 84 of them involve pregnant women. Jennifer went to court on Tuesday to request an injunction against West Coast Tire. They can no longer take on any more tires and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has to be allowed on the property to shred the tires they currently have on site. Counts are updated daily at 2:00 p.m. on their website.

PROJECT UPDATES - Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet & Facilities, reported on the runway extension. It will take a week and a half or two weeks to add 450 feet of extension to the end of the current runway to accommodate the King Airs. The Engine Shop has a crew out there now who are working to get it prepped for moving.

Carmen has been in contact with Preferred Air Parts who is willing to trade a BT6 engine to get us 3-4 years of flight time on the King Airs. They are willing to trade us for engines that we have in the shop. Value is about \$60,000 - \$80,000 on those engines. The King Airs will be in operation next summer.

Carmen reported on the possible acquisition of the Woodstock Airport (see copy of slides attached) in Pine Island, FL. We currently have five inspection areas utilizing five inspectors on Pine Island each area has their own inspector and helicopter support. We have accumulated data from 2011-2015 which shows 40% of our workload is on Pine Island proper and 20% is along the river. Operational reach from this airport is 76%. We have 8 helistops and one airport to cover all of Lee County. We project that with the addition of Woodstock we would cover the County with only 6 helistops and 2 airports. We have a transition time going from Buckingham out to the helistops which costs money as well as travel time. Woodstock runway is concrete to 500 feet down then a grass approach. There are almost 5,658 square feet of structures on the property right now. There is a house connected to a structure that could possibility be converted into hangar space for 2-3 Hueys or Jet Rangers. The total property is 39.5 acres. There are various strap numbers which we want them to marry together under one number. Our legal advisors feel that there are no issues in doing this. The seller also owns a house off the runway and there are others surrounding it that we have asked for an aviation agreements on. We will coordinate our operations at the east end of the runway to minimize noise issues. There are 20/20 lands around the east end of the property and we have asked 20/20 to give us some additional property on the end of the current runway for expansion in the future. Helistop area buffer to the north will minimize noise and complaints from neighbors.

If we reduce operating costs by 75% savings in two years would be \$250,430.75 five \$653,373.75

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director Gale reported that he would like to thank the Board for the flexibility to hire an attorney and take on overturning a 29-year-old policy written in 1987 banning application of adulticides over State managed lands. There were meetings with Gary Clarke representing the DEP and Lisa Conte of the Department of Agriculture (DACS) and he can say we played a significant part in making this happen. With Zika in the picture everyone was concerned and we provided enough information through our Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) research partnership to get everyone up to date. It won't have to become a Coordinating Council issue and we are done for now and satisfied with the result.

They did get the injunction on the tire pile we will monitor it every day as to the status of the lowering of the tire pile. Reducing by 40% should have been done by now the owners have been working on it since last November. The business claims that they have been compliant no one knows exactly how many tires are there. They were destroying 2,000 tires a month and it was going to take them more than a year to do. They were still taking in more tires so there was no net change in the pile. The state has regulations for waste tires and used tires with no real enforcement of the regulations is going on out there at the state level. Matt Caldwell is willing to help once everyone sits down and decides what needs to be done.

Director had an interesting request last week from the State regarding Zika. The request was for us to do aerial adulticiding and larviciding over Miami Beach. They do have a contractor with Diamond Aviation and they thought the helicopter would do better over Miami Beach. They had not spoken to their contractor and Director Gale convinced them that they needed to talk to the Contractor and we in the end did not get involved, they were already set up they just didn't know it. The first mission for aerial adulticiding is tomorrow morning.

We have received emergency funding of \$51,900+ for the month and another \$51,900+ for September from the State. We have already spent the money and can justify the spending and should be reimbursed by the state for those dollars. We never received the purchase order but once we found out our funds were available it straightened out.

The trip to Vienna was an International Atomic Agency symposium to discuss potential of SIT/IIT for controlling mosquitoes in Florida. Director Gale had a conference call today with other agencies here in Florida and a lot of agencies are involved in developing new technology. In the very near future we may be a test site for some of this new technology and for us to be involved at the forefront of this tech advance. Monroe County is putting the use of genetically modified mosquitoes to a local vote, but with Michael Doyle leaving Andrea Leal is the Acting Director and communications have been sporadic. Director Gale will have discussions with them as soon as possible to get on the same page. Mosquitoes can escape during the process of separating the sexes, about 99.9% are retained and 1% of females are getting out. This is problematic so irradiating them makes it potentially safer and more compatible with public concerns.

FISCAL REVIEW - Russ Baker, Chief Financial Officer provided the Treasurers report for the month of August in Commissioner Ellis' absence for LCMCD/LCHCD. Commissioner Dortch moved to approve the Mosquito and Hyacinth Control Districts' financial statements. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – Chairman Farrar opened the public hearing for Lee County Mosquito Control to adopt a tentative millage rate and a tentative budget. The Chairman announced that the meeting was an advertised public hearing and that the purpose was to adopt a millage rate and a budget in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 200.065.

The Chairman called for public comment. Seeing that there was no public comment the Chairman asked the Executive Director, Wayne Gale, to discuss the proposed millage rate and the proposed budget. Director Gale stated that the Lee County Mosquito Control District budget had been operating at a deficit for several years and that the proposed millage rate would increase taxes to a level that would balance the budget

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 8, 2016 adopted a fiscal year 2016-2017 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

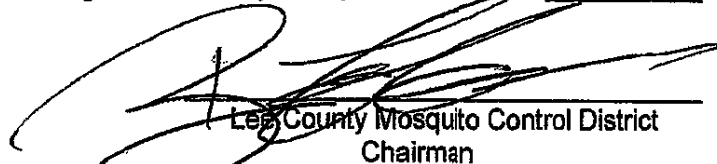
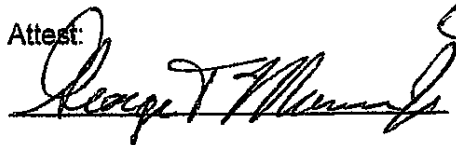
WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Lee County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the Lee County Mosquito Control District as \$71,825,892,273.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, that

1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt and set a tentative operating millage rate of 2397 mills (\$.2397 per \$1,000.00) for the fiscal year 2016-2017. The tentative millage rate of .2397 mills is greater than the rolled back rate of 2264 by 5.87%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2016-2017 operating millage rate shall be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 5:01 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing on this 8th day of September, 2016 at 5:08 p.m.

Attest:



Lee County Mosquito Control District
Chairman

The Chairman then read the proposed Lee County Mosquito Control District budget resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING A TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 8, 2016, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$26,653,265.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Mosquito Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this 8th day of September, 2016 at 5:10 p.m.



Lee County Mosquito Control District
Chairman

Attest:



Chairman Farrar presented the tentative budget for 2016-2017 to the Board for approval. There being no comments or further discussion Chairman Farrar requested a motion to approve the proposed budget. Commissioner Mann made the approve the proposed budget as read. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Farrar requested the public hearings for Mosquito Control be closed in order to open the public hearings for Hyacinth Control. Commissioner Scott made the motion to close the Mosquito Control public hearings at 5:10 p.m. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Farrar called for a motion to open the public hearing for Lee County Hyacinth Control District to adopt a tentative millage rate and a tentative budget. Commissioner Scott made the motion to open the public hearings for Hyacinth Control at 5:15 p.m. Commissioner Dortch seconded the motion and the meeting was called to order.

The Chairman announced that the meeting was an advertised public hearing and that the purpose was to adopt a millage rate and a budget in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 200.065. The Chairman call for public comment. Seeing that there was no public comment the Chairman asked the Executive Director, Wayne Gale, to discuss the proposed millage rate and the proposed budget. Director Gale advised the Board that there has been a deficit in the budget for Hyacinth Control but with the funding of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OBEP) trust that created a significant increase in the budget for them and the recommendation is to keep the millage where it is.

The Chairman asked for commissioner's comments There being no comments from the Board, the Chairman proceeded with the adoption of the tentative millage rate for Lee County Hyacinth Control District. The Chairman announced that the name of the District was the Lee County Hyacinth Control District and that the roll back millage rate is .0248 mills. The Chairman announced that the percentage increase over the roll back rate is 6.05% and that the millage rate to be levied was .0263 mills. After the announcement the Chairman read the proposed resolution as follow:

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

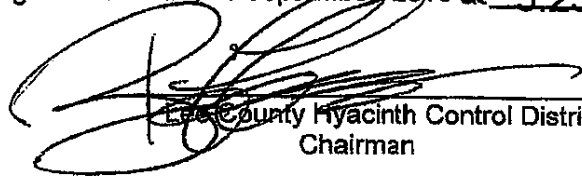
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE I-EWING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.


WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 8, 2016 adopted a fiscal year 2016-2017 Tentative Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2016-2017 operating millage rate shall be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 5:15 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing on this 8th day of September, 2016 at 5:23 P.M.


 Lee County Hyacinth Control District
 Chairman

Attest:


Commissioner Dortch made the motion to approve the proposed millage rate. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and there being no further discussion the Board unanimously approved. The Chairman then read the proposed Lee County Hyacinth Control District budget resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING A

TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEE COUNTY HYACINTH CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; SETTING A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 8, 2016, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$4,391,525.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Hyacinth Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.
3. The public hearing to adopt the final fiscal year 2016-2017 budget shall be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 5:15 P.M. in the District meeting room, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

s 8th day of September, 2016 at 5:25 p.m.


 Lee County Hyacinth Control District
 Chairman

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing this
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8th day of

Attest:



Commissioner Mann made the approve the proposed budget as read. Commissioner Dortch