

Beach Mosquito Control District  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 12, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Beach Mosquito Control District was called to order at 5:00 PM by Commissioner Larry Couch. Commissioner Couch, Commissioner Smith, Legal Counsel Amy Myers, Director James Clauson, Office Manager Michelle Buell, Scott Clemmons from the Clemmons Company, and Tom Conley from Florida League of Cities were all present. Commissioner Dean was absent.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Couch presented the minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting moved that they be accepted as presented. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial report. Commissioner Smith presented the financial report, noting the total revenue received since the last meeting. Reviewed the P&L. Commissioner Smith stated the financial report should be filed for audit.

New business.

Without objection from the other Board members, the Chairman invited Tom Conley to present New Business Item B re: Insurance, so he would not have to wait until the end of the meeting when New Business is generally considered. The Chairman also invited Scott Clemons to present New Business Item A re: Health Insurance, after Tom Conley presented.

Insurance (FMIT)- Tom Conley presented the new premiums for the fiscal year 2024-2025 where it showed an overall 7% increase. Some discussion ensued about increasing the deductible for named storms from 5% to 10% which would help balance out the premium increase. Commissioner Smith asked how much it would save the District to also increase the deductible for general liability. Tom Conley stated that he could get another quote put together to reflect these increases in the deductibles lowering the premium down some from presented amount of \$137,643. Commissioner Smith motioned to move the discussion to the next board meeting when they have the new quote. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Insurance Update (Clemmons Company)- Scott Clemmons presented the new Florida Blue Rates to the commissioners. Scott noted a rough 18% increase in the insurance premiums the district would acquire. Scott stated that this large increase was due to an overall increase in claims in the region. Due to the increase in premiums, there will be such an increase in the premium of the higher blue options plan that employees would have to pay to stay with that plan. The other two plans offered will remain paid 100% by the District. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal plans that were presented. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business.

- A. Surveillance Update- Scott Armstrong, the new entomologist was going to give an update at the meeting, but he did not stay for the board meeting. He will meet with Commissioner Smith at a later date to go over the monthly reports and how to update them.
- B. Chicken House Update- Director Clauson stated that the outside is done, the roof is done, and the inside has been insulated and is almost completed. Lawrence, the new superintendent, said that there will be an electrical inspection in the coming week and that he expects the facility to be completed by the first week in September.
- C. Performance Measures- Director Clauson presented updated performance measures which gave a clarification of bottle bioassays. Some discussion ensued about what should be included in the measures. Commissioner Smith suggested any role that the District takes on should have performance measures, such as public education, maintenance and aerial. It was decided that the performance measures would be finalized at the next board meeting.
- D. Tentative Budget- Director Clauson presented an updated Detailed Work Plan Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 that reflects the correct ad valorem that the district should receive if that goes with a 0.1400 millage rate. This detailed work plan budget reflects a more accurate representation of what the District's budget will be.
- E. Job Position Update (Lab)- Director Clauson stated that he has an interview with William Lexcen from Virginia, on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>, for the

entomologist assistant position. Director Clauson also announced that Alyson Strom will be leaving at the end of the month and the surveillance technician position will need to be filled as well.

Attorney Report.

No Report.

Director report.


- A. Calendar Review–The first Friday CEU course with UF is August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board meeting is August 12<sup>th</sup>. August 15<sup>th</sup> is the last concert series event. James will be out August 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Drew's 2-year work anniversary is August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Travis' 10-year work anniversary is August 26<sup>th</sup>. August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Walsingham Elementary School. September 2<sup>nd</sup> is Labor Day. Cindy will be at Walsingham Elementary School September 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. September 5<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing. The board meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>. September 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary School. September 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> James will be at the SOVE Conference. September 21<sup>st</sup> is the Lake Powell clean-up. September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary School. Cindy will be at Hutchinson Elementary School on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cindy will be at Patronis Elementary School October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. The proposed board meeting will be on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. James will be out October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- B. Operations Updates– Director Clauson presented a service request year-to-date report that represented whether the number of calls, the zones they were from, who completed the calls, and broke down whether the request was for a pool or for mosquitoes. Commissioner Smith requested that the maps be outlined by zones to make it easier to follow. Adulticiding has slowed down, but we have completed some larviciding missions with the helicopter. Service requests have been low.

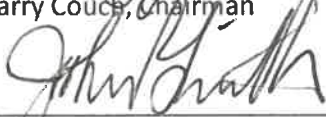
**Any other announcements:**

At this time Director Clauson presented the idea of spending our remaining state funds of \$3.14 and closing our state account due to not receiving state funds anymore. This will also eliminate having to send in a monthly financial report to FDACS. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the

expenditure of \$3.14 and close the state account. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

  
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Larry Couch, Chairman

  
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John Smith, Treasurer

  
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Joyce Dean, Secretary