Regular Meeting **MEETING MINUTES** **February 9, 2017**

Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth Control District (LCMCD/LCHCD) held a regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium at District headquarters, 15191 Homestead Rd., Lehigh Acres, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas W. Hart, Vice-Chairman Ellis, Secretary-Treasurer, Brian F. Farrar, Commissioners George, T. Mann Jr., Ed Brantley.

Visitors: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES APPROVAL – Chairman Hart, asked if the Board had an opportunity to review the meeting minutes from last month, which they had. Commissioner Mann pointed out that a correction needed to be made to the fourth line under the minutes approval paragraph, Commissioner Hart was not in attendance at the meeting and could not have made the motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Commissioner Mann made the motion to approve the minutes. The correction was made and Commissioner Mann then made the motion to approve the corrected meeting minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved them.

LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – Executive Director Gale advised the Board that there had been the weekly call on Monday to report that there are a few travel related cases of Zika coming in. There are no disease reports locally and there has not been for a while. Now everyone is in wait mode to see what develops for next season. There has been a Yellow Fever outbreak in Brazil now. The disease is transmitted by the same mosquito vectors as Zika and the disease symptoms are much worse to a larger number of humans. There is fortunately a vaccine but there is not enough of it to go around. This situation emphasizes that there is a strong need to move forward with programs to control these types of mosquitoes. There is a possibility that we can see yellow fever here this year. More vaccine is "probably" being created but it is unknown at this time. The disease will follow the same pattern of Zika.

HEALTH BENEFITS RENEWAL - We are working on updating and renewal of our health care benefits and had planned for a 25% increase in our health care budget. We are happy to report that initially we had a first round increase of 10%. We asked for relief and Florida Blue came back at 5.8%. Realizing that we still get an increase, we asked for additional options to see if there was a way to move in a direction that would give us level funding or less cost. What we recommend this year as an option is to offer to our employees an existing plan or an optional one. The existing plan includes a 5.8% increase to employees and the District. The optional plan provides a significant reduction in premium cost and a reduction in the deductible, $2100 to $1500 for single and $4200 down to $3000 for employee/spouse, employee/child, family. The deduction and premiums will be less but will include expenses associated with copays and a maximum out of pocket of $3,000-$6000 depending on which plan the employee is in. To incentivize employees to choose the second plan where they can save money on premiums but has an out of pocket expense increase depending upon how much insurance they use, we would like to provide the same Health Savings Account (HSA) amount for both plans even though the deduction is lower on the new plan. There is an additional opportunity to save money in the second plan. The employee assumes more risk but they have a lower premium. There will be no taxing issue with the HSA amount because the District is not meeting the total maximum allowable amount. There is nothing being taken away just offering another option. If employees take the new plan, it will save the District and possibly the employee in the end.

Director Gale requested that the Board approve the second option and provide the same level of funding for the HSA to both plans. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to approve the two options. Commissioner Farrar seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. Director Gale advised that the Dental plan includes a 19% increase and we shopped around and could not do any better. There is a second plan available at less cost but has decreased benefits. Director Gale asked for Board approval on both plans allowing the individual employees to decide which of the two they want to participate. Commissioner Farrar made the motion to amend the voluntary dental benefit program to have the additional option. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

The Vision plan is 100% employee paid with no contribution from the District.

The Life and LTD products rates stay the same with a 50/50 split between the employees and the District.

PROJECT UPDATE - Carmen McKinney, Deputy Director Aviation, Fleet and Facilities reported that work on installation of the spray system for the King Air 200s is being engineered by Embry Riddle University in Daytona Beach. Embry Riddle will be coming here to do the work. There is no FAA requirement to modify the aircraft due to the aircrafts being public use. However, LCMCD treats the modification as if there would be a FAA approval due to safety concerns. Work has started on the second King Air in Arizona and this work is expected to be complete within six months.

The Lee County Land Development Code (LDC) now provides protection of all the heliports and airports owned by LCMCD. This will provide protection of the approaches into airports and helistops. This protection covers a 3-mile radius around our facilities. We will be notified of any construction within this protective area. We will have ten (10) days to provide any comment or objection to the proposed construction.

The County has adopted the FAA standards for basic approach. Buckingham is a bit different because we already have an FAA classification for approach and State License. The runway approach would only effect Buckingham and Woodstock and we are planning to adopt the FAA approach for those. Their zoning maps are showing the protected areas surrounding those areas.

There will be a public hearing on February 16 involving public comments for the proposed zoning change at Buckingham Airport at the District. This meeting will be with the Buckingham Community Association. On February 23, a second public hearing will be conducted with the Lehigh Community relating to the zoning change at Buckingham Airport. The hearing will be at the Sheriff Sub-station and residents have already indicated that they have not seen any issues at all. This meeting will involve a presentation by our Attorney.

Follow-up for the Pine Island (Woodstock Airport) agreement. The Real Estate Contract has been signed. There is a critical time line checklist that the attorney has sent Carmen and they are going down that checklist now. They are working toward the survey and then the special exception for the airport. The Woodstock Airport survey has been completed. This completes part of the time line for the final closing on the property sometime in July once the "Special Exception" is completed with Lee County.

The paving project is on hold awaiting the Limited Development Order approval.

We have spoken with the Legislative Aide to Representative Matt Caldwell regarding the placing the mosquito control pilots in the special risk retirement category of the Florida Retirement System (FRS). We attempted to do this about ten years ago and felt that there should be an additional effort. We will attempt to get support from the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) and the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Gale reminded the Commissioners to check their District e-mail accounts for upcoming meeting dates and information.

Executive Director Gale advised the Board that at today's Businesses United for Political Action Committee (BUPAC) meeting he was told that the name change request for Homestead Road has gone through and it has been voted on but the District has not been advised yet. The county did advised us that there is a 911-advance system that will need to be updated. What they suggest is that we go down the road to the seven residents to get them to agree to the change. We are going to go door to door to advise them of the name change to make it easier for them. The Lee County Commissioners have the power to change the name whether the residents approve. Director Gale would like to maintain our good relationships with the residents and plans to check in with each one.

The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Annual Meeting in San Diego is coming up the week of February 13. Director Gale will become the new President of the AMCA at the end of the meeting. Director Gale advised the Board that he would be out of the office quite a bit over the next several months. He went over his schedule with the Board. Director Gale will be representing AMCA and the District on use of Dibrom at a meeting with the EPA in Washington. We will give them our usage data and explain how we use and need the product. They are evidently having issues with the numbers and reregistration is becoming problematic because the decision to raise the safety margin by another ten-fold. They do not realize this is our major tool for adult mosquito control and there are no reliable alternatives. They do not consider the risk of not using it. On the reregistration there is usually some additional studies that need to be done and additional studies are necessary to validate risk assessments.

The end of this month 27-28 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is sponsoring a Zika workshop and all key players will be there from the U.S. and he will be represent AMCA. Discussions will center on what to do to prepare for this year and discuss how things were done last year. The only places there has actually been an attempt to control Zika and Aedes mosquitos has been in Miami. It takes aerial adulticiding and aerial larviciding to get control. Regarding testing, when done for resistance they test wild mosquitoes against a known strain and the distance of that gap is the resistance factor. The actual amount of exposure is difficult to determine without proper resistance control factors.

We are currently working with our attorney Carie Roth on Arthropod Control plans and will be meeting on March 8 to discuss allowing us to use aerial adulticide in the North Cape Yucca Pens area. The meeting in Tallahassee was productive and they are willing to discuss it further. We are not now spraying this area and usually don't treat it more than two times a year and we only treat an area of about a mile inside to protect the people around the edge. In 2011, we sprayed it five times but that was an unusually heavy year and there was an emergency declaration due to tropical storm flooding.

Director will not be attending the Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) Tallahassee Days the 14th15th of March. Instead, he will be in Washington D.C. for the National Pest Management Association Legislative Days and then to New Jersey for the New Jersey Mosquito Control Association meeting. Milton Sterling will be leading a team from here to Tallahassee. Please let us know if you plan to participate in that.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regulatory Tour will be held at the District on March 24. Director invited the Board members to attend if they are available. We will have approximately 30 people from various regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels and the Hyacinth and Mosquito Districts provide demonstrations on how we do aquatic weed control and mosquito control for the people who write the product label guidelines for making decision on how we use the products. It involves them flying in helicopters to Beautiful Island and they walk into the mangroves, we aerial spray them with water to show them how it is done. It is a week-long tour they are on sponsored by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association and we are the last stop on that tour.

There is a Hyacinth District demo done in coordination with Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (LA-MSID) to close Harns Marsh down and do their airboat demo there.

On February 22-23. The Florida Association of Special Districts will hold their Tallahassee Legislative Days. Director Gale is on their Board and will attend those meetings.

FISCAL REVIEW – Secretary-Treasurer Farrar reviewed the summary with the Board starting with Mosquito Control. He asked Chief Financial Officer, Russ Baker to address the Board regarding Motion to approve the Mosquito Control Financial statement. Commissioner Ellis second the motion and the Board approved unanimously. Commissioner Farrar then presented the Hyacinth Control financial statement. Commissioner Mann made the motion to approve the Hyacinth Control report as presented. Commissioner Ellis seconded and the Board approved with no dissenting votes.

Chairman Hart made the motion to adjourn today's meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Farrar seconded the motion, the Board agreed to adjourn at 10:55 a.m.

Vice- Chairman