

Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Board Meeting
November 9, 2020

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 by Commissioner Larry Couch. Commissioner Couch, Commissioner Dean, Director James Clauson, and Office Manager Lauren Dee, all present. Commissioner Caldwell and Legal Counsel Amy Myers were absent.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Dean presented the minutes of the October 12, 2020 meeting and moved that they be accepted as presented. Commissioner Dean 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 tax revenue received since last meeting. Reviewed the P&L and noted the new building. The roll over amount was discussed. Commissioner Couch asked if there was any other discussions and hearing none, he stated the Financial should be filed for audit.

Old Business.

- A. Public Records Request Policy – Working on a new policy – Lauren will be the public records custodian. Policy should be drafted by the next board meeting.
- B. FMCA Update – Business meeting November 18, 2020. Elections of the VP Elect and Regional Directors are coming up this month.
- C. Salary Schedule – Working on finalizing the updated salary schedule to reflect the 2019 COLA. Lauren will be talking with Lori (from the City of Panama City Beach) to see how they implement their salary schedule. She will have the updated schedule to present at the December meeting.

Attorney Report. No report.

Director report.

- A. Calendar Review – Clauson began reviewing the calendar of events scheduled for November and December 2020. FRS training and Fire Extinguisher Training November 9th. Thanksgiving luncheon November 18th. November FMCA meeting will be a quick business meeting sometime around the third week of the month. Thanksgiving is the 26th and 27th. Christmas parade is scheduled for December 5th. Christmas luncheon December 16th. Closure for Christmas was mentioned for the December calendar. January not much scheduled except the board meeting.
- B. Operations and COVID Update – Had an uptick of mosquitos. We sprayed a few of the zones. We have had a few service requests. No other chickens have tested positive for West Nile. We will be getting rid of all the birds this winter and starting with new chickens in the spring. No new COVID updates. We are still using precautionary measures at the office and encouraging anyone that feels ill to stay home and get tested if they feel necessary. Once COVID restrictions lift, the District will host an open house.

New business.

- A. Bell Helicopter – A representative from Bell Helicopters flew a Bell 505 helicopter over from Ft. Worth Texas and James and Larry Kennedy took it for a flight. We moved forward and asked for a quote. The portion for \$148,320 is for the AIMMS-30/AgNAV spray navigation system. It will be put on the helicopter at the factory where the helicopter will be built in Canada. In the quote, the portion for \$87,587.08 will be to certify the helicopter. A certified helicopter holds its value and will have a higher resell value. The basic helicopter price is \$1,380,000 and the kits and customizing items total \$558,907.08. Packaging and freight totals \$10,300. The final purchase price of the helicopter will be \$1,949,207.08. The quote from IsoAir is the spray system for the helicopter is \$60,000, plus the freight. Commissioner Couch recommends allocating another \$100,000 for unexpected expenses. The new helicopter will be used at night for ULV spraying. We will keep the old helicopter for larviciding during the day. James recommends purchasing new nozzles for spraying – they should cost around \$6,000. There is a complimentary 505 training for Larry to go to in Fort Worth, Tx. and train on the helicopter.

The helicopter would carry the District another 20 years (or more). The insurance quote, without running an application, came in at roughly \$35,000. This insurance quote is with same courier that our current helicopter is insured with. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the purchase of the new Bell 505 helicopter and all accessories up the amount of \$2,110,000. Commissioner Dean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Any other announcements:

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.



Larry Couch, Chairman



Joyce Dean, Secretary



Brandon Caldwell, Treasurer