

Regular Meeting Minutes

Florida Keys Mosquito Control District

Marathon Office
503 107th Street
Marathon, FL 33050

July 19, 2022 2:22 pm

The Board of Commissioners of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District held a Regular Meeting on July 19, 2022 at the FKMCD Marathon office.

Present Were: Phillip Goodman, Chairman; Dr. Stanley Zuba, Vice-Chair; Tom McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer; Brandon Pinder, Commissioner; Jill Cranney, Commissioner; Andrea Leal, Executive Director; Dale Coburn, Board Attorney.

Employees Present Were: Mikki Coss, Director of Operations; Bruce Holden, Director of Finance; Josh Kogut, Director of Aerial Operations; Chad Huff, Public Education & Information Officer; Robert Lee, Director of Aircraft Maintenance; Deanna Darias, Executive Assistant; Tony Nunez, Chief Technology Officer.

Invited Guests Present: None.

Community Input: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Commissioner Cranney and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Goodman asked the Board if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda, hearing none, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tom McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer, advised he will be working with Bruce Holden, Director of Finance in the upcoming months to devise a new process to analyze the budget in future years with the breakdowns by each department.

Attorney's Report: Dale Coburn, Board Attorney, advised the mediation of the Cyber Insurance Reimbursement with the insurance carrier; PGIT will be held on August 3rd, 2022 in the Marathon office with Chairman Goodman and Director Leal.

Director's Report: Andrea Leal, Executive Director, announced that Joe Sheriff was awarded Employee of the Quarter. Joe is our Mechanic in the Key Largo office and has been nominated many times over the years and does an excellent job for the District.

The first case of locally acquired Dengue has been confirmed in Miami Dade County, including 23 travel-related cases. We have increased our ground liquid larvicide applications throughout the entire Keys to continue controlling the *Aedes aegypti*, if we see significant rainfall in large areas particularly in the Upper Keys we will do aerial liquid larvicide missions as well to prevent the Miami Dade cases from trickling down to Key Largo. Last month was a very busy month and we exceeded our historical average for Salt Marsh mosquitoes in the Lower and Middle Keys resulting in four (4) aerial adulticide missions and one hundred and thirty-two (132) truck adulticide missions. Director Leal gave an update on the Upper Keys Hotspots and explained we are seeing lower numbers of *Aedes aegypti* in those areas since introducing the larva sonic traps which we will continue to use and monitor closely. The District received a record amount of 883 service requests in the month of June, the majority of which were requesting a fog truck or home inspection. FKMCD recently participated in the Marathon BrewBQ on July 16th & 17th and will also be attending the Hemingway Days Street Fair in Key West on July 23rd, continuing to educate the public about our services.

Director Leal gave a quick update on the FKMCD-Oxitec Mosquito Project including the June webinar and the Independent Advisory Group Meeting. The next FKMCD-Oxitec Webinar is scheduled for July 26, 2022 at 5pm. Director Leal took a moment to recognize the passing of our former commissioner, Steve Smith who was on the Board for almost twenty (20) years.

Items for Board Discussion:

9a.) Participation in FLClass to Increase Interest Income – Bruce Holden, Director of Finance, briefed the Board on FLClass (Florida Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System) which is an intergovernmental investment pool authorized under Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, and was created by an interlocal agreement by and among state public agencies. This would give the District the ability to increase our interest income by 1.6% on our cash reserves in the future. Centennial Bank had decreased our interest rate in January to .125%. Mr. Holden was able to approach Centennial Bank to see if they would raise our interest rate and they agreed to raise our current rate to 1%. The Board asked Mr. Holden to see if any other local agencies participate in the FLClass program and bring that information to the next Board meeting.

Items for Board Review and Action:

10a.) Financial Reports – Bruce Holden, Director of Finance, explained the District had a higher spend in June due to significant rainfall and expenses on chemicals. He feels overall the District is doing a great job with spending and are staying close to the 7 year average spend. Mr. Holden briefly reviewed the District Finances and Cash Disbursements. *A motion was made by Commissioner McDonald, seconded by Commissioner Cranney, and passed unanimously*, confirming the Board received the financial information from June of 2022 and the Board requests it be submitted for audit at the appropriate time.

10b.) Set Maximum Millage Rate – Bruce Holden, Director of Finance, proposed using a maximum millage rate of .4648 and a 14.96% increase over rollback with the understanding we will try to lower this by September. *A motion was made by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Commissioner Zuba, and passed unanimously* to approve millage rate .4648 with a 14.96% increase over rollback. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously approved.

10c.) Budget Amendment #3 – Bruce Holden, Director of Finance, discussed shifting funds between categories to accommodate increasing costs in freight and gasoline. *A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney, seconded by Commissioner Pinder, and passed unanimously* to approve Budget Amendment #3. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously approved.

10d.) Surplus Equipment – Bruce Holden, Finance Director, asked the Board for approval for destruction and/or disposal of the Surplus Property listed once it is determined that no other county or district engaged in arthropod control has need for the equipment. *A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney, seconded by Commissioner Zuba, and passed unanimously* to approve the surplus property disposition as presented. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously approved.

Good of the Order:

- Chairman Goodman visited Lee County Mosquito Control while on personal business and discussed with them a bill that was recently passed requiring a performance review for all special districts. Director Leal briefed the Board on the new bill and said a performance review will need to be completed by September of 2023 and every five (5) years after. She is working with our attorneys to make sure we have all the information we need to comply with the new state statute.

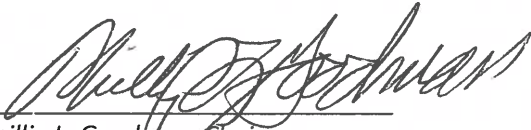
There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Leal
Executive Director

Board of Commissioners
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District



Phillip L. Goodman, Chairman



Thomas McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer
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