

BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

REGULAR BAORD MEETING

MAY 13, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Beach Mosquito Control District was called to order by Chairman Couch at 5:00 PM on May 13, 2019, with all Commissioners, the Director, and Legal Counsel present.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Office Administrator Laurell Young.

Approval of minutes.

The minutes of the April 8th meeting were presented by Secretary Dean. Various typographical and grammatical changes were noted. With no further discussion, Dean made a motion that the minutes be approved with the corrections discussed, and Caldwell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial report.

The financial reports were presented by Treasurer Caldwell, who indicated the total money received since last meeting is \$251,803.61. Chairman recommended the financial report be filed for audit.

Old Business.

New Headquarters. The Director presented pictures taken by local photographer Wes Rolan wit his drone. He reported that the roof had been installed on the chemical building so insulation could be stored underneath. He said progress seems slow, but he was optimistic about September timeframe. The next site meeting would be May 23rd at 8:30 AM.

Billy Perry gave his report to the Board, indicating that the contractor is working on masonry work, and making progress. He reported that Bob McInnis is doing the project management now. He explained the challenge (everywhere) with unpredictable and short labor staffs. People they could bring in can't find lodging. As a result of that we will be behind schedule. Bob sent update this week--they are a month to two behind now. They met last week to coordinate telecom and security. Landscaping and flagpole were loose ends to be wrapped up. After heavy rains this morning, need to shore up dirt and Billy has advised contractor to use best stormwater practices. James has key to gate on north side if anyone needs.

Current Headquarters. The Director requested the Chairman add discussion about the City's purchase of this facility, and there was no objection. Myers reported her conversations with Mayor, Mario and Holly, and her conclusion that the City was not pursuing the purchase of the property. Lengthy discussion followed concerning the process to offer the property for sale to others. The Director will ask appraiser for update. Dean made a motion that the Director be authorized to pursue sale of this property to neighbors Waste Pro and the construction company. Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Further discussion followed regarding options if neighbors had no interest.

Attorney Report. No report.

Director Report.

Calendar Review. The Director announced the events for May, June and July. He also explained that FMCA was hiring an ED, Mosquito Week was coming up and media had been scheduled, and that no special budget workshops should be needed.

Operations update. Eddie printed ULV reports. Sprayed entire beach once, other spots revisited. Counts were down, but expect increase after today's rain and warmer weather. Not a lot of requests—mostly standing water. Yellowflies and deerflies showing up. Noseums mostly done.

New Business.

Office Manager. The Director acknowledged the District needed to fill the position, but that he's only advertised by word of mouth. He said when he gets back from China, he plans to hire someone first or second week in June, assuming applications received that are worthwhile. No objections to plan.

Budget. The Director presented the first look at budget FY 19/20. He said it was essentially the same as last year, though he also indicated places where money had been eliminated. Lengthy discussion followed regarding adjustments to the pay schedule to make the entry level positions more competitive with the current market. The Director will review the pay schedule. He added that Laurell did such a great job as Office Manager, not just a Fiscal Assistant. He said he would like to hire a Fiscal Assistant rather than an Office Manager and adjust the pay if the Fiscal Assistant was able to take on responsibility for office management.

The Director said that overall budget was \$5,194,058 and almost 5.7 million with reserves. He advised that he will know before the June board meeting what taxable value on beach will be, and what rollback rate and possible millage will be. He said he thought the rollback rate would generate a fair amount of carryover for next year. Brief discussion followed regarding the state's tentative budget deadline, and the merits of meeting their requirements despite receiving no state funds.

Caldwell asked about the budget impacts of the sale of the current headquarters. The Director responded that the sale would not affect the budget but it would give a cushion for a replacement helicopter. He said it would be nice to have a capital outlay to build up over one to three years to buy a new helicopter.

Surplus. The Director reported that Dr. Smith's surveillance program did not get funded through legislature, so he is retiring in June and has given the salvaged equipment (from PHERC) to

various counties to use. The Director said if the county continues to do the surveillance he'd like to see them keep that equipment. Discussion followed regarding the list of original items—it was determined that James will get Mike and Lee and look at, then let John/districts have everything else.

Chairman Couch reported that City Commissioners had questioned him about their ditches, and his response. Myers reported her opinion at City Council meeting that ditch cleaning was not part of the District's mission except as it related to mosquito control. James reported his conversation with City Engineer Kathy Younce re ditches of concern and confirmed that some ditches near Colony Club had been cleaned as a courtesy to the City. Dean expressed her objection to the practice.

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.



Larry Couch, Chairman



Joyce Dean, Secretary



Brandon Caldwell, Treasurer