Pasco County Mosquito Control District

2308 Marathon Road, Odessa FL 33556

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

November 12, 2025

Call to Order

Chairman Abbott called the Pasco County Mosquito Control District Board meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Abbott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Chairman Abbott called the roll. Chairman Abbott, Secretary Cox, and Treasurer Evans were present.

District Staff: Executive Director Rogers, Lindsay O'Reilly, Edwin Martinez, Agne Prasauskas, Jose Freundt, Maria Johnson, and Desiree Edwards (Teams).

Additional attendees: Amanda Weaver (citizen), Cathy Julian (citizen), Laura Donaldson (District counsel, Teams), and Pasco County Sheriff Deputy.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cox motioned to approve the agenda; all approved.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the consent agenda; all approved.

Public Comment

Ms. Amanda Weaver addressed the Board, expressing concern about limited transparency and responsiveness from the Board during recent meetings. She noted that of 35 citizen comments made in September meetings, only one received a response. While acknowledging staff responsiveness outside meetings, she stated the issue lies with the Board's engagement. She suggested creating a process for citizens to submit comments or questions by email to be read or summarized in the minutes to improve inclusivity and public participation.

Ms. Cathy Julian addressed the Board with concerns regarding the District's financial management, leadership practices, and meeting conduct. She cited the 2021 helicopter purchase, high executive compensation, budget and PTO concerns, increased tax revenues, and reported that legislators plan to request a state audit. She also expressed concerns about limits on public comment and alleged citizen harassment, urging greater accountability and protection of taxpayer funds.

New Business

A. Audit Firm RFP Discussion

Executive Director Rogers and Finance Director Freundt informed the Board that an Audit Selection Committee must be formed under state law to solicit a new auditing firm for the District. The Board decided to create the Audit Selection Committee consisting of the three Commissioners, with the Finance Director serving as a consultant to the committee. Legal counsel outlined that the committee would meet twice to set criteria, review the draft RFP, and later evaluate proposals before the Governing Board selects the auditor. The first committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24 at 10:00 AM.

B. Board Meeting Planning for 2026

The Board discussed and scheduled the 2026 regular Board meeting dates.

Unfinished Business

A. New Employee Handbook

Executive Director Rogers reported that the District is not yet prepared to bring the item forward for final approval, as further edits are still required following the Board's November 4 workshop, staff and legal counsel are revising several policies based on the Board's guidance. The revised handbook will be presented for Board review and approval at a future meeting.

General Information

A. Director's Report and District Operations, A. Rogers

Executive Director Rogers presented multi-department updates to the Board, noting that unusually dry conditions have resulted in significantly lower service requests and trap counts compared to October 2024. She also recognized District employees who have served in the military, reported on public records requests, provided an update on scheduled aircraft maintenance, and briefed the Board on the Accounts Payable process and digital check signing. Additional updates included ongoing employee recognition, a report from the Pasco County Legislative Delegation meeting, and progress on the District's Annual Report, which will be completed by December 1, 2025.

B. Community Outreach and Education Report, M. Johnson

Community Engagement Director Johnson reported on recent outreach activities, highlighting the District's continued emphasis on public education, mosquito prevention, and community involvement.

C. Safety Report, N. McFaul

No safety incidents reported in the past month.

D. Arbovirus Report, A. Prasauskas

https://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/surveillance.html

Arbovirus	Florida - 2025	Pasco County - 2025
West Nile Virus	6 human, 7 asymptomatic blood donors, 1 horse, 1 duck, and 326 sentinel chickens	26 sentinel chickens
St Louis Encephalitis	4 sentinel chickens	n/a
Eastern Equine Encephalitis	9 horses, 2 emus, 1 emu flock, 1 goat, and 54 sentinel chickens	1 sentinel chicken (July)
Dengue	339 travel-associated dengue cases, 56 local dengue cases, 4 mosquito pools	1 travel-associated dengue case (March) 1 travel-associated dengue case (July)
Chikungunya	59 travel- associated	n/a
Oropouche	n/a	n/a
Malaria	43 travel-associated	1 case (August)

Research and Surveillance Director Prasauskas reported on current arboviral activity in Florida and provided detailed updates on the District's operational research and surveillance activities.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Evans thanked staff for their efforts and expressed support for the new check-signing policy. Commissioners shared brief comments of appreciation, noting the value of staff, the continued benefit of the 2021 helicopter investment, and gratitude ahead of Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Upcoming meeting dates were confirmed, including the next Board meeting on December 16 and the first meeting of 2026 on January 21. The Chair rotation for 2026 will be finalized at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Commissioner Cox motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 A.M; all approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Date: 12-17-2025

Attested: _____