

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

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

Present were: Commissioners Janice Broda (by phone), Tom Lowther and Buck Vocelle, Director Doug Carlson, Assistant Director Sherry Burroughs, Michael Hudon, Mark Kartzinel, Diane Richards, Melanie Pacot, Tom & Sue Ether.

Chairman Lowther called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Through a motion by Buck Vocelle, it was approved for Commissioner Broda to participate by phone.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2020 MEETING (Attachment A)

Through a motion by Buck Vocelle, the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT (January 1 through January 31; Attachment B)

Income.....	\$205,672.67
Disbursements	
Local Funds (includes Checks 12524-12594 & dd10902-dd10960).....	446,258.64
Non direct-deposit payroll.....	\$4,783.18
State Funds (no checks).....	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Disbursements.....	\$451,041.82
Net.....	-\$245,369.15
Change in cash position from last month.....	-\$247,249.54
Bank balance (all accounts).....	\$4,639,115.00
Less reserves and contingency.....	-\$743,120.08
Total available cash.....	\$3,895,994.92

Through a motion by Buck Vocelle, the financial information was accepted and filed for audit.

AUDIT UPDATE. CRI is nearing the completion of their FY 2018-19 audit. They plan to present and discuss the report at our March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON FEMA ITEMS. Doug reported that Josh Reilly spent several days over the past month in the field with FEMA representatives so they can see the locations damaged by Hurricane Dorian and some of the repair work that is currently underway.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF NEW DATE FOR MAY BOARD MEETING. Because the scheduled date of May 12 conflicts with the AMCA's Washington Conference, alternate dates of May 5 or May 19 were suggested. Through a motion by Buck Vocelle, May 19 was approved as the date for the District's May meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TEMPORARY CONTROL

- LARVICIDING. Mr. Carlson reported that 2751 acres were aerially larvicided in January. The historical average for the month is 512 acres. The last 5-year average is 1564.
 - RENEWAL OF AERIAL LARVICIDING CONTRACT. Doug reviewed our 3-year agreement with Summersill and pointed out that in 2018 when the agreement was accepted we requested that the cost per acre for Year 3 (2020-2021) would be at \$6.50 per acre rather than the \$6.75 that they proposed. Doug will contact Jeff Summersill to clarify this point.
- ADULTICIDING. During January, 246 miles were sprayed. The historical average is 103 mi. The last 5-year average is 59 miles.
 - ULV DRIVER INCIDENT (Attachment C). Doug referred to the attachment which was a timeline for an event which initially occurred on Jan. 15 in ULV Zone #38 where a driver was confronted and severely threatened by a citizen who did not like our spraying chemicals in that area. A great deal of discussion followed during which Commissioner Vocelle said that he was very upset that the commissioners were not immediately notified of this incident. Commissioner Lowther echoed that sentiment and said that he spoke to Sheriff Loar about the incident and Staff's dealings with a deputy to try and identify the individual and then have the deputy speak to him. A discussion followed in which Sherry mentioned some of the options that are being considered (fencing, cameras) and the fact that we have purchased pepper spray for each of the ULV trucks. It was left that Staff would work up some options for the District to take moving forward. Ms. Broda suggested that a security analysis might be in order. Doug apologized for not making certain the commissioners were aware of the incident quickly and said he will strive to do better moving forward.
- SERVICE REQUESTS. 28 service requests were received in January. The historical average for the month is 16. The last 5-year average is 15 requests.

PERMANENT CONTROL. All culverts remain open for the fall/winter/spring period. Staff continues to work on pump station and dike repairs as conditions allow.

- WINTER WORK SUMMARY. Sherry Burroughs provided a report that summarized the work that has been done over the past month and explained work that R&S Metalworks is carrying out over the next several months (primarily pump station repairs). She also shared a picture of a dump truck that Staff is renting which is allowing us to carry a much larger amount of fill on each trip without damaging the dike.

ARBOVIRUS SURVEILLANCE. Mark Kartzinel reported that we had 4 WNV positive chickens confirmed in January bringing our total for 2020 to 6 (some infections actually occurred in 2019). Statewide there have been 19 WNV positives so far this year. Board members complimented Mark on the way that he presents the data each month.

TALLAHASSEE DAYS/DODD SHORT COURSES. Sherry Burroughs provided an overview of the recent Tallahassee Day event which she organized as Chairman of the FMCA Legislative Committee. She also mentioned the Dodd Short Courses (held last week) and that there is currently some upheaval with the FMCA and Dodd Committee. She pointed out that presently, the only Dodd Committee members are Sherry, Morel Jules and Tim Adams.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.

- ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER. On Saturday (Jan. 18) Josh Reilly and Jeff Summersill (flight service) provided a presentation about aerial treatments at the Environmental Learning Center. It was well attended.
- ORCA TOUR. On Jan. 25, Doug provided an overview of the District's impoundment management program at the ORCA volunteer training program and led a field trip to the Vista Royale Impoundment which is within the ORCA boundaries.
- EXCHANGE CLUB OF SEBASTIAN. Michael Hudon spoke about mosquito control at the January 29 meeting of the Exchange Club of Sebastian.
- SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB. On Feb. 5, Doug provided an overview of IRMCD to the Sunrise Rotary Club.
- SEBASTIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. On Feb. 19, Doug will be giving a presentation about mosquito control in Indian River County to the Sebastian Historical Society. Michael Hart will assist at that presentation with a demonstration of live samples of larvae and adult mosquitoes.
- PELICAN ISLAND WILDLIFE FESTIVAL. Doug and Tim C. Adams will be speaking at the Pelican Island Festival on March 7 and will bring live samples to this event also.

In regard to presentations to the public. Commissioner Vocelle suggested that we list upcoming presentations on our website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- March 10 @ 9:00AM
- April 14 @ 9:00AM
- May 19 @ 9:00AM
- June 9 @ 9:00AM

COMMENTS

Michael Hudon mentioned that he is working on comments about a Recovery Plan for the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee. He pointed out that this is yet another example of an Endangered Species Act action which might affect mosquito control's ability to do our work in areas included in the plan.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, through a motion by Commissioner Vocelle, the meeting was adjourned at approx. 10:05AM.

Attest: _____

