

Minutes of Board Meeting
Pasco County Mosquito Control District
December 14, 2020

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the District office on December 14th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairperson Joiner, Treasurer Abbott, Secretary Evans, Executive Director Rogers, Operations Director Hansen, Research and Surveillance Director Janusauskaite, and Administrative Manager Stevens. Also present were Public Education Specialist Meek.

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

Public Comment:

No one was signed up for the Public Comment.

New Business:

Executive Director Rogers discussed with the Commissioners the new contract with Adapco for Vectobac and Vectolex. She explained that the contract had previously been with Clarke, but that recently, Valent, the manufacturer of both products, moved their distribution to Adapco. She stated that the price was a minor, expected increase over the expiring 3-year agreement.

Commissioner Joiner addressed some concerns he had about the District's upcoming Holiday Party. He said that according to his conversation with FDACS, payment for the party had to be a listed budget item. Executive Director Rogers stated that she had also spoken with FDACS and that the District was cleared because the event was covered under category 48 and that all previous District audits had passed coverage of the holiday Party with no issues in the past. Administrative Manager Stevens updated the Board on the status of the event and the associated cost. Commissioner Evans made a motion to increase the allotted budget from \$1,500 to \$1,800. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carries.

Commissioner Joiner stated that he would like to request to have a state audit from FDACS. Executive Director Rogers stated that she wasn't sure if FDACS still conducted audits, but she would look into it. Commissioner Joiner stated that he was concerned that the FL Auditor General was not reviewing our financials. Administrative Manager Stevens stated that the FL Auditor General office received a copy of their audited financials every year and that additionally, there was an online form that needed to be completed about the audited financials. Commissioner Joiner then stated that he had been invited to meet with County officials about the County taking over PCMCD. It was discussed that it did not seem in the best interest of the District to have a single commissioner speaking on behalf of the Board nor the District on such an important issue. Commissioner Joiner was asked to refrain from attending such meetings on his own. Executive Director Rogers asked Commissioner Joiner to invite the County Commissioners to our next Board meeting to discuss concerns and ask any questions related to this matter. She stated that this discussion would be best to include the entire Board as well as the Executive Director and reiterated that she did not feel that it was wise to have a single commissioner attend a private meeting such as this representing the District's interest.

Old Business:

Executive Director Rogers updated the Board about the status of the Hangar project. She stated that the applications for the permits have been submitted and we were hoping to have approval very soon.

Executive Director Rogers updated the Board about the status of the new helicopters. She showed pictures from the recent trip taken by Pilot Daniels and AP Mechanic Phillips.

Executive Director Rogers updated the Commissioners about the dollies for the new aircraft. She reviewed the savings to the District of building them to the expense if we had purchased them already completed.

Executive Director Rogers gave a brief update on the property search.

Other Business:

Executive Director Rogers informed the Commissioners that the District staff has been taking part in several virtual training events that have been offered in recent weeks.

Executive Director Rogers informed the Board that in addition to several other significant improvements that have been made at the District, Operations Director Hansen had been diligently working on updating the District logo. She revealed a picture of the improved, new logo. Commissioner Evans stated that he liked it but would like to see it a little bigger and have the name spelled out as opposed to just using "PCMCD." Commissioner Abbott agreed. He added that the District should reach out to other Graphic Artists for other quotes and options.

Research & Surveillance Director Janusauskaite updated the Board about the arboviruses in the state.

Commissioner Joiner asked about the status of the new hires. Executive Director Rogers stated that we have posted the openings for the first new Larvicider as well as the new Entomologist. She then explained that the second Larvicider would come later, after the new vehicles had arrived as there is not currently one available for the second Larvicider. She then stated that the additional position in the shop would be filled once the new trucks had arrived.

Commissioner Abbott discussed that Pasco County has started using the term "Sports Coast" in their marketing to attract tourists to the area. He stated that they were working on spreading the news and he wondered if this might be a good avenue for us to advertise in. Executive Director Rogers stated that we would look into the matter.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Date: 1-11-21 Attested: 