

Minutes of Board Meeting
Pasco County Mosquito Control District
June 8, 2020

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the District office on June 8th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairperson Joiner, Treasurer Abbott, Secretary Randy Evans, Assistant Director Rogers and Administrative Manager Stevens. Also present were Attorney Steve Booth, Jon Ford of Ford & Associates, Entomologist Agne Janusauskaite, Public Education Specialist Jillian Meek, Pilots Wayne Daniels and Chris Beaudin, Aircraft Mechanic Jason Phillips, Employees Lee Hansen, Dan Rebston, Stelios Kalimnios, Taylor Taylor, Ron Morgan, Jerry Musgrave, Vinny Dourado, Candace Royal of Valent Biosciences, candidate Shanon Holm, and Kevin Hill.

All present stood and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to accept and approve the purchase orders as presented. Commissioner Evans seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Joiner discussed the departing of former Director Dennis Moore and stated that he would like to appoint Assistant Director Adriane Rogers as the interim Director. He stated that he would like to have her take and pass the Director's exam and that he would like to schedule a workshop to discuss a contract to be finalized by the July meeting. Commissioner Abbott agreed. Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Dennis Moore. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried. AD Rogers informed the Commissioners that she had already taken the exam last week and was just waiting for the results. Commissioner Evans made a motion to appoint Adriane Rogers as the interim Director, effective immediately. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Joiner stated that he wanted the District to have an Assistant Director. Commissioner Evans agreed. Interim Director Rogers stated that she disagreed, explaining that the position was not appropriate for a program this size and that it is typically only considered as a transitional position. She further stated that she felt having an Operations Manager was more appropriate. Commissioner Abbott stated that he did not feel that the District needed the Assistant Director position. Admin Manager Stevens stated that it was not fiscally responsible to have such a position for the size program the District was. There was some further discussion about the position. ID Rogers presented the Commissioners with her 2-year restructuring and expansion plan for District personnel. She added that there has been no growth in the District for at least the past 5 years and it was much needed, as the county has seen an increase in population size of approximately 21% during that time. Commissioner Joiner stated that adding additional staff just solidified his position on needing the AD. ID Rogers reviewed the section of Florida Statutes Chapter 388 and 5E-13 Florida Administrative Code stating that it is the decision of the Director to hire and structure personnel. There was some further discussions about the position. Commissioner Evans made a motion to table the discussion for the time. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

Jon Ford of Ford & Associates presented the Financial Feasibility Study to the Board. He stated that with the positive outcome of the study, he would suggest the District consider bank loans as they are easier and tend to be better in the long run. He also suggested not going beyond 12 years.

Commissioner Joiner asked that the locks be changed. ID Rogers stated that she would get that done.

Commissioner Joiner asked about fully transcribing the Board meetings for the future. Commissioner Evans stated that if the District is archiving the video and audio recordings, that it wasn't necessary to do full transcripts. Candidate Shanon Holm asked about the cost to the District to have that done as well as the time it would take. Public Education Specialist Meek stated that the WebEx may have a feature to transcribe the meeting.

Commissioner Joiner asked to schedule a workshop for June 25th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the contract for Adriane Rogers to be Director. He asked that Attorney Booth be in attendance as well. He added that he will submit any other agenda items for the workshop to the District within the week.

Commissioner Joiner asked about having a staff breakfast soon to welcome Commissioner Evans. Admin Manager Stevens said that she would look into that.

Old Business:

There was no old business

Other Business:

ID Rogers informed the Commissioners that the sentinel chicken testing is back up and running as of today. She added that the chickens are out at their assigned locations and that the bleeding started this week.

ID Rogers, along with the aviation department, discussed with the Commissioners the choice of aircraft and the reasoning behind their choice. It was stated that they have asked that a representative of the company be present at the next Board meeting to answer questions and provide a final quote for the aircraft.

ID Rogers asked about engaging with the Bond Attorney and stated that the Board had reviewed the Bond Attorney's engagement letter back in February. Commissioner Joiner stated that he would like to see and understand all of the costs associated with that. Commissioner Evans made a motion to engage with the Bond Attorney since they had already seen the costs. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Abbott excused himself from the rest of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Commissioner Joiner asked about the flight hours on the fixed wing aircraft for the previous year. ID Rogers stated that the total flight hours for the year were 29.8. Commissioner Joiner expressed that he did not feel that the number of flight hours justified having the 2 fixed wing aircraft. ID Rogers explained the reasoning for the varied hours and reviewed the annual cost of keeping the aircraft.

Commissioner Evans asked about sending a letter of apology to Lee County. Admin Manager Stevens stated that she would reach out to Commissioner Abbott as he had already departed the meeting and let Commissioner Evans know his feelings on the matter.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Joiner seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Date: 7/13/2020

Attested: _____

