

**Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Board Meeting
August 09, 2021**

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, Commissioner Smith, Director James Clauson, and Office Manager Lauren Dee, all present. Legal Counsel Amy Myers was absent.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Couch presented the minutes of the July 12, 2021, meeting and moved that they be accepted as presented. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial report. Commissioner Smith presented the financial report, noting the total tax revenue received since last meeting. Commissioner Smith mentioned that the District had received almost all of the expected revenue from the Property Appraisers projection. Reviewed the P&L. Commissioner Smith stated the Financial should be filed for audit.

Old Business.

- A. FMCA Update – The next quarterly meeting will be in September in Vero Beach. We just came back from Hawks Cay for the site survey for the fall meeting – everything looked good. If the COVID number still are on the increase, Director Clauson stated the meeting could possibly move to a virtual meeting, but right now it is on track to be held in person.
- B. Helicopter Update – Got the final invoice for the helicopter. It should be ready around the end of August or the beginning of September. Sophia from Hancock Whitney Bank said there is not a Hancock Whitney Bank up there near Piney Flats, so she is going to send me what she needs on a letterhead and the Chair/Director signs it, should suffice. This paper will allow her to complete the wire when I call her once we have flown and accepted the helicopter. Wade, Director Clauson, and Lee Majors, who is instrument certified, will be going up to Piney Flats to get the helicopter. Director Clauson stated that the District will be covering the expenses of the trip for Lee.

Attorney Report. No report.

Director report.

- A. Calendar Review – Wednesday there is a City planning meeting about some residential buildings coming in just to the north of us, right at the bend going into the Conservation Park. Site survey in Hammock Dunes on August 28th for the 2022 FMCA Meeting. First budget hearing will be September 7th at 5:01 pm. Advertise for the final budget on September 10th. Final budget hearing will be at the regular meeting on September 13th. FMCA meeting in Vero Beach September 23rd. Board meeting for October will be on the 11th. October Lauren will be taking some time off. Mike will present a Biologist Virtual Meeting on October 20th. October 29th FADS meeting will be held in Sandestin.
- B. Operations and COVID Update – We did some ULV spraying. The mosquito counts are up, but we are not getting many service requests. Wade is bouncing back from COVID, but he had not been working when his symptoms onset and will not be working any this week.

New business.

- A. FY 21-22 Budget Millage Rate – the advertisement that went out to all the property owners reflected the roll back rate of .3256. We prepared the DR 420's showing several different millage rates. Moving forward into the budget hearings, we cannot go above the .3256, but we can go lower. Director Clauson and Lauren ran some figures on what the carryover amount is going to be this year. It is estimated that the carryover will be somewhere around \$3.9 million. The only anticipated building we have in the near future is the chicken coop. The Commissioners were in agreement to use the millage rate of .3000 for the resolution in the first budget hearing coming up in September. This slight reduction will generate the revenue needed to ensure efficient operations and reduce the tax liability of the property owners in the District.
- B. Health Insurance Renewal – Total yearly savings for the BCBS health plans totaled \$4,920. Life insurance increased slightly. After talking with Scott and Chip from The Clemmons Company, Director Clauson was entertaining the idea to use the savings to create some kind of health plan. This would hopefully encourage physical activity which would in turn

keep the insurance premiums down. Commissioner Dean asked if we were still paying for the health club. We do, but no one is currently applying for reimbursement. We have also been getting checks each year back from BCBS that goes back into our general funds. We could also use those checks to fund this health plan. A discussion ensued about the health plan. Director Clauson stated that the Board didn't have to decide anything right now. Commissioner Couch recommended that we get through the budget right now and revisit the possibility of a health plan at a different time. Commissioner Smith moved that the Health Insurance plan and new rates for Florida Blue be accepted. Commissioner Dean seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

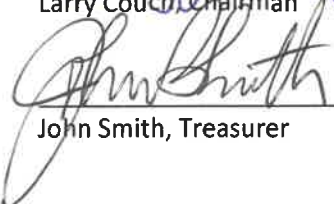
Any other announcements:

Commissioner Smith wanted to recognize Cindy for the article she wrote for the Circuit Magazine. Commissioner Dean wanted to acknowledge the information from Danny Hood that he wanted the Board to see, and everyone will take the time to read the information. If necessary, the Board will be discussing it more in depth at an upcoming meeting. Lauren will be making all the Commissioners a copy of the papers so they may take them and read them later.

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.



Larry Couch, Chairman



John Smith, Treasurer



Joyce Dean, Secretary