

## Workshop on the Summary of the Annual Meeting of FMCA Minutes

### Florida Keys Mosquito Control District

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Marathon, FL 33050

November 12, 2024 1:24 pm

The Board of Commissioners of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District held a Workshop on the Summary of the Annual Meeting of FMCA on November 12, 2024, at the FKMCD Marathon Office.

**Present Were:** Phillip Goodman, Chairman; Jill Cranney, Commissioner; Bette Brown, Commissioner; Brandon Pinder, Commissioner; Hunter O'Connor, Board Attorney; Scott Black, Board Attorney. Dr. Stanley Zuba, Commissioner, was present via telephone. Andrea Leal, Executive Director, was absent.

**Employees Present Were:** Mikki Coss, Director of Operations; Bruce Holden, Director of Finance; Michael Behrend, Director of Human Resources; Chad Huff, Public Education & Information Officer; Deanna Darias, Executive Assistant; Tony Nunez, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Larry Hribar, Director of Research.

**Invited Guests Present:** None

**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.

**Community Input:** None

Chairman Goodman stated that this workshop is to discuss the recent Florida Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting.

**Discussion:** Chairman Goodman welcomed our Director of Research, Dr. Larry Hribar, and noted that we just attended the annual convention of the Florida Mosquito Control Association in Orlando, Florida. In his presentation, Dr. Hribar discussed the initial assessment of two essential oils' toxicity to black salt marsh mosquito larvae (*Aedes taeniorhynchus*). He described his trial's outcomes after going over the testing procedure. Our Public Education and Information Officer, Chad Huff, came next. He gave a presentation on the FKMCD-Oxitec Mosquito Project's lessons learned and best PR techniques. Mr. Huff reviewed the timeline and the Oxitec project. After outlining the challenges he encountered when handling public relations for this delicate project, he went over the communications tactics that proved effective for him. Our Director of Operations, Mikki Coss, was the last to speak. She gave a brief overview of her experiences at the FMCA annual meeting, including her presentation to the Young Professional Group and the amazing keynote speakers she heard. Director Leal was the inaugural recipient of the President's Award for Leadership, she added. As the FMCA board's commissioner representative, Chairman Goodman also received a service award for his efforts. Because the conference was held the week of the presidential election, Chairman Goodman noted that attendance was lower. He added that the bylaws had been amended to prevent this from happening in the future.

**Good of the Order:** We will not have a workshop next month due to our Holiday Luncheon taking place after the Regular Meeting.

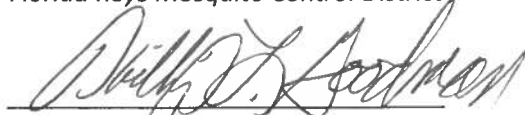
**Adjourn:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*



Andrea Leal  
Executive Director

Board of Commissioners  
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District



Phillip L. Goodman, Chairman



Bette Brown, Secretary-Treasurer

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