

Minutes of Board Meeting  
Pasco County Mosquito Control District  
2308 Marathon Road, Odessa, FL 33556  
March 14, 2023

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the district office on March 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present from the District were Chairperson Cox, Treasurer Abbott, Secretary Evans, Executive Director Rogers, Agne Prasauskas, Michele Donagrandi, Nick McFaul, and Jamie Black. Lina Castro and Andrew Pupke from InVision and Mary Fernandez from Bodine & Perry.

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

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

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Mary Fernandez from Bodine & Perry presented the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit. She stated that it was a clean audit report. She described how random samples of travel reimbursement and payroll items were utilized for a year-to-year analysis. Commissioner Abbot asked about getting an actuarial report on the OPEB liabilities and tasked staff with this item, as it could result in a possible reduction due to recent employee turnover. Mary stated that she would look into the payment of OPEB liability. Mary then stated that the firm does not offer an opinion on control measures in place, that the purpose of the audit is just a financial statement audit. There was discussion on the scope of work of the audit performed and the controls in place to manage District finances. Commissioner Cox asked for a motion to accept the 2021-2022 fiscal year audit as presented by Bodine & Perry. Commissioner Abbott made the motion and Commissioner Evans seconded, all approved.
- B. Executive Director Rogers presented a draft Social Media policy for consideration of adoption. A subsection of the policy would be posted on our Facebook page and the entire policy would be added to the Employee Handbook. After some discussion, Commissioner Evans made a motion to adopt the Social Media policy, Abbott seconded, all approved and motion carried.
- C. Meeting Procedures Policy, Commissioner Cox presented a draft policy for new procedures for conduct during Board meetings. The proposed policy would allow for streamlining of meetings procedures based on Robert's Rule. A minor suggested edit was present after discussion to clarify a procedure. Commissioner Evans made a motion to adopt the Meeting Procedures Policy as amended, Commissioner Abbott seconded, all approved and motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. FMCA Membership Discussion: The FMCA Board conducted an investigation into the false allegations Chris Lesser made against Executive Director Rogers and his attempts to tarnish the District's reputation as a leader in the Florida Mosquito Control industry. After the FMCA Board met to discuss their findings, which exonerated Executive Director Rogers, Chris Lesser resigned from his position on the FMCA Board and committees. Due to this action by the FMCA Board in conducting a thorough investigation into the matter followed by the resulting resignation of Mr. Lesser from the FMCA Board and committees, the PCMCD Board decided to continue to remain sustaining members of the FMCA. In doing so, Executive Director was tasked with moving forward with registering for the FMCA's lobbying effort in Tallahassee for herself and all three commissioners.

**Director's Report:**

- A. Campus Update: Lina Castro presented an update on the campus design, the progression of events, and associated timeline. She informed the Board that the official wetland line has been set and that the

additional geotechnical work needs to be performed now that the building locations are set in the site design. This will determine the composition of the soils in each building location to provide further insight into the foundation needs. There was discussion on getting the site brush-hogged to reduce the potential for fire hazard as we are entering the dry season. Lina was tasked with identifying contractors to perform this work. There was additional discussion on the FF&E needs for the campus and the scope of work from the architectural team and which items will remain District-provided. A discussion then ensued regarding the financing of the project and information provided from Municipal Financial Advisor, Jon Ford of Ford & Associates.

**General Information:**

- A. District Operations: Executive Director Rogers provided an update on the status of District administration and current operations. Rogers reported on recent travel by District staff and various training events for staff that have occurred in the last month. Annual training is required to ensure staff are up to date with arboviral trends, label requirements, new technologies, and best management practices. Rogers also provided an update on the start of sentinel chicken monitoring for the year and the deployment of the suction traps and ULV trucks. She then discussed newly hired staff and the status of the OPPAGA performance review. Working with lobbyist, Shawn Foster, there have been many successful meetings with Pasco County delegates and BOCC members to help educate them on the District. There was discussion on District staff entering a float into the Chasco Fiesta Parade and additional outreach items for consideration.
- 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 an update on the arboviral activity throughout the state and within Pasco County.

**Good of the Order:**

- A. Commissioner Evans asked if we were still considering asking the Pasco BOCC for a resolution and discussion on this occurred. And lastly, there was discussion regarding the search for a new auditor and insurance broker for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Date: 5/9/2023

Attested: 