

**Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Board Meeting
February 14, 2022**

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

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Dean presented the minutes of the January 17th, 2022, meetings 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 revenue received since last meeting of just over \$100,000. Reviewed the P&L. Commissioner Smith stated the financial report should be filed for audit.

Old Business.

- A. FMCA DODD Re-cap – Several employees went down. Director Clauson stated it was a good meeting.
- B. AMCA Update – Coming up at the end of the month. We are taking the educational trailer over to the meeting. Eddie is taking a larvicide truck over also. This is the first AMCA meeting in 2 years.
- C. MLK Holiday Discussion – The January meeting fell on MLK Day, so the discussion was started then. The item was added to the agenda for the February meeting. Commissioner Dean asked if the District holiday hours were comparable to other local government organizations. Discussion ensued over that matter. Commissioner Smith made a motion to add Martin Luther King Jr Day to the holiday list for the District. Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This change will start with the 2023 calendar year.

Attorney Report. No report. Amy did have a request for the Board to consider raising her hourly rate. Amy is currently charging the Board \$170 per hour, but she charges the City of Panama City Beach and South Walton Mosquito

Control both \$250. Amy is requesting an increase to get her rate a little more in line with what she charges other local governments. Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the new rate of \$250 per hour for Amy. The new rate should become effective at the beginning of her next billing cycle (which would be March). Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director report.

- A. Calendar Review – Mardi Gras parade was for February 12th. Staff meeting will be February 16th. February 17th some of the guys are going over to South Walton for the Chemical Spill Response Training. Director Clauson is taking off on February 17th. Michelle is taking her LLO exam on February 23rd. AMCA will be in Jacksonville from February 28th-March 4th. March 7th to March 10th is the HAI meeting in Dallas. Board meeting will be March 14th. Emily is taking her Public Health Exam on March 15th. Staff meeting will be on March 16th. Cindy will be at Patronis on March 21st. The meeting at Anastasia MCD will be March 29th to March 31st. Director Clauson is taking off April 7th and 11th. The District will host a training event on April 12th and 13th.
- B. Operations and COVID Updates – Mosquitoes counts have been light. The guys are walking ditches and breaking up beaver dams when they find them. We have had three employees out that either tested positive for COVID or their spouses tested positive.

New business.

- A. Additional Pilot Part-Time Position – Director Clauson brought his concerns to the Board about hiring another part-time pilot since Wade is busy with the Sheriff's Office. A discussion ensued about the District's need for a pilot between the commissioners and Director Clauson. Commissioner Smith made a motion to allow Director Clauson to hire another part-time pilot (at a salary that Director Clauson deems appropriate as long as it is reasonable.) Commissioner Dean seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Any other announcements:

There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.



Larry Couch, Chairman

John Smith, Treasurer

Joyce Dean, Secretary