

Minutes of Board Meeting
Pasco County Mosquito Control District
2308 Marathon Road, Odessa, FL 33556
September 20, 2023

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the District office on September 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present from the District were Chairperson Cox, Treasurer Abbott, Secretary Evans, Executive Director Rogers, Nick McFaul, Michele Donagranti, Jamie Black, and Maria Johnson, all representing the PCMCD. Lina Castro and Andrew Pupke from InVision Advisors were also present.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

- A. 2023-2024 Chemical Bid Summary and Vendor Selection. Executive Director Rogers presented the bids submitted for FY 2023-2024 for review and approval. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to accept all bids presented. All commissioners moved to approve the bids for chemicals and vendors as described below:
 - i. Malathion @ \$71.71/gal from Verseris
 - ii. Permethrin @ \$76.50/gal from Target Specialties.
 - iii. Naled @ \$277.51/gal from Azelis/Adapco (for quantities more than 90 gallons).
 - iv. 2,4-D Amine @ \$18.30/gal from Orion Solutions, LLC.
 - v. Diquat @ \$54.65/gal., and Glyphosate @ \$24.98/gal. from Red River Specialties.
 - vi. Altosid P35 @ \$19.47/lb. from Clarke, Target Specialties, and Verseris
- B. Discussion on expanding Commissioner Districts to five (5) District Seats was tabled to be discussed at the January 2024 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Employee Benefits Policy Amendment was complete, and a motion was made by Commissioner Evans to approve, all Commissioners moved to approve.

General Information:

- A. Campus Update: Lina Castro presented an update on the campus design, the progression of events, and associated timeline. She reported that the Design Development stage is complete and Spring Engineering, Inc. has moved into the Construction Document phase of the project. Discussions with FDOT on the roadway improvements are still underway and the architectural team has been in conversation with the agency for a couple of months to come to an agreement on the road tapers for ingress and egress to the campus. She also reported that the environmental survey and mitigation work was in process.

- B. District Operations: Executive Rogers provided an update on staff positions, reporting that the new Aviation Chief of Maintenance joined the team. She thanked former Aviation Chief of Maintenance, Phillips, for continuing to assist the District part-time during the transition. She also discussed the increased volume of records requests received and the burden on staff to fulfill the requests timely while maintaining their other duties in continuing the mission of the District. Rogers then reported on the OPPAGA Performance Audit conducted by the state. The deadline for the report to be published by the agency is Sept 30 and the final draft report had recommended feedback from District staff. Lastly, she stated that UAS/drone treatments that had recently been added to the District comprehensive integrated mosquito management program have been a large success. This technology has allowed staff to access difficult-to-reach areas while maintaining safety for each individual. It has also allowed applications to more areas, as this treatment method allowed District staff to spend time finding new mosquito production sites for overall more appropriate coverage of mitigation efforts. Staff have received positive feedback on the treatments from residents. Community Engagement Director Johnson provided an update on outreach and educational activities performed over the past month. Scheduled, guided tours of the District have been a huge success and residents are providing positive feedback after visiting. Many have left the District with a much more in-depth understanding of District activities and the importance of mosquito control efforts in protecting public health! Executive Director then provided the safety and arbovirus reports.
- C. Safety Reports: Executive Director Rogers informed the Board that there were no safety issues to report within the last month.
- D. Arbovirus Report: Executive Director Rogers provided an update on the arboviral activity throughout the state and within Pasco County.

Good of the Order:

Meeting Adjourned:

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50p.m., all approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Date: 10/16/2023 Attested: 