

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
INDIAN RIVER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT  
AUGUST 11, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Indian River Mosquito Control District Board of Commissioners was held in the District's office on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

Participants were: Commissioners Janice Broda and Tom Lowther, Buck Vocelle (participating via ZOOM), Director Doug Carlson, Assistant Director Sherry Burroughs, Michael Hudon, and candidate Matt Erpenbeck participating at the meeting. Others participating via ZOOM included Tim Trewyn (electrical engineer), Candidate Jeff Andros, Candidate Vada Mossavat, Diane Richards, Melanie Pacot-Stansberry, Alan Curtis, and 2 unidentified participants.

Chairman Lowther called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and read the conditions under which this ZOOM meeting will operate.

**MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING (Attachment A)**

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Through a motion by Janice Broda, the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting were accepted.

**RECOGNITION OF BRUCE PEERY'S RETIREMENT.** Bruce Peery was unable to attend the Board meeting last month so today he received a plaque recognizing his 13 years of service. Bruce brought tremendous biological knowledge to the District from his previous employment elsewhere. He will be missed by the District and he received best wishes for the future.

**FINANCIAL REPORT (July 1 through July 31; Attachment B)**

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Income.....	\$893.48
Disbursements	
Local Funds (includes Checks 12882-12943 & dd11301-dd11361).....	\$421,909.34
Non direct-deposit payroll.....	\$2,115.48
State Funds (no checks).....	\$0.00
Total Disbursements.....	-\$424,024.82
Net.....	-\$423,131.34
Change in cash position from last month.....	-\$422,740.56
Bank balance (all accounts).....	\$2,639,488.51
Less reserves and contingency.....	-\$700,000.00
Total available cash.....	\$1,939,488.51

Through a motion by Janice Broda, the financial information was accepted and filed for audit.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Candidate Jeff Andros thanked the Board for having this meeting available via ZOOM and having an agenda item for Public Comment. He cautioned the Board to be careful and conservative in approving the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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- **UPDATE ON COVID-19 IRMCD PRACTICES.** Sherry Burroughs provided an update on the District's efforts regarding COVID. She mentioned that the District's COVID policy has been modified to with another state declaration. It was in regard to budget meetings being able to be attended via electronic means.

Doug referred to a newspaper article about using UV light in air conditioning systems to combat pathogens (possibly including COVID-19). Some discussion followed about whether this is appropriate for the District office. Commissioners Broda and Lowther have had this in their home units for quite a few years. Through a motion by Commissioner Broda, it was left for Staff to learn more about this and bring back some prices for consideration.

- **PROGRESS INTEGRATING MAPVISION INTO THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS.** Sherry updated the Board as to where the District is with integrating the database system into our operations. The next meeting (virtual) with LEA will be later this month.

Doug reported last month that he has contacted two companies (Escrowtech, Praxis) who provide third party repository services. From those conversations he has learned that if the Board wants to move ahead with this possibility, the next step will need to be hiring a lawyer on our behalf to work on a license agreement. Doug said that there is no urgency in making a decision on this item. Staff instructed Doug to learn if our attorneys have the capability of doing this sort of work.

- **STATUS OF DEVELOPING GENERATOR SYSTEM FOR DISTRICT OFFICE AND DRY CHEMICAL BUILDING (Attachment C).** Doug referred to the attachment and the fact that EDB's determination is that a 30KW unit will serve our needs. Clarification for this was requested as Courtney Electric (in the early stages of looking into this system) recommended a 48 KW unit. Tim Trewyn (Ft. Pierce Engineering/working with John Binkley (EDB)) explained their reasoning for recommending a 30KW generator. His explanation gave confidence that this size unit will be the correct fit for our needs.
- **BUDGET STATUS.** Doug reported that the Preliminary Budget was provided to FDACS and the DR 420 has been provided to the Dept. of Revenue/Property Appraisers office. Tentative Budget options will be provided for the Board's consideration at the Sept. 8 meeting which will be used for the Tentative (Sept. 15) and Final Budget Hearings (Sept. 22).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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- There was no New Business.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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- **TEMPORARY CONTROL.**
  - **LARVICIDING-** Mr. Carlson reported that 5500 acres were aerially larvicided in July . The historical average for the month is 2372 acres. The last 5-year average is 4222.
  - **ADULTICIDING.** During July, 867 miles were sprayed. The historical average is 1598 mi. The last 5-year average is 636 miles.
  - **SERVICE REQUESTS.** 105 service requests were received in July . The historical average for the month is 182. The last 5-year average is 47 requests.
- **PERMANENT CONTROL**

Sherry reported that impoundment flooding is in a maintenance mode with some mowing and hedging being done on several impoundments.

- ARBOVIRUS SURVEILLANCE. Sherry Burroughs reported in place of Mark Kartzinel who is on military leave. She said that IRMCD remains at 3 WNV positives (from January). We plan to have our chickens in the field in late August. We have been watching what is happening in nearby counties. St. Lucie County had 2 WNV positives this week with Brevard having 4 EEE presumptive positives. Lee County had 14 possible WNV positives last week. Sherry pointed out that our Antilles CDC trap continues to have high numbers. Ms. Broda asked if that might be due to some nearby restoration work which has been done in a nearby marsh by the Indian River Land Trust.
- DRONE PILOT PROJECT ON JULY 23. Michael Hudon provided an overview of the drone pilot project conducted by Leading Edge Associates on July 23. Several videos and pictures were shared.
- EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.
  - WTTB RADIO. Doug was interviewed by Bob Soos on July 24 which allowed for a discussion of the drone project which was conducted the previous day, July 23, using the National Mosquito Control Awareness Week as the primary topic of discussion.
  - 32963. Sue Cocking (a reported for the magazine 32963) heard Doug's interview regarding drones on WTTB and was interested in discussing it for an article in 3296, along with information on mosquito-transmitted diseases. Doug and Mark Kartzinel conducted the interview by phone.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- September 8 @ 9:05 AM (after OPEB mtg. at 9:00)
- Sept. 15 @ 5:01PM – Tentative Budget Hearing
- Sept. 22 @ 5:01PM – Final Budget Hearing
- Oct. 13 @ 9AM – first Board meeting of new fiscal year
- Nov. 9 @ 9AM

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**


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Commissioner Broda mentioned that public comment has always been welcomed at Board meetings and she clarified that the Board does not have a time-limit for public comments.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

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As there was no further business to discuss, through a motion by Janice Broda, the meeting was adjourned at approx. 9:50AM.

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