The First Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, of Beach Mosquito Control District, was called to order by Chairman Couch at 5:01 P.M. on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with Commissioners Couch and Dean present, as well as Director Clauson, Attorney Myers and Laurell Young. Commissioner Caldwell was absent. No members of the public were in attendance for the meeting.

Chairman Couch began the meeting by announcing the items for discussion, the first being the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 of 0.5450, which is a 39.89% increase over the current year rolled-back rate of 0.3896. The justification for adopting the new millage rate is the construction of a new headquarters for the District and the District's inability to borrow funds for the project; as such, the Board found that this millage rate is necessary and appropriate to fund the District's proposed expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Couch then asked if anyone from the public had any comments or questions regarding the proposed millage rate. Hearing none, he moved on to the second item for discussion.

Couch then announced that on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Board adopted a tentative detailed work plan budget in a total amount of \$7,725,290.00, which amount is necessary and appropriate to fund the District's proposed programs and commitments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; the total taxes to be levied at the rate of 0.5450 is \$4,689,290.00. Couch asked if anyone from the public had any comments or questions regarding the budget. Hearing none, he moved on to entertaining motions for the discussion items.

Couch called for a motion to approve the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to be set at 0.5450. Dean made a motion to approve the tentative millage of 0.5450 as presented; Couch seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

Couch then called for a vote on the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the total amount of \$7,725,290.00. Dean made a motion to approve the tentative budget of \$7,725,290.00 as presented; Couch seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business for the First Budget Hearing, Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting at 5:06 P.M.

Larry Couch Chairman

Brandon Caldwell, Treasure

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Beach Mosquito Control District was called to order by Chairman Couch at 5:00 P.M. on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Couch requested that the roll be recorded, and noted that all commissioners, Director Clauson, attorney Myers, Billy Perry with Mott MacDonald and Laurell Young were present; also present was one member of the public, Ms. Cherie Crim. The regular board meeting was recessed at 5:01 P.M. and Couch moved on to the Final Budget Hearing.

## Final Budget Hearing

Couch discussed the proposed millage rate; the proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2018-2019 adopted at the first budget hearing is 0.5450, which is a 39.89% increase over the rolled-back rate is 0.3896. He advised that the increase in the millage rate was needed to finance the District's new headquarters that is being constructed; he further explained that since the District is unable to borrow money, we are solely reliant on the ad valorem taxes to pay for the construction. Couch also explained that previous Boards, 12-14 years ago, voted to set the millage below the roll-back rate, providing residents a tax savings but preventing the District from saving for the future. Couch asked if there were any questions, Ms. Crim, a member of the public, did have a question concerning the 75.9% increase over the previous year's total operating expenses; so how does that, the 75.9% expenditure increase relate to the 39.89% increase in the millage rate? It was explained to Ms. Crim that the proposed millage rate of 0.5450 was only a 39.89% increase over the roll-back rate of 0.3896 and the 75.9% increase was an increase of the expenditures over the current fiscal year's expenditures. Both the proposed millage and expenditure (budget) increased were due to the construction of the new headquarters. Ms. Crim asked why the City didn't begin increasing and saving funds previously; Chairman Couch first explained that we are an independent taxing, separate from the City of Panama City Beach, and second, that previous Board members, who are no longer on the Board, voted to reduce the District's millage rate below the roll-back rate and thereby reducing the District's tax revenue. Couch asked if there were any further questions, hearing none he then moved on to the second item for discussion: the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 adopted at the first budget hearing of \$7,725,290.00. Couch explained again that the increase in the budget/expenditures was due to the upcoming construction of the District's new headquarters. Couch asked if there were any questions, hearing none he requested motions to approve the proposed millage rate of 0.5450 for fiscal year 2018-2019 and the proposed budget of \$7,725,290.00 for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Couch then moved to the resolutions:

RESOLUTION 18-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT; LEVYING A .5450 MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Dean made a motion to approve as presented, Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 18-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEACH MOSQUITO

#### **RESOLUTION 18-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT; LEVYING A .5450 MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to levy a millage rate upon real property pursuant to Section 388.221, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapters 200 and 388, Florida Statutes, the District prepared a tentative budget and proposed a .5450 millage rate; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of a public hearing conducted on September 4, 2018, the Board determined that a .5450 millage rate is appropriate and sufficient to fund the District's proposed expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and that such rate is 39.89% higher than the rolled-back rate of .3896.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That for the purpose of securing an equal and uniform rate of taxation, and to pay appropriations for all purposes due and necessary for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019, there shall be levied upon all real estate within the boundary limits of Beach Mosquito Control District of Bay County, Florida, a tax of .5450 Mills on the dollar, which is 39.89% higher than the rolled-back rate.

Section 2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be made and forwarded to the Bay County Property Appraiser, the Bay County Tax Collector and the Florida Department of Revenue.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Adopted and dated in Bay County, Florida this 10th day of September, 2018.

Larry Couch, Chairman

(seal)

Attest:

Joyce Dean, Secretary

I, Larry Couch Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Beach Mosquito Control District of Bay County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution as adopted on September 10, 2018.

Larry Couch, Chairman

(seal)

Attest:

Joyce Dean, Secretary

#### **RESOLUTION 18-04**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 388.201, Florida Statutes, the District prepared a tentative detailed work plan budget in a total amount of \$7,722,621.00 covering its proposed operations and requirements for the arthropod control measures during fiscal year 2018-2019, which was approved by the Board on July 9, 2018, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, the Board adopted the tentative budget in the amount of \$7,725,290.00 at the conclusion of a public hearing conducted on September 4, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a budget of \$7,725,290.00 is appropriate to fund the District's proposed programs and commitments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and that the total funds available from taxation and other sources equal the total of appropriations for the expenditures and reserves.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That for the purpose of securing an equal and uniform rate of taxation, and to pay appropriations for all purposes due and necessary for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019, the Annual Budget, attached and incorporated as Exhibit A hereto, is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. That a certified copy of this Budget shall be submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Adopted and dated in Bay County, Florida, this 10th day of September, 2018.

Larry Couch, Chairman

(seal)

Attest:

Jøvce Dean, Secretary

I, Larry Couch, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Beach Mosquito Control District of Bay County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution as adopted on September 10, 2018.

Larry Couch, Chairman

(seal)

Attest:

Joyce Dean, Secretary

CONTROL DISTRICT; ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Dean made a motion to approve as presented, Caldwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Couch then thanked the member of the public, Ms. Cherie Crim, for attending and ended the Final Budget Hearing, resuming the regular board meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

Secretary Dean confirmed that everyone had received and reviewed the minutes of the meeting from the regular August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board Meeting, the special August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board Meeting, and the First Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018; and asked if there were any changes. Hearing none, Dean made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted; Caldwell seconded, and the motion carried without dissent.

#### **Financial Reports**

Treasurer Caldwell referenced the financial reports and commented that we have received \$3,300.36 since the last meeting; \$72.55 from ad valorem taxes, \$1,197.94 for spraying services on the Navy Base, and a \$2,029.87 refund from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 2017 insurance premiums. Caldwell did not have any other questions or comments and asked if anyone else had any questions regarding the P&L; hearing none he requested that the financials be filed for audit.

### **Old Business**

Couch then moved to Old Business and the new headquarters update. Based on the items approved at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Special Board Meeting, a conformed set of plans has been generated and provided to the City and McInnis Builders. The site work is underway with some delays due to the weather but they are getting ready to start working on the footers for the metal buildings. Received and reviewed/approved a 2<sup>nd</sup> payment request from McInnis; brought copies for the Board to review prior to payment. Mr. Perry also brought a Combined Task Order and Notice to Proceed, based on the expanded oversight approved by the Board, for Director Clauson to execute.

#### Attorney's Report

Attorney Myers had nothing new to report.

#### Director's Report

Clauson began reviewing the calendar of events scheduled for September, October and November of 2018. The commissioners had no comments or concerns with any of the dates and activities planned. He has a FCCOM meeting on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at Pasco County MC and the SOVE meeting the week of Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. The Pirate Parade is on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Cops & Kids on the 20<sup>th</sup> and Trunk or Treat at the Navy Base on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Mike will be attending the Bee College in Gainesville on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and Cindy will be attending a FMEL Identification Class in Vero Beach the 29<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. The Annual FMCA Meeting is Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Clauson then gave his Operations Report referring to the August 2018 activity reports compiled by Summers and Riles. We've had quite a bit of rain the last several weeks and so the mosquito counts have been up. We sprayed two routes last Friday with the trucks and depending on trap counts tomorrow, we anticipate spraying with the trucks and possibly with the helicopter as well.

## **New Business**

Couch then moved on to setting the meeting dates for the next fiscal year. The new meeting dates for fiscal year 2018-2019 were set as follows, with the District's attorney attending once a quarter and as requested.

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Clauson then asked whether the board wanted to approve the scheduled Step increase, as last year the employees received a COLA increase, for the employees, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The increase is already budgeted and is according to the Board approved plan already in place. Dean made a motion to approve the Step increase, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; Caldwell seconded and it was approved without dissent. Ms. Crim asked for clarification on the Step increase, and was advised that several years ago the Board hired an outside expert to research other districts and develop a pay schedule for the District to implement going forward. It was also explained that each year the District alternates between a COLA increase and the Step increase.

Clauson asked the Board which logo, the mosquito or truck/helicopter logo, they preferred to use in the new building. A poll of the employees showed that they preferred the truck/helicopter logo, and the Board agreed. The director said he would let Mr. Perry know tomorrow when he drops off the executed Task Order.

#### <u>Announcements</u>

There were no announcements and no further business to come before the board, and Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Larry Couch, agairman

Brandon Caldwell, Treasure