

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
INDIAN RIVER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT
APRIL 2, 2020**

A special meeting of the Indian River Mosquito Control District Board of Commissioners was held in the District's office on Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Present were: Chairman Tom Lowther with Commissioners Janice Broda and Buck Vocelle participating by phone, Director Doug Carlson and Assistant Director Sherry Burroughs.

Chairman Lowther called the meeting to order at 10:02AM announcing that this special, emergency meeting is being held as authorized by Chapter 189.015 (1) Florida Statutes. He said the reason for the meeting is for the Board to learn, and provide guidance, in regard to how the District will operate moving forward during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Director Carlson provided an overview of the steps that the District has taken over the past several weeks regarding COVID-19. That has included the development and implementation of a Procedures Statement and incorporating the Governor's Executive Order (GEO) Number 20-83 along with the recently passed Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). We are now considering how to implement yesterday's Governor's Executive Order 20-91 as well.

Sherry Burroughs explained how the GEO 20-83 and FFCRA has affected the District regarding several employees. She explained that we are developing an authorization letter for each employee to have with them while they are working during the coming months. Also, she is working on a work plan that will include shifts for employees to keep down the number working at any one point in time and sharing employees between departments.

Chairman Lowther encouraged Staff to be in touch with law enforcement, so they are aware of our activities. Johanna has already been in touch with the Sheriff's Dept. in this regard.

Buck Vocelle provided an overview of the GEO orders and legislation he has reviewed. It is clear that senior citizens should shelter at home along with persons with some medical conditions. Doug mentioned we have already started that process. The question arose as to what if a person in these categories wants to continue working. It was agreed that we will try and get a legal determination as to the appropriateness of that.

Concerning the April 14 meeting, it was agreed to handle it largely remotely like this meeting but use a ZOOM format. This was approved through a motion by Commissioner Vocelle. Staff will set that up prior to that next meeting.

Each of the commissioners expressed satisfaction with how the District has been operating over the past several weeks regarding coronavirus issues and wants Staff to move forward with maintaining operations in a scaled-down fashion.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Through a motion by Janice Broda, the meeting was adjourned at approx. 10:35AM.

Attest:

