

Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Board Meeting
July 17, 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, and Office Manager Michelle Buell were all present.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Dean presented the minutes of the June 12th, 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.

Old Business.

- A. Chicken Facility Update- Director Clauson recommended that due to Anderson being a local company and being highly recommended, as well as them including the price for sketches in their price per hour, that he thinks the District should contract Anderson to build the chicken facility. The commissioners agreed with Director Clauson. Attorney Myers suggested that to speed the process up the Commissioners should do a motion to approve Anderson as the contractor and direct her to draft the contract and give Director Clauson authorization to sign it. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve Anderson as the contractor for the chicken facility, and to allow Attorney Myers to draft a contract that Director Clauson is authorized to sign. Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. CPA Audit Firm Contract- Director Clauson presented a new contract with Tipton, Marler, Garner, and Chastain to secure their services for the District's financial audits for the next three fiscal years at the rates the CPA firm set. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the contract with

Tipton, Marler, Garner, and Chastain for the next three years. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report.

No report.

Director report.

- A. Calendar Review- July 3rd James will be out. July 10th-13th James will be out. July 11th-12th Cindy will be at Girls Inc. July 17th and 19th Cindy will be working at Frank Brown Park for a day camp. July 17th is the Board meeting. The Aaron Bessant Park concert series is still occurring every Thursday night through August 10th. The Board meeting is on August 14th. August 21st Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary school. August 22nd-24th Cindy will be at Patronis Elementary School. August 28th Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. The board meeting is on September 11th. September 12th-14th Cindy will be at West Bay Elementary. September 19th-20th Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary.
- B. Operations Updates- Mosquitoes are low due to little rain and dry conditions. Service requests have been low. Seroconversions have slowed down. The technicians are out larviciding and Drew has been training with the Helicopter Institute pilot. Director Clauson reported the findings of *aedes aegypti* at Half-hitch and the new S&S chicken site.


New business.

- A. Budget Amendment 2023-04- Michelle discussed the budget amendment. The amendment shifted \$130,000 from capital outlay into account 46.6 repairs for the helicopter. This is to cover all the repairs done to the Bell 505 helicopter. The amendment also shifted \$1,500 from promotional activities into the printing and binding account. Lastly, the amendment shifted \$8,000 from the contingency line item into training for Drew's Bell 505 Helicopter Institute training. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$139,500. Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. TRIM Update (Tentative Millage and 1st Budget Hearing Date)- Director Clauson presented some dates to the Commissioners for the first and final

budget hearings. Some discussion ensued. Commissioner Dean made a motion to set the first hearing on Wednesday, September 6th at 5:01pm and the final hearing on Monday, September 11th at 5:01pm. Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Director Clauson and Michelle prepared some draft DR420's showing several millage rates. Those millage rates were .2000, .1800, .1600, and .1400 (with .2000 being the only one above the rolled-back rate). The projected carryover amount is around \$5.3 million. A few capital outlay expenditures this fiscal year will be replacing at least 1 vehicle and building a permanent chicken coop here at the District. The Commissioners were all in agreement to use the millage rate of .1800 for the resolution in the first budget hearing coming up in September. Commissioner Couch requested to see the numbers for a .1700 millage rate. Moving forward, the millage rate can be lowered, but cannot exceed the .1800 figure that was reflected on the advertisement (tax bill) that will be sent out to the property owners in August. The reduction will generate the revenue needed to continue efficient operations and reduce the tax liability of the property owners in the District. Commissioner Couch made a motion to set the tentative millage at .1800. Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Any other announcements:

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.



John Smith, Chairman



Joyce Dean, Secretary



Larry Couch, Treasurer