

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Indian River Mosquito Control District

March 9, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

The Indian River Mosquito Control District Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on March 9, 2021 at the District Office. The meeting was also held virtually via Zoom.

**Present:** Janice Broda (Chair), Matt Erpenbeck (Vice-Chair) and Tom Lowther (Secretary/Treasurer)

**Staff:** Director Sherry Burroughs, Johanna Avril and Dave Pelley

**Visitors:** Christine Noll-Rhan (CRI), Cherrief Jackson (Clarke), Darrel Bagiotti (Clarke), Jeff Andros

### ***Participants via Zoom:***

**Staff:** Melanie Pacot-Stansbury, Paul Baffino, Luina Ribera

**Visitors:** Alan Curtis, Judy Avril, Terry McGinn and Frank Clarke

**I. Call to Order** - Chair Broda called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call** – Chair Broda called roll and all three commissioners were present.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Broda requested a motion to approve the agenda. **Commissioner Lowther made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Erpenbeck seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved; motion passed.**

**V. Consent Agenda** *(All items as Consent Agenda items are considered routine and non-controversial by the Board and will be approved in a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. Prior to this meeting, Board members have had the opportunity to review each of these items and may request that any item be moved to an Action Item for individual consideration.)*

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Financial Report

Chair Broda asked for motion for approval of consent agenda. **Commissioner Lowther made motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Erpenbeck seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved; motion passed.**

**VI. Public Comment**

Jeff Andros asked about the hiring of a previous employee, requesting who it was, when they start and how much they will be paid. He also inquired if the Commissioners use personal emails to conduct official business and stated he was still waiting on public records requests to be fulfilled and responses from Commissioner Broda and Commissioner Erpenbeck to his written or verbal questions of them.

Frank Clarke stated he and his staff are available if there are any questions with regards to the aerial bids.

**VII. Old Business**

A. Audit Report

Christine, CRI provided an overview of the draft audit report. Chair Broda asked for motion for approval of audit report. Commissioner Broda identified a clerical error on the cover sheet that will be corrected for final draft. **Commissioner Lowther made motion to approve the audit report.**

- **Legislative Action (State) - House Bill 1103 & Senate Bill 1624** – These bills relate to special district accountability, requiring “performance audits” of fire, hospital, mosquito control and soil and water conservation districts and requiring new financial reporting requirements for all special districts. The audits for mosquito control and soil and water are to be performed by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) by September 30, 2023.
- **Legislative Action (Federal)**– Staff will be sending requests to the Congressman and both Senators for their consideration of submitting a funding request to the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Mosquito-Borne Diseases activities authorized by the Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health (SMASH) act. This funding would enable local Districts to protect the public health in our community from mosquito-borne diseases such as Zika and West Nile virus.
- **Operational Report** –Dave provided a update on operational activities. February rainfall amounts were above average resulting in an increase in mosquitoes and treatments. Impoundment staff working on maintenance activities and electrical work on the Estuary (Sand Pointe) and Vista Royale. Seven aerial missions, totaling 3,370 acres, were completed because of rainfall. Total rainfall was 3.0 inches with maximum tide of 22 inches. Adulticide (ULV) received 19 service requests and treated 422 miles. Staff has provided increased surveillance and treatments as needed at the Fairgrounds as it is a location for citizens to receive COVID vaccinations. No statewide or local sentinel activity this past month. New sentinel chickens scheduled to arrive next month.

**X. Commissioner’s Comments**

Commissioner Lowther – no comment. Commissioner Erpenbeck – no comment. Chair Broda – no comment.

**XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Regular Board Meetings - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Events – None.

**XII. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Lowther made motion to adjourn. Commissioner Erpenbeck seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.**

Attest:

  
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M. Erpenbeck