

Minutes of Board Meeting
Pasco County Mosquito Control District
2308 Marathon Road, Odessa, FL 33556
September 6, 2023

Budget Hearing of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the District office on September 6, 2023, at 5:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present from the District were Chairperson Cox, Treasurer Abbott, Secretary Evans, Executive Director Rogers, Michele Donagrandi, Karen Mojica, and Maria Johnson.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the agenda; all approved.

Public Comment: Ms. Cathy Julian, representing Community Patriots of Pasco addressed the Board. She commented on the increase in the proposed budget and the amount of funds spent on the Personal Services Benefits budget category, stating that this number for benefits is 50% of salaries, which she commented was too high. She also spoke on the increase to the Promotional Activities category, asking if the additional funds will be used "to promote the new building," and finally discussed the estimated cost of the new campus. Chairman Cox replied by stating there will be no increase to our millage, the tax rate is staying the same as last year and that the Benefits category referenced does not merely include benefits, but other items that are fees we are required to pay to various other entities such as the Florida Retirement System. He stated that the increase to Promotional Activities has nothing to do with promoting the new campus, however, it has everything to do with educating the public on mosquito-borne disease and the importance of mosquito control. And lastly, he described the new campus as a facility that includes not just one building, but a comprehensive complex that includes an administrative building, service shop, fuels stations, laboratory, hangar, and helipad. He also stated that everything we have is subject to public record and if there is any question on any item, members from the public can come in and look at it.

New Business:

- A. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; all approved.
- B. Commissioner Evans made a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; all approved.

Good of the Order:

- A. None.

Meeting Adjourned:

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.; all approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Date: 09/20/2023 Attested: 