

Beach Mosquito Control District  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 8, 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, and Matt Hawley from Anderson Construction were all present. Commissioner Dean was absent.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Couch presented the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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- Matt Hawley presented the commissioners with the GMP or guaranteed maximum price for what the cost would be to complete the chicken facility. He also presented the commissioners with three valued engineering alternatives that could lower the cost. Discussion ensued between Director Clauson and Matt Hawley, and they agreed that the District would complete some tasks such as asphalt clearing and clean up to help lower the overall cost. The District would also buy the majority of the building supplies to take advantage of the tax exemption that would save an additional 7%. Matt and Director Clauson will meet to go over how to save costs but to get the project moving they suggested the commissioners agree to the GMP that was set. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the GMP presented by Matt Hawley at \$419,874.00. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Myers will be drafting a contract amendment and will be working with Matt to get that done. Attorney

Myers also presented Resolution 24-01 for the agreement of the GMP to be signed by the commissioners.

- B. Strategic Plan- Director Clauson spoke about merging his draft with the Draft #1 that was created from Bard. He also plans to get with each department supervisor to incorporate the goals they want for their sections such as for surveillance, public relations, operations, and the aerial program. Director Clauson expects it to be completed by the next board meeting.
- C. Hancock Whitney CD Rates- Director Clauson spoke with Sophia Berling, the District's Hancock Whitney representative, to get CD rates for investing 4 million dollars into a bank CD. Sophia presented Director Clauson with the option to invest 2 million in a 3-month CD and 2 million into a 6-month CD. Some discussion ensued. Commissioner Couch suggested the District put all 4 million into the 3-month CD and gain the interest from it, and then do it again in another 3 months. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve investing 4 million dollars into the CDs but to work with Sophia to see if investing all 4 million into a 3-month CD would be a better option than splitting the 4 million between a 3-month CD and a 6-month CD. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Auditor's Letter- Director Clauson presented the commissioners with a letter of communication between the Auditors and the commissioners. This is a letter they present to the commissioners every year.
- E. Surplus Truck Update-Director Clauson announced that none of the local government entities made an offer on the surplus truck, and he suggested that it go on to be advertised to the general public. The commissioners agreed.

#### Attorney Report.

No Report.

#### Director report.

- A. Calendar Review –January 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday crew returned to work followed by the Tuesday crew returning on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The board meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>. James and Drew are attending the Fly In January 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is January 15<sup>th</sup>. James is attending the Mosquito

Vector Control Association of California conference January 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. DODD short courses in Gainesville are January 29<sup>th</sup>- February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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. 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>. 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>.

- B. Operations Updates- Mosquitoes are low due to little rain and dry conditions. There are no chicken seroconversions and no service requests. Commissioner Smith asked about the possibility of reports being added to the operation's monthly reports for any pesticide applications that are made in the field. Commissioner Smith also inquired about adding a measure of variation associated with trap count means and offered to help the entomologist with these reports. At this time Director Clauson mentioned a conflict with the June 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting and asked that it either be moved to June 3<sup>rd</sup> or June 17<sup>th</sup>. The commissioners agreed to move the board meeting to June 17<sup>th</sup> and the district will advertise this date change.

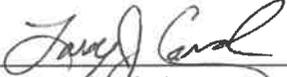
#### New business.

- A. Sick Leave Policy- Director Clauson presented the Commissioners with a new sick leave policy that would allow employees who retire from the District to cash in their unused sick leave and use it pay the dollar-for-dollar amount of their healthcare premiums. This would allow employees to stay on the District's healthcare after retirement until their sick leave ran out. Some discussion ensued, however, the commissioners decided not to pursue this option at this time.

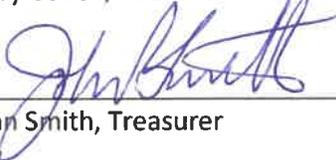
#### **Any other announcements:**

Director Clauson informed the commissioners that our previous office manager, Lauren Dee, agreed to fill in as an emergency backup for payroll or any other duties should there be any reason it cannot be completed by the current office manager Michelle Buell.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

  
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Larry Couch, Chairman

  
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Joyce Dean, Secretary

  
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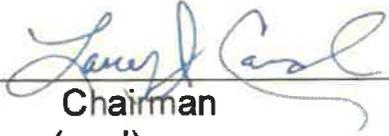
**RESOLUTION 24-01**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the appropriate Officers of the District are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the District that Amendment No.1 to the Design and Construction Management Agreement between the District and Anderson Construction Company, relating to construction of the District's Chicken Coop in the amount of \$419,874, in substantially the form attached and presented to the Commissioners today, with such changes, insertions or omissions as may be approved by the Executive Director and whose execution of such Agreement shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

**THIS RESOLUTION** shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED** in regular session this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT**

  
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Chairman  
(seal)

Attest:

  
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Joyce Dean, Secretary

Beach Mosquito Control District  
Emergency Board Meeting  
January 16, 2024

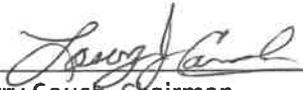
Call to Order and Roll Call. The emergency scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Beach Mosquito Control District was called to order at 5:00 PM by Commissioner Larry Couch. Commissioner Couch, Commissioner Smith, Legal Counsel Amy Myers, Director James Clauson, and Office Manager Michelle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

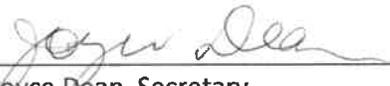
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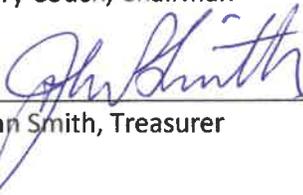
- A. HB 7013- This board meeting was called to discuss House bill 7013 and the accompanying Senate bill 1058. This bill would require a referendum from all independent special districts with taxing authority to let the public vote to reauthorize the district every ten years, as well as requiring a 12-year term limit on any elected officials. Other minor impacts to mosquito control include having to have a 5-year strategic plan set in place and having an evaluation each year on whether or not the goals are being met on that strategic plan. The referendum was removed from the bill but the current issue that still remains is what other stipulations will be added to the bill such as a millage rate cap, that will negatively impact mosquito control districts. Director Clauson suggested that the District hire a lobbyist group by the name of The Southern Group, who work for the District to get ahold of the lawmakers and try to get some of the negative impacts to mosquito control removed off this bill or even amend some of the language in the bill that is directed towards mosquito controls. The cost for this group would be \$50,000. The commissioners agreed to the need for The Southern Group to represent Beach Mosquito Control District before the legislative and executive branches of Florida government on issues related to the House Bill 7013. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the cost of securing the representation of the District by The Southern Group. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Any other announcements:**

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

  
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Larry Couch, Chairman

  
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Joyce Dean, Secretary

  
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John Smith, Treasurer