

Minutes of Board Meeting
Pasco County Mosquito Control District
2308 Marathon Road, Odessa, FL 33556
December 12, 2022

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the district office on December 12, 2022, at 9:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present were Chairperson Abbott, Treasurer Evans, Secretary Cox, Executive Director Rogers, Agne Prasauskas, Michele Donagrandi, Jonathan Moore, Lina Castro, Andrew Pupke, and Arlene Difot from InVision Advisors, and citizen David Wallis.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the agenda; Commissioner Cox seconded – All approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Evans seconded – All approved.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Executive Director, Rogers presented the proposed Board meeting calendar for 2023. There was discussion on moving the meetings to Tuesday mornings at 9am. Commissioner Cox made a motion to move the Board meetings to the second Tuesday of every month provided it doesn't conflict with travel and holidays. Commissioner Evans seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business: None.

Director's Report:

- A. Campus Update: Lina Castro and Andrew Pupke presented an update on the campus design, the progression of events, and associated timeline. The potential to hold a second Board meeting in January was discussed in order to for the architect to present the budget for the campus build-out project. The date of January 25th was proposed, however the date will be confirmed after conferring with the architectural team.

General Information:

- A. District Operations: Executive Director Rogers provided an update on the status of District administration and current operations. Rogers also provided an update on the special district accountability issue facing the District. Commissioner Cox discussed the need to bring on a lobbyist to represent the District and make necessary connections with key local delegates. Cox stated how mosquito control districts in general are misunderstood in state government and that, as a special district, we operate more efficiently than a county program can operate. He proposed hiring a lobbyist to proactively educate the legislatures on our mission and public health operation. He expressed the need to move forward on this most expeditiously, prior to the next legislative session. After thorough discussion, Commissioner Cox made a motion to give Executive Director Rogers the authority to move to negotiate a contract with a lobbyist that can be terminated at any time, not to exceed \$5000/month plus expenses. Commissioner Abbott seconded. All approved.
- B. Safety Reports: Executive Director Rogers informed the Board of safety issues within the last month.
- C. Arbovirus Report: Research and Surveillance Director, Prasauskas provided and update on the arboviral activity throughout the state and within Pasco County.

Good of the Order:

Meeting Adjourned:

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Cox seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Date: 01/10/2023

Attested: 