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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2026

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairman Cox called the Pasco County Mosquito Control District Board meeting to order at 9:04 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, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner Abbott were present.

District Staff: Executive Director Rogers, Nick McFaul, Jose Freundt, Agne Prasauskas, Sherry Burroughs, Kevin Dale, Karen Mojica, and Maria Johnson.

Additional attendees: Pasco County Sheriff Deputy, Laura Donaldson (District Counsel), and Jonathan Moore (InVision Advisors).

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Executive Director Rogers recommended reordering Items A and B under Unfinished Business to accommodate those in attendance who were present specifically for Item B.

Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the reordering of agenda; all approved, motion carried.

5. **Consent Agenda** – Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the agenda; all approved, motion carried.

6. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

7. **New Business**

No new business.

8. **Unfinished Business**

A. RFP2526-003 Architectural Services Firm Selection

Executive Director Rogers provided an overview of the proposed architectural and engineering agreement for the Campus Improvements Project, explaining that the District worked extensively with the architect, Owner's Representative, and District Counsel to develop a flexible fee structure while the full scope and cost of the campus improvement project are further defined.

The agreement would be implemented in two phases. **Phase 1** includes a conditions assessment, programming, site master planning, and schematic design. Completion of Phase 1 will provide the Board with a defined project scope and estimated construction cost to inform future decisions regarding project priorities and funding.

If authorized by the Board, Phase 2 would then include detailed design, construction documents, permitting, construction administration, and project close-out.

Executive Director Rogers emphasized that approval of the agreement does not commit the District to a final project scope or construction expenditure. Reimbursable expenses would be paid at actual cost without markup, as confirmed by District Counsel.

Proposed revisions to the agreement were discussed.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to amend the agreement to: (1) revise the applicable language on page 23 under the consultant's report requirements to read, "including, but not limited to" and "estimated current code wind velocity and category for existing buildings/structures" and; (2) update the applicable rate sheets to remove escalation/increase provisions, to read consistent with discussions with the architect and language contained in agreement. All approved, motion carried.

B. Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Draft Budget

Executive Director Rogers presented Version 4 of the FY 2026–2027 Draft Budget, incorporating prior Board direction and updated departmental operating and capital expenditure projections.

The Board discussed capital purchases that could be made before the beginning of the new fiscal year using available FEMA reimbursements received by the District, reducing FY 2026–2027 budgeted expenditures.

- Replacement vehicle purchases
- Replacement of one airboat and trailer due to increasing maintenance and reliability concerns. The disposition of the existing airboat was discussed, which is included in projected revenues.

Executive Director Rogers informed the Board that completing the identified capital purchases during the current fiscal year would allow the associated expenditures under Line Item 60.64 to be removed from the FY 2026–2027 Draft Budget.

Commissioner Abbott moved to approve to use FEMA funds to purchase Items 60.64 in draft budget expenditures in the current fiscal year; all approved, motion carried.

Version 4 of the Draft Budget is based on the rolled-back millage rate of 0.2029 mills, with estimated *ad valorem* revenue of \$13,135,124.35. Commissioner Abbott proposed reducing the millage rate below the rolled-back rate, citing anticipated unspent TASC funds and continued efforts to refurbish existing facilities where feasible. Discussion ensued. Chairman Cox expressed concern with further reductions due to future uncertainties and the need to maintain sufficient operational funding to protect public health. Commissioner Evans concurred and supported maintaining the rolled-back rate. Executive Director Rogers advised that the rolled-back rate will be presented at the September 10, 2026, Tentative Budget Hearing.

Chairman Cox called for a five-minute recess.

9. General Information

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

Executive Director Rogers provided the following report.

- **Operational Statistics for July**

- 384 mosquito service requests were received during the month of July 2026, compared with 318 mosquito requests in July 2025. Requests were concentrated along coastal areas. She noted that service requests are evaluated with surveillance and field data to determine whether control measures are warranted in order to meet regulatory requirements, as service requests alone are not sufficient to warrant adult mosquito control treatments, based on Florida Statute language.
- The District has received 79 public records requests year-to-date, with one currently remaining in progress.
- Staff collected 6,246 discarded tires thus far this year, eliminating potential mosquito production habitats and removing approximately 187,380 pounds of waste tires from the environment.
- Approximately 2,554 mosquito fish were distributed throughout the county to provide biological mosquito control in appropriate aquatic habitats throughout the year so far.

- **Employee Recognition**

The Executive Director recognized employees celebrating service anniversaries:

- Sergio Sierra – 11 years
- Thomas Ludington – 2 years
- Mike Centanni – 1 year

Executive Director Rogers also informed the Board that Christopher Millett joined the District in July as a part-time ULV Driver.

Executive Director Rogers shared a five-star Google review from a Quail Hollow resident recognizing the positive impact of the District's mosquito control efforts, particularly referencing the expansion and effectiveness of aerial operations near the individual's neighborhood.

- **Surplus Property Sale**

The District's surplus property sale remains on schedule to close by year-end, with the possibility of an earlier closing. The Board and District Attorney Donaldson discussed the purchaser's contractual right to assign the agreement with District consent at closing.

Following discussion, the Board requested an opportunity to review the agreement and provide consent document prior to execution at closing.

- **Action Item: Staff will place the updated assignment agreement on September Board meeting agenda for formal consideration.**

- **Unleaded Bulk Fuel Tank and Filling Station**

Executive Director Rogers discussed the removal of the District's aging unleaded bulk fuel tank and filling station due to significant maintenance, repair, replacement, and insurance costs. She noted that the recently-implemented use of Motive fleet fuel cards at third party fueling stations following a lightning strike that further impacted the District's on-site fuel farm has improved accountability, reduced administrative workload, and lowered fuel costs. Rather than investing additional funds in the existing system, the District plans to remove the tank at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Removal will also provide flexibility for future campus improvements while still maintaining sufficient on-site fuel capacity for emergency preparedness.

- **Drone Services and Data Management Software**

The District received its new mosquito control treatment drone and is awaiting reimbursement from the prior drone purchased from Central Life Sciences, with required FAA/FDACS approvals and pilot training underway. She also advised that, due to uncertainty with the vendor's continued hosting and support for the mosquito control operational data management system, MapVision, the District will transition to another software system. The Board supported proceeding with implementation this fiscal year instead of waiting for next budget year to ensure continuity of operations for this critical mission-support system.

B. Arbovirus Report, A. Prasauskas

Director of Research and Surveillance, Agne Prasauskas presented mosquito surveillance data for July, reporting 64,289 mosquitoes collected compared to 103,567 during the same period in 2025. Staff also reviewed current mosquito-borne disease surveillance, including responding to thirteen Department of Health suspect mosquito-borne disease case investigations during the month of July. To date, six are still pending confirmation and, to date, none have confirmed. Five sentinel chickens tested positive for WNV in the Land O' Lakes area in July 2026, which put Pasco County under a Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisory through the Department of Health.

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

Arbovirus	Florida - 2026	Pasco County - 2026
West Nile Virus	1 human, 1 blood donor, 40 sentinel chickens	8 sentinel chickens (1-Apr, 5- July, 2-Aug)
St Louis Encephalitis	1 sentinel chicken	n/a
Eastern Equine Encephalitis	36 sentinel chickens 3 horses	n/a
Dengue	65 travel-associated dengue cases 7 local cases	n/a
Chikungunya	47 travel- associated -0 local case	n/a
Malaria	29 travel-associated	n/a

C. Safety Report, N. McFaul

Director of Operations, Nick McFaul, reported two minor vehicle incidents since the last Board meeting. No injuries occurred and vehicle damage was minimal. He also reported that several staff members will attend high water rescue training with Pasco Fire Department in August.

D. Community Outreach and Education Report, M. Johnson

Community Engagement Coordinator, Maria Johnson reported on recent outreach activities, including Senior Expo in Zephyrhills, Insectarium Day at Creative World at Starkey Ranch, and Pasco One Health Alliance Community Education video podcast series in partnership with the Pasco County Library System. Karen Mojica, Public Education Coordinator, participated in speaking events at Rotary Club of West Pasco Sunset and at Radiant Life Senior Enrichment Day Center.

Ms. Johnson announced that the Pasco County Mosquito Control District was nominated for the Community Partnership Award at Premier Community HealthCare's 6th Annual Community Impact Breakfast, recognizing organizations committed to improving community health and serving underserved populations.

10. Good of the Order

Commissioner Evans commended District staff and confirmed the upcoming September 10th meetings at 3:30 p.m. and 5:01 p.m., as well as the September 17th meeting. Executive Director Rogers confirmed the dates and advised that the meeting schedule insert in the printed Board packet binders would be updated to reflect newly amended meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

Commissioner Abbott had no additional comments.

Chairman Cox wished Commissioner Abbott well in his election. Upcoming meetings and events are noted.

- 11. Meeting Adjournment** - With no further business, Commissioner Evans motioned to adjourn; all approved, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Date: 09/10/2026

Attested: 