

Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Board Meeting
March 16, 2026

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 Caldwell, Director James Clauson, Legal Counsel Amy Myers, and Office Manager Michelle Buell were all present. Commissioner Smith was absent.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Caldwell presented the minutes of the February 9, 2026, February 16, 2026, February 20, 2026, and February 27, 2026, meetings and moved that they be accepted as presented. Commissioner Caldwell 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. Any Journal Entries from February were presented at this time. Journal Entry #47 was made to accrue the monthly interest from the District's bank CD. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the journal entry made for February. Commissioner Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business.

- A. Sterile Insects Contract- Director Clauson presented the contract from The Sterile Insect Farms where they will be using the District's FedEx account to ship sterile male *Ae. aegypti* mosquitoes to be release in the areas of the beach where they have been found in previous trapping sessions or on door-to-door sweeps. The Commissioners looked over the contract and agreed with the contract with The Sterile Insect Farms and look forward to using this as a control method to eradicate *Ae. aegypti* from the area again.
- B. Surplus Items: Dump Truck & Trailer- Director Clauson stated that the surplus items were advertised to the general public and still received no bids. It was decided that the District would leave the dump truck and

trailer advertised as it is for now and may address lowering the prices of the items at another time.

- C. Maternity Leave Policy- The verbiage was presented for the new maternity leave policy. The policy will mirror the policy that the State has allowing for an employee to receive 7 weeks of paid maternity leave following the birth of a child and providing 2 weeks of paid parental leave within the first 12 months of the birth or adoption of a child. Commissioner Couch made a motion to adopt the new maternity leave policy. Commissioner Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report.

Attorney Myers stated that after receiving no feedback of the draft Director contracts that were sent to the Commissioner she will draft one for the District to be presented at the next board meeting.

Director report.

- A. Calendar Review –March 2nd-3rd is the Fly-In. March 4th-6th is the Annual Workshop at Anastasia Mosquito Control. March 3rd-5th Cindy will be at Patronis Elementary. March 4th is the FSU PC career fair. March 9th-10th Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. March 9th-12th James is attending VAI. March 11th is the FSU Tally career and intern fair. March 16th is the board meeting. March 16th-27th Teahna will be attending the FMEL ID course in Vero Beach. March 23rd-27th is AMCA. March 30th is Eddie's 21-year work anniversary. March 31st Cindy will be at Walsingham Elementary. April 2nd Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. April 7th-8th Cindy will be at Hutchison Beach Elementary. April 8th is the 10th annual BMCD workshop. April 13th is the board meeting. April 13th-14th Cindy will be at Breakfast Point Academy. April 21st Cindy will be at West Bay Elementary. April 28th-29th Cindy will be at Hutchinson Beach Elementary. April 30th Cindy will be at Walsingham Elementary. May 1st will be James' last day instead of April 15th. May 11th is the board meeting. May 17th is Kyle's 14-year work anniversary. May 23rd is Michelle's 7-year work anniversary. May 28th is Mike's 2-year work anniversary.

- B. Operations Update – Mosquitoes are low due to little rain and dry conditions. Service requests have been low. Director Clauson stated that 10 adult chickens and 18 biddies were purchased to help get through the season.

New business.

- A. News Channel Advertisements- Director Clauson met with Lana Pate, the representative for News Channel 7. He presented the Commissioners with an outline of the advertisements for the upcoming season, April-October, to include a new 30 second PSA being produced. It was asked for Director Clauson to clarify what News Channel 7 considered clicks and views when it comes to social media advertisements. Director Clauson stated he would get clarification from Lana and would provide an update on it. The cost of the advertisement for this upcoming season will be \$35,000.
- B. Wellness Program- The District currently reimbursing employees \$20.00 a month for gym memberships. It was asked if the reimbursement could also be given monthly to work out or wellness apps that are downloaded on phones because going to the gym is not easy for everyone. Receipts will still have to be provided for the workout apps, and the apps will have to be reviewed and approved by the Director. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve work out or wellness apps to be included for the \$20 a month wellness program reimbursement. Commissioner Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. New Chicken Coop- The chicken coop was discussed at the previous board meeting, but Director Clauson gave an update that the coop has been ordered and is in the process of being built.


Any other announcements:

At this time Director Clauson presented an invoice for the digital billboards to the Commissioners from Lamar. The total amount is \$6150. The Commissioners were in approval of this amount.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.



Larry Couch, Chairman



John Smith, Treasurer



Brandon Caldwell, Secretary