

**Beach Mosquito Control District  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 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, Director James Clauson, and Office Manager Michelle Buell were all present. Commissioner Dean and Legal Counsel Amy Myers were absent.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Couch presented the minutes of the January 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. Commissioner Couch presented the minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting moved that they be accepted as presented. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Couch 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.

Old Business.

- A. Chicken House Update- Director Clauson gave an update on the chicken facility, Amendment 01 the contract provided by Anderson Construction Company has been signed by all parties. Director Clauson plans to schedule a meeting with Matt Hawley to go over purchasing building supplies. In the meantime, he plans to have the old chicken coop moved out of the way so Anderson Construction Company can move forward.
- B. Strategic Plan- Director Clauson presented his final draft of the District's strategic plan. Commissioner Smith suggested adding a description into the plan about why the District exists the way it does. Discussion ensued between Director Clauson and Commissioner Smith about the strategic plan needing to have metrics incorporated into it so that the District can determine whether or not they are meeting their goals. It was decided that Director Clauson would wait to see the performance measures that will be put together by the Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito

Control if the House Bill 7013 passes, before he finalizes performance measures on the District's strategic plan. Commissioner Smith also suggested involving stakeholders in the development of the plan by allowing some of the city officials to review the plan and offer any suggestions to the District.

- C. Surplus Truck Bids- Bid from Kyle Pridgen for the Ford F250 truck of \$4777.00. Bid on Ford F250 truck from Eddie Summers for \$3001.01. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve and accept the bid from Kyle Pridgen in the amount of \$4777.00 for the Ford F250 truck. Commissioner Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Attorney Report.

No Report.

#### Director report.

- A. Calendar Review –February 3<sup>rd</sup> is Lee's 21 years work anniversary. The board meeting is on February 12<sup>th</sup>. February 15<sup>th</sup> Chris Pappas will be holding his Chemical Spill Response class at the District. Cindy returns from knee surgery February 15<sup>th</sup>. James will be out February 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. February 26<sup>th</sup>- March 1<sup>st</sup> James will be attending HAI. March 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> is AMCA. The board meeting is on March 11<sup>th</sup>. March 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Emily, Alyson, and Kaylyn are attending Bee College. Rudy's conference for AMCD is March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Eddie's 19 years work anniversary is March 30<sup>th</sup>. James will be out April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. The board meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup>. James will be attending the insurance summit for FMIT April 16-18<sup>th</sup>. April 15<sup>th</sup> will be the District's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop.
- B. Operations Updates– Mosquitoes are low due to little rain and dry conditions. There are no chicken seroconversions and 2 service requests. Commissioner Smith asked if the District could let the public know, possibly on any of the next news reports, about pretreatments that are done in the catch basins when the District is not spraying.

#### New business.

- A. Budget Amendment 24-01- Director Clauson presented Budget Amendment 24-01 which will shift \$50,000 from contingency to other

contractual services to account for the cost of the lobbyist group that was hired, The Southern Group. Commissioner Smith inquired about what the next steps were with the lobbyist group now that the referendum was removed from the House Bill 7013, Director Clauson stated that the group would work to make sure no other harmful language was added to the bill that would negatively impact the District. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 24-01 in the amount of \$50,000. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Helicopter Update- Director Clauson discussed that a representative from BELL, Caroline Musto, reached out to the District about the possibility of leasing the helicopter to put on display during AMCA. This would involve Andrew flying the BELL 505 out to Fort Worth and then letting the BELL pilots fly it from there. BELL also offered to pay for all the costs of the District to bring the helicopter to them and then for Andrew to fly back on a commercial flight after AMCA to pick the helicopter back up. Director Clauson also mentioned that East Flager was selling their old 206 but after discussion with Andrew, they decided not to pursue buying it and selling the District's older helicopter.

**Any other announcements:**

Director Clauson announced that Mikey Cartwright resigned from the District. He also announced that Kaylyn will be moving to Italy in June, and she will also be leaving the District.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

  
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Larry Couch, Chairman

  
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John Smith, Treasurer

  
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Joyce Dean, Secretary