

**Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Board Meeting
April 13, 2020**

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 by Commissioner Larry Couch. He welcomed Sandra Henry coming onboard as the new Office Manager. Commissioner Couch was present, Executive Director James Clauson and Sandra Henry taking the minutes. Commissioner Caldwell and Amy Myers, legal counsel, attended via phone /video conference due to the Covid-19 social distancing.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Couch presented the minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting and moved that they be accepted as presented. Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial report. Commissioner Caldwell presented the financial report, noting the total tax revenue received since last meeting. Reviewed the P&L and noted the higher costs of utilities, water, phone & internet. The board also discussed the purchase of equipment for the new building. Chairman Couch recommended the report from March 31, 2020 through now be filed for audit.

Old Business.

- A. Lot Purchase – St. Joe accepted the counteroffer of \$150,000 per acre, Lot #9 just south of us. Kevin Williams is pursuing a contract with St. Joe and we will hopefully have that contract by the next board meeting to review.
- B. Office position. We welcome Sandra and I look forward to helping her get everything in order. We are making good progress on it; we just wish we had more time in the day. This Covid-19 abbreviated work schedule is taking us a little longer.
- C. Audit. We are still working on it with the auditor, and that it was moving forward.

Attorney Report. Myers – confirmed for the record – Governor DeSantis did an executive order, a few weeks ago, that suspended any Florida Statute that requires a physical quorum to be present for local bodies to meet. That same executive order authorizes the use of communications media technology. It

will expire for May 9, 2020. Myers will stay in touch with James and let him know if it has been extended. If we need to have a virtual meeting in May, we may need to put something on the website.

Director report.

- A. The Director presented the calendar of upcoming meetings, outreaches, community events, trainings for April, May and June and indicated the COVID related cancellations. The May 7th FCCMC Board Meeting will be a virtual meeting; the May 12th & 13th Washington Days have been cancelled; We will have our regular scheduled board meeting on May 11th & June 8th as originally planned. Mosquito Awareness week is the week of June 22nd – 26th.
- B. Paris Janos from Channel 7 was out here a week ago and may come out again for Mosquito Awareness week.
- C. Operations update. Surveillance. Reviewed the Activity Hours for March. We have not been spraying in the morning hours, our service request has been low. It has been more pools or ditches. We may have had 8-10 calls in the last month.

New business.

- A. Modified Work schedule – The director provided and reviewed the modified work schedule. The purpose is to address the social distancing, not just here, but to assist our employees, their families and kids at home. Basically, we are just sticking to our Monday and Friday crew schedule working 8 – 1 without a lunch. I tried to work it to where Sandra is here during the week. So far everything is working out. We can maintain surveillance and get some maintenance done around here. If things loosen up, I will discuss it with Larry and the board. We will increase hours as we can based on what is happening here locally in Bay County.

Any other announcements:

Commissioner Caldwell expressed how proud he is of the board, the organization and everyone working, doing the best they can during these times.

The Grand Opening has been cancelled and will need to be re-scheduled later.


There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14pm.



Larry Couch, Chairman



Joyce Dean, Secretary



Brandon Caldwell, Treasurer