

Beach Mosquito Control District  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 14, 2023

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 John Smith. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Couch, Commissioner Dean, Legal Counsel Amy Myers, Director James Clauson, Office Manager Michelle Buell, Public Relations Supervisor Cindy Mulla, and Scott Clemmons from the Clemmons Company were all present.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Dean presented the minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting and moved that they be accepted as presented. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

New business. Health Insurance Update (Clemmons Company)-

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

Scott Clemmons presented the new Florida Blue Rates to the commissioners. Scott noted a rough 6% increase in the insurance premiums the district would acquire, and he also suggested that since no employees were interested in the health savings account plan that it be replaced with a cheaper blue select option that would have a lower deductible for employees. This new plan would also have the premium covered 100% for employees. There were only a few other slight changes to the current plans such as the premium increase of the higher blue options plan that employees would have to pay to stay with that plan. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the blue cross blue shield

renewal plans that were presented. Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business.

- A. Chicken Facility Update- Legal Counsel Amy Myers presented a rough draft contract that was given to Director Clauson for the construction of the chicken facility. Amy needs Cale to give feedback on the contract before moving forward.
- B. New Employee (Mosquito Technician)- Director Clauson stated that he hired a new technician for the open position, his name is Mikey Cartwright. Mikey will start Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> and will be training with Eddie.
- C. Social Media Breakdown- Public Relations Supervisor, Cindy Mulla, presented the social media breakdown for the District. Cindy explained to the commissioners exactly how many people were successfully targeted with the District's social media advertisement. Cindy also went over all the upcoming educational events that were scheduled for the next few months.

#### Attorney Report.

No report.

#### Director report.

- A. Calendar Review- The Board meeting is on August 14<sup>th</sup>. August 16<sup>th</sup> Mikey will start. August 17<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Walsingham Elementary. August 21<sup>st</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary school. August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Patronis Elementary School. August 22<sup>nd</sup> is Drew's one year work anniversary. August 28<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. August 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> James will be at the FMCA board meeting. August 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. The first budget hearing will be on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The advertisement for the final budget hearing will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The board meeting/final budget hearing is on September 11<sup>th</sup>. September 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> James and Drew will be attending the Bell Maintainer & Operator Conference. September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at West Bay Elementary. September 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> is the Society of Vector Ecology

meeting in Charleston South Carolina. September 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. September 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. The board meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup>. October 14<sup>th</sup> is the Pirate's Parade. October 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary School. October 21<sup>st</sup> is the Pumpkin Patch at Camp Helen. October 21<sup>st</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> James will be in China for a Conference. October 28<sup>th</sup> is the Fishing Rodeo. October 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary School.

- B. Operations Updates- Mosquitoes are low due to little rain and dry conditions. Service requests have been low. We are beginning to have seroconversions for West Nile Virus. The technicians are out larviciding. Drew put the spray unit on the Bell 505 and is trying to move forward with being able to adulticide out of the helicopter. Drew also larvicided by air with the 206 and everything seemed to be in working order.

#### New business.

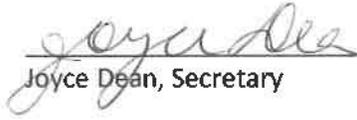
- A. Florida League of Cities Renewal- Tom Conley was going to present the new premiums for the District for the insurance, however he could not make it. Director Clauson explained to the commissioners that the increase in our premium was due to the insurance market being sky high now. Also, the District's total insured value increased 40%. Commissioner Couch made a motion to accept the premiums from Florida Municipal Insurance and Trust that were presented. Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Any other announcements:**

Commissioner Smith asked about the OPPAGA review and how it recommended that Mosquito Control Districts come up with strategic plans for their Districts. Director Clauson and Commissioner Smith discussed which group would be best for deciding the strategic plan. Commissioner Smith recommended that Beach Mosquito Control District consider looking to an outside source to come up with a strategic plan that is specific to the District. Director Clauson will look into coming up with a strategic plan.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.

  
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John Smith, Chairman

  
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Joyce Dean, Secretary

  
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Larry Couch, Treasurer