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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting May 20, 2026

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Chairman Cox called the Pasco County Mosquito Control District Board meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Commissioner Abbott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. **Roll Call**
Chairman Cox called the roll. Chairman Cox, Secretary Evans, and Treasurer Abbott were present.
District Staff: Executive Director Rogers, Nick McFaul, Jose Freundt, Maria Johnson, Agne Prasauskas, Sherry Burroughs, and Wayne Daniels.
Additional attendees: Pasco County Sheriff Deputy and Cathy Julian (citizen)
4. **Approval of Agenda**- Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the agenda; all approved, motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda** - Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the agenda; all approved, motion carried.
6. **Public Comment**
Ms. Cathy Julian addressed the Board regarding concerns related to employee turnover, management practices, PTO usage, and the District's 75th anniversary celebration. During comments concerning personnel matters, the Chair advised the speaker to refrain from personal attacks and requested that remarks be concluded in accordance with meeting decorum policies.

No additional public comments were received.
7. **New Business**
 - A. **Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Draft Budget**
Executive Director Rogers presented the preliminary draft operational budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. Key points included:
 - The proposed budget is expenditure-based only at this stage.
 - Revenue projections are pending receipt of taxable value estimates from the Property Appraiser after June 1.
 - Final certified taxable values are expected after July 1.
 - Most budget line items include an estimated inflationary adjustment over current FY budget.
 - Several departmental budget meetings and capital requests remain pending.

- Seasonal operational spending patterns and weather conditions continue to influence expenditures.
- Additional revised budget drafts will be presented monthly through the September budget hearings.
- The District is monitoring potential state property tax reform discussions that may affect future ad valorem revenues.

Discussion ensued.

8. Unfinished Business

- A. None

9. General Information

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

Executive Director Rogers reported that the region continues to experience severe to extreme drought conditions, despite limited recent rainfall events.

- Operational updates included:
 - Continued monitoring and treatment of mosquito activity, particularly in coastal and salt marsh areas resulting from seasonal high tides.
 - Public service request trends comparable to the prior year.
 - Seasonally anticipated increase in mosquito pressure near natural preservation areas and permanent water bodies.
- **Public Records Requests:** 52 requests have been received, year-to-date.
- **Waste Tire Collection:** Collected 6,665 tires to-date, totaling more than 182,000 pounds of waste tires at a disposal cost of approximately \$21,335. The District's tire removal program continues to support mosquito source reduction efforts targeting disease-vector species.
- **Emergency Preparedness** - The District participated in the Florida Air Operations Fly-In and Disaster Preparedness Seminar held in St. Augustine in coordination with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- **Internal Staff Open House:** An internal staff education and cross-training event was conducted to improve interdepartmental understanding and collaboration across District operations.
- **Mosquito Surveillance:** Data and heat maps for March 2026 were presented and compared to prior-year data.
- **Employee Service Anniversaries:**
Executive Director Rogers recognized the following employee milestones:
 - John Spicuglia – 30 years of service
 - Shannon Thomas – 10 years
 - Agne Prasauskas – 9 years
 - Craig Hatch – 8 years
 - Jason Connors – 8 years

- Rob Morgan – 8 years
- August Lacrosse – 4 years
- Maria Johnson – 3 years
- Jacob Moore – 1 year

Commissioners acknowledged the employees' dedication and contributions to public service.

- **Architectural Services, RFP NO. 2526-003 Update:**

Director Rogers reported that six proposals were received for RFP No. 2526-003 for Professional Architectural Services. The evaluation committee is reviewing submissions, with a recommendation to the Board anticipated at the June Board meeting.

- **75th Anniversary Celebration** - Director Rogers and staff reflected on the District's 75th Anniversary Celebration held May 13, 2026.

Highlights included:

- Approximately 150 attendees.
- Participation from community leaders, elected officials, agency partners, chamber representatives, and residents.
- Educational demonstrations and equipment displays.
- Ceremonial ribbon cutting participation by the Greater East Pasco Chamber of Commerce and Greater Pasco Chamber of Commerce.
- Recognition from the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners through a formal proclamation.
- Executive Director Rogers presented Commissioner Abbott with a certificate of appreciation recognizing nearly two decades of Board leadership and service to the community at the meeting, while Commissioners Evans and Cox were recognized in attendance at the celebration.

B. Community Outreach and Education Report, M. Johnson

Maria Johnson expressed appreciation to current staff, retirees, community supporters, and sponsors who contributed to the event's success. She also reported:

- Eight school-day outreach programs completed before since the last meeting.
- Upcoming summer camp outreach activities.
- Presentations conducted for Pasco County Utilities and the Rotary Club of Trinity.
- Participation in the Pasco County Emergency Management Disaster Expo, including a presentation on integrated mosquito management and disaster readiness.

C. Safety Report, N. McFaul

Director of Operations, Nick McFaul reported one minor vehicle incident involving a landscape railroad tie with no vehicle damage. Additionally, employees completed annual vehicle and equipment safety training following the internal open house.

D. Arbovirus Report, A. Prasauskas

Director of Research and Surveillance Prasauskas reported on two Department of Health alerts; one suspected travel-related dengue or chikungunya case in Lutz and one suspected travel-related malaria case in New Port Richey. Additionally, there has been one sentinel chicken sero-conversion for West Nile Virus in Dade City. Statewide arbovirus surveillance statistics were reviewed, including dengue, chikungunya, malaria, West Nile Virus, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis activity.

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/statistics-data/population-surveillance/arbovirus-surveillance/>

Arbovirus	Florida - 2026	Pasco County - 2026
West Nile Virus	8 sentinel chickens	n/a
St Louis Encephalitis	n/a	n/a
Eastern Equine Encephalitis	10 sentinel chickens 1 horse	n/a
Dengue	28 travel-associated dengue cases	n/a
Chikungunya	34 travel- associated -0 local case	n/a
Oropouche	n/a	n/a
Malaria	13 travel-associated	n/a

10. Good of the Order

- Commissioner Evans praised the success of the 75th anniversary celebration and recognized staff accomplishments, including statewide leadership awards and recognition as a top workplace in the Tampa Bay area.
- Commissioner Abbott thanked the Board and staff for their support during a recent family loss.
- Chairman Cox also expressed his appreciation, reflecting on the importance of the District’s public outreach and education efforts. He commended staff for successfully showcasing the District’s mission and value to the community during the anniversary celebration.

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

A. Regular Board of Commissioners’ Meetings (9:00 AM unless otherwise noted)

- June 16, 2026 – Monthly Meeting
- July 21, 2026 – Monthly Meeting
- August 18, 2026 – Monthly Meeting

B. Events

- June 7-12 – Florida Association of Special Districts Annual Meeting

12. Meeting Adjournment - With no further business, Commissioner Evans motioned to adjourn; all approved, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Date: 06/16/2026
 Attested: 