

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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 March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Couch requested that the roll be recorded, and noted that all commissioners were present, as well as Director Clauson, Attorney Amy Myers, and Laurell Young.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Dean confirmed that everyone had received and reviewed the minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting; and asked if there were any changes. Hearing none, she 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 a total of \$283,983.28 since the last meeting; \$269,485.34 from ad valorem taxes, \$1,197.94 for spraying services on the Navy Base, and \$13,300.00 from the sale of surplus equipment. 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. Director Clauson advised that Mr. Perry was under the weather and was not able to make tonight's meeting; he will get an update from Mr. Perry later and the monthly site visit is on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Clauson drove by the site today and said they are making progress. The Chemical Shed and Shop/Hangar steel buildings have been delivered and they are moving forward on putting those up.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Myers advised she reviewed the landscaping contract from Bay Landscaping and will get with James with her concerns. She will be reviewing the bills of the current State legislative session to see if there are any impacts to mosquito control and/or special districts.

Director's Report

Clauson began reviewing the calendar of events scheduled for March, April and May 2019. The commissioners had no comments or concerns with any of the dates and activities planned. The Pier Park Mardi Gras Parade was on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. James, Brad and Larry Kennedy attended the HAI Helicopter Expo in Atlanta, GA March 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. Brad's last day will be the 13<sup>th</sup> of March and we will be having a going away lunch for him at the District. The FMCA Tallahassee Days will be March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, and the NW Florida Mosquito Control Workshop held by Dr. Smith at FSU-PC will be March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The week of the April 15<sup>th</sup>, Mike will be holding a Biologist meeting/workshop at Collier County MCD. The AMCA Washington Days will be May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and the Director has been asked to attend but he would prefer to attend at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Forum for Surveillance and Control of Mosquitoes and Vector-borne

Diseases in Xiamen, China May 26<sup>th</sup> through and 30<sup>th</sup> and at the Vector Management Workshop in Taipei, Taiwan on May 31<sup>st</sup>. He has been asked to present by Dr. Rudy Xue, registration fees will be waived and hotel costs covered, so the District would only be responsible for airfare. The commissioners approved the Director's attendance and were appreciative of the honor and privilege the invitation represents. Clauson then gave a review of the February 2019 activity reports compiled by Summers and Riles. There was no spraying and most activities were maintenance of equipment. There have been two horses in Bay County, but not on the Beach, that contracted EEE and had to be put down. All of the traps are in the field and as temperatures increase, we anticipate the counts to increase. Lee will be calibrating the trucks this week. The Director would like to have Channel 7, WJGH, run our PSA ads again this year, with possibly a new ad being included; the ads would run for 3 months, May through July, for \$5000.00. The commissioners approved the cost of running the ads but requested that the tone be a professional PSA and not comedic or 'slapstick'.

New Business

Director Clauson then provided an update on the Annual AMCA meeting in Orlando. Dr. Smith had a conflict and wasn't able to attend the meeting, so the Director spoke on his behalf regarding the DACS funded project that the District is assisting him with aerial spraying. Mike organized a Bee Symposium that incorporated both mosquito control personnel and folks from the bee community; both the individual talks and the overall Symposium was very well received. Mike also designed a poster in the poster competition; Clauson would like to eventually have it framed and displayed at the new headquarters. He thanked Cindy and Mike, especially Mike for towing the PR/Education trailer down to the meeting for a Rodeo Round-up; in which equipment, trailers and helicopters, etc. that are utilized by the Districts in their operations can be displayed.

The Director and the pilots, Larry and Brad, attended the annual HAI Heli-Expo in Atlanta, GA. They attended several safety classes, he and Larry both obtained Safety Challenge certificates that will be submitted to our helicopter insurance carrier and hopefully, as in the past, this will generate enough of a premium reduction to continue to pay for attending the Heli-Expo in the future. They obtained information on a new/alternate method of moving the helicopter into and out of the hangar, as well as information on several safety items.

Announcements

There were no announcements and no further business to come before the board, and Chairman Couch adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM.

  
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Larry Couch, Chairman

  
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Brandon Caldwell, Treasurer

  
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Joyce Dean, Secretary