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., October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Couch requested the roll be recorded, and noted that all commissioners and the director were present.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Dean confirmed that everyone received and reviewed the minutes of the meetings from September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, Dean moved the minutes be approved as submitted; Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Financial Reports**

Treasurer Smith referenced the financial reports and commented that there was not a lot going on being that it is the beginning of the Fiscal Year. Smith asked if there were additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he recommended the financial report be filed for audit. Clauson brought up that we have roughly about \$78,000 to carry us through and wanted to make the board aware that he may need to close the last Certificate of Deposit when it comes up for renewal until we receive our first distribution from the tax collector's office in November.

## **Old Business**

Chairman Couch called for Old Business, Florida Administrative Code. Clauson reported that the resolution he and Smith developed, changing the amount for the distributed funds for competitive research programs to be capped at 20%, was sent to Mike Page and forwarded to the other districts here in the Panhandle asking for their support. He added that since then he has received word from DACS that it has been capped at 20% which is good and thinks that the resolution may have helped. He went on to say that the other issues were changing the criteria for what constitutes a tier 1, 2 or 3 District and changing the requirements for directors. Smith commented that our district stayed the same at tier 2.

Couch moved on to the next agenda item, Mosquito Research Foundation Update. At a previous meeting Clauson had brought up that he had been asked to sit on the board for the Mosquito Research Foundation, a nonprofit foundation originating out of California and now expanded to all of the U.S. and wanted to give the board an update. He began his update by stating that he is a Board Member now and also the Chairman of the Research Grant Review Committee. He gave an explanation of his role as Chairman and added that he thought it would be a good idea to have a meeting with the committee members on both the East and West Coast and has made contact with the Lab Director for Sac-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District who served as chairman when the foundation was just a California group. She has agreed to have a meeting the first week in December. Clauson continued that he also talked to Dan Kline at USDA in Gainesville and suggested that they have a meeting there; he contacted the other five Florida members regarding a meeting in Gainesville to talk face to face and review the grant proposals. He added that California has seven members and will do the same. He also stated that the grant is probably going to be about a quarter of a million dollars to be allocated adding that it is along the same lines as DACS but the criteria is a little more open.

Moving to the next agenda item; Budget, Employee bonus or COLA Raise. Clauson referred to a spreadsheet listing all of the employees and their rates of pay including the incentive amounts and

asked the board if they wanted to address at this meeting whether to consider a \$1,000.00 bonus or a Cost of Living Allowance with the funds allocated in the budget, or not at all. Dean interjected that she wanted to reiterate what she said before that it is a good thing that we initiate a policy for bonuses but because it will take time to develop and in view of the time factor we should proceed with working toward a policy for bonuses in the future but for now we have the COLA in the budget and we should go ahead with the COLA. Smith referred to an article he read in the Newspaper regarding COLA and the Consumer Price Index used for retirees. A lengthy discussion ensued and in conclusion Smith made a motion for the board to approve that all employees get a \$1,000.00 annual raise. Dean seconded and it passed without dissent. Clauson wanted clarification on how to administer the raise and it was explained that it would be a \$.48 per hour raise for all employees. District employee Harvey addressed the board wanting to know how he could move up on the Pay Step Plan and a discussion ensued. Clauson said he would look at it and address it accordingly. Couch asked Clauson to review and research it and bring it before the board at the next meeting.

# **Attorney Report**

No report

## **Director Report**

Clauson began with the calendar review and went over the scheduled events for October and November. Summers and Mulla have birthdays in October. Clauson mentioned that typically we have a staff meeting after the board meetings which will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Boss's Day. Mulla will be at Breakfast Point for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Cops and Kids is Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>; Gunn, Summers and Bennett will assist Mulla. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we have a Workers' Comp Audit and Fiscal Assistant Bennett will be working with C.J. Clarke, the auditor representing The Florida League of Cities. Mulla is scheduled to be at Patronis Elementary School the 29<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. In November Daylight Savings Time begins on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Harvey's birthday is also on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board Meeting has been moved up to the 4<sup>th</sup>, the first Monday in November. Mulla is scheduled to be at Patronis Elementary School on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Veteran's Day Holiday is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The following week is the FMCA Annual Meeting in Cape Coral. Bennett's birthday is on the 19<sup>th</sup> and Couch's birthday is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving Holiday is the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Clauson moved on to the operation's update and referenced the Activity Report that Summers put together for the month of September. He reported that there were only ten service requests and no Dog Flies. He then referenced the reports and graphs that Mulla put together reflecting the mosquito activity for September. He reported that the last chicken reports have been negative and thinks things are winding down. Smith wanted to know what program Mulla used to do her reports and if she was using the MapVision program and Clauson answered that she uses Excel and will probably go to MapVision in the future. Clauson finished by stating that the required documents for TRIM have been sent to the DOR and mentioned that he received a call from a gentleman with the DOR inquiring about the Budget Summary and the Newspaper Ad.

#### **New Business**

Mike Reynolds with Leading Edge had pulled up a report to show the board what the new MapVision Program is capable of as far as operations reporting. Clauson commented that it appears seamless. Clauson then asked if anyone had anything pertaining to the Director's Report; no one had anything to

add. At that time Clauson asked Mike Reynolds to give his presentation on the new MapVision Program and stated that he had asked District Employees Summers and Duke to sit in on the presentation for any questions they may have. Smith asked Reynolds to start by letting the board know what we currently have. Reynolds began his presentation by offering a detailed explanation of what we have now, what the new program has to offer and the pricing in the proposal. A lengthy discussion ensued with questions and comments from the board and the district employees. In conclusion Dean made a motion to accept the MapVision proposal including the contingency totaling \$82,060.00; Smith seconded and it passed without dissent. Couch then called for a motion giving Clauson approval to move the money over to cover the contingency amount. Smith made a motion, Dean seconded and it passed unanimously.

Clauson then brought up the last item on the agenda, Final Certified Budget to FDACS by 10-30-13. He reported that the certified budget and the two budget amendments will be sent to FDACS before the 30<sup>th</sup>. He added that with the carry over amount the Capital Outlay account was increased by \$74,000 bringing the total amount for the Capital Outlay account to be \$224,000.00. Smith suggested that the land purchase discussion be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **Announcements**

There were no announcements and no further business to come before the board, and Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Larry Couch, Chairman

John Smith, Treasurer