

Regular Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2016

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

PRESENT: Chairman Brian F. Farrar, Commissioners Thomas B. Hart, George, T. Mann Jr., Melissa Dortch, Bruce C. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Ellis.

Visitors: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES APPROVAL - Chairman Farrar, asked if the Board would review the meeting minutes from October. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Jennifer Roth, Director of Epidemiology, Lee County Health Department was unavailable. Executive Director Gale advised that there is nothing new to report there are no suspect Zika cases. We are continuing our weekly calls with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) on Monday. LCMCD did purchase some Natular Dissolvable Tablets to distribute to the public for use by them. We have \$50,000 worth of that product to pass out and have already passed out some at Aviation Day this month.

DISTRICTS' DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN UPDATE – Executive Director Gale will present an update on the Deferred Compensation Plan. Director Gale advised the Board that we have had the same 457 Plan for several decades through Nationwide. Part of our due diligence is to review how well that is performing for our employees. There are a significant amount of funds in the plan due to our number of retirees. The District has had presentations to employees by several companies over the past few months to outline different provider plans so they might vote on where they would like to invest. We received 50 responses from employees, of that number 37 wish to change plans. It was split between which one of the two companies who presented as to which one we should go with. Nationwide customer service seemed to be the majority of the problem with our employees. We have decided to switch to AXA and get them to take over our plan. One of the big benefits of Nationwide was a guaranteed 3.5% fixed account which the majority of our retirees are part of. We are going to talk to the retirees to let them know we are going to switch. We want to encourage our younger employees to participate in the savings that this provides them when they are ready to leave our employ. There is currently \$8.3 million in our plan and of that about \$5.8 million is retiree money. About 25-27 retirees are in it because of the guaranteed fixed rate. These changes have no effect on the Mosquito Control budget.

Director Gale advised that we did receive some media attention out here last week due to the National Guard training on our runway. The media heard the training happening in case of citizen unrest after the election which was untrue. The District had advised the Air Park by letter prior to the training that this event was happening this year as it has in years past.

PROJECT UPDATE - Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet and Facilities advised that we have an antique fire truck which Former Executive Director T. Wayne Miller restored from spare parts. The District used it a few times in years past to do parades and exhibitions around Lee County. It is not drivable and has been taken out of service and mothballed by us. The District is going to arrange a permanent loan to the City of Fort Myers Fire Department. A plaque will be provided by us to recognize Mr. Miller and will be placed on the side of the vehicle.

Director Gale feels that the election results should have some positive effects on the regulatory and funding new materials issues we have been working in Washington and he thinks we might be able to get some needed changes passed and make some progress this year.

Milton Sterling, Director Gale and Ed Foley went to Miami Dade at the invitation of Clarke Mosquito Control to observe how they are spraying for Zika control. They are now doing ULV larviciding from the ground using a Buffalo turbine sprayer spraying up into the air.

Chairman Farrar advised the Board that he has received many compliments on our work resulting from Shelly Redovan, Deputy Director of Education and Communication giving a presentation last month to Bonita/Estero Board of Realtors.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - Russ Baker advised the Board that the budget amendments are created a bit differently than what they are used to. There is one set for 2015/2016 and one set for carryover budget and one set for 2016/2017 covering both LCMCD and LCHCD.

Chairman Farrar asked if there were any questions regarding the LCMCD budget. There being none on Budget Amendment #2 a motion was made by Commissioner Hart to approve the budget. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

LCMCD Budget Amendment Worksheet 2016/2017 request for questions or comments was made by Chairman Farrar. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Hart to approve the worksheet as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

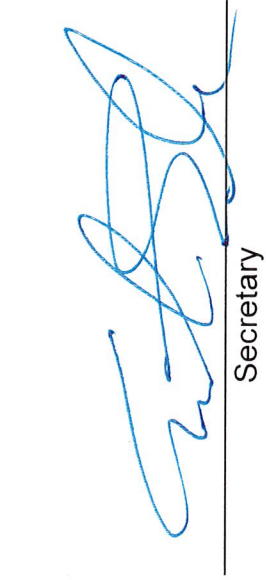
Chairman Farrar asked the Board if there were any questions on the LCHCD 2016/2017 budget or on the LCHCD Budget Amendment Worksheet 2016/2017. There was a question from Commissioner Hart who asked why is there a difference in the unspent monies and how is it accounted for this in the Hyacinth budget? CFO Baker replied that they went against unspent funds rather than get into the contingency funds. We spent less than budget so within that framework funds were moved to cover any variance. Chairman Farrar asked for motion to approve the two LCHCD budgets. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to approve the budgets with Commissioner Scott seconding the motion. The Board unanimously approved both.

FISCAL REVIEW – Commissioner Ellis made note that there is no Treasurer's report for the month. Commissioner Ellis asked what the Monthly Check Report is and was advised by CFO Baker that there will be a report given to them now monthly in the new format.


Director Gale mentioned there has been a nonbinding referendum passed in the Keys regarding the use of genetically modified mosquitoes (GM) and their Board will use this information to decide if they will approve moving forward with testing. One of their long time Board members was voted out this election and he was an advocate for the GM mosquito project so not sure if this will affect the outcome. We are beginning to work on a project using sterile insect technique (SIT) for mosquitoes and will be initially targeting *Aedes aegypti*. Sterile screw worms have begun to be released in the Keys to eliminate those flies again. This is a project that was successful over 30 years ago but the flies have recently been reintroduced into the Key Deer population. There is a sterile insect release facility in Sarasota for fruit flies that Director Gale will be visiting for informational purposes. This is all in the early information gathering and feasibility study stage at the moment.

This year we did not spray Pine Island by the air for adult mosquitoes at all. It has been a light year out there and the larviciding pretreatments are working well.

Chairman Farrar moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dortch seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Secretary



Chairman

The hold harmless agreement with the Auto Cross group has been created and should be back this week from the Attorney.

The King Air in Arizona will be coming back shortly once instrumentation repairs and air conditioning are finished. It should be arriving here within the next couple of weeks.

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting for the adjustment in zoning to CF3 is this week, there will be a vote this coming Wednesday. Our attorneys don't anticipate any issues with this. Once the CF3 zoning clears there will be a four to six month wait to rezone the entire property. They have agreed to go to Zoning with two public hearings being held, one for Buckingham and one for Lehigh as the district covers both.

The Woodstock Airport was discussed with Zoning and the attorneys. We are now working on a clarified contract. Zoning is a major issue for this we have been told that it will take 4-6 months to get this issue done prior to signing the contract in June or July of 2017. We are talking with Zoning and it should go through without any difficulty. We will be combining the zoning request for the airport property with property on the North Ridge area for a future helistop. For the Woodstock property zoning is now Ag2 out there. We attempted to do Ag2 exception which will not work. One of the things with CF3 right now is that there is a stipulation attempt to put into place that once the Mosquito Control District buys property it will automatically convert to the CF3 zoning.

This year's budget includes replacement of the company radio system which is an analog system tied to the WINK tower. The District will be joining Lee County on their digital system. It will eliminate existing tower rental cost of about \$12,000 to \$13,000 a year and reduce the number of radios to 50 that will be on the County wide system. They are portable but actually have better range because of the repeater towers owned by the County.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Executive Director Gale advised that people have asked us what we do in the off season.

On December 15 after next month's board meeting we will have our employee annual awards banquet. That precedes our reduced operations period from Dec 19th through Jan 2nd.

January 27th the Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) meeting will be held here. Friday will be half a day morning meeting with the District providing lunch for everyone. FASD pays for the food that will be cooked here.

January 31st is the Tuesday of Dodd week which will be the Commissioner's Caucus day. The Dodd course book is out and will be sent to the Commissioners.

January 10th-12 is the Fly-In here which is Tuesday through Friday.

Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) Tallahassee Days is March 14-15th. Director Gale will be unable to attend because he will be at the New Jersey Mosquito Control Meeting as President of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA).

The AMCA annual meeting is being held San Diego, CA on February 12-17, 2017.

Director Gale advised that everything is quieting down as normal for this time of year. We still have to negotiate individual arthropod control plans for each individual State managed area even though the general ban on aerial adulticiding has been lifted. Cecil Webb in the North Cape has declined our request for aerial spray and we will continue to work to obtain an agreement.