

Minutes of Board Meeting
Pasco County Mosquito Control District
March 8, 2021

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the District office on March 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Those present were Chairman Evans, Secretary Abbott, Treasurer Cox, Public Education Specialist Meek, Operations Director Hansen, Executive Director Rogers, Administrative Manager Stevens, and Research & Surveillance Director Prasauskas. Also present were Attorney Booth, Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, resident Dean Caffensis, and resident Mitchell Pollock.

Commissioner Evans called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Cox made a motion to accept the agenda. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Abbott mad a motion to approve the minutes for the last board meeting and accept and approve the purchase orders and checks. Commissioner Cox seconded; motion carried.

Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller Nikki Alvarez-Sowles swore in Commissioner Michael Cox who was appointed by Commissioner of Agriculture, Nikki Fried to fill the remaining term left vacant by former Commissioner Joiner.

Public Comment:

Resident Dean Caffensis spoke to the Board about his concerns for the use of permethrin products due to resistance being found in *Culex* mosquitoes that may attribute to a rise in West Nile Virus cases.

New Business:

No new business.

Old Business:

Commissioner Evans opened the discussion of the property contract. Attorney Booth stated that he would be able to handle the Land Use/Zoning issues if the District would like him to. Commissioner Cox suggested that the District obtain quotes for the service from other attorneys. Commissioners Abbott and Evans both stated that they were comfortable with Booth & Cook handling the issue. Attorney Booth acknowledged that getting quotes was a good idea.

Attorney Booth presented the Board with the updated land acquisition contract for the property. He stated that it has been put together as a collaborative effort of his office and the seller's attorney. Commissioner Cox made a motion to accept and approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried. Attorney Booth stated that he would reach out to the County to set up the pre-application meeting.

Executive Director Rogers presented the Commissioners with a Construction Resolution. She explained that the purpose of the resolution would be to allow her to move forward with decisions based on the Campus Build Out Committee's recommendations, outside of a board meeting in an effort to keep the project moving forward. Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the Construction Resolution as presented. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Director Rogers discussed with the Board the process and timeline for the RFQ for hiring an Owner's Representative to assist the District throughout the entire project. Commissioner Cox asked if it could be explained how the District came to the decision to relocate as opposed to just expanding at their current location. Administrative Manager Stevens explained that the discussion had originally started as

just expanding within the current location but that the footprint of the existing property did not support the growth that the District needed and that it provided a better benefit to both the District and the residents of Pasco to be housed in a more central location, allowing better access to all areas within the county.

Director Rogers gave an update on the Hangar project stating that the site plan had been submitted to the County for permitting. She added that we were advised that the county would review everything by the end of March and that we should be able to start building after that.

Director Rogers informed the Board that the aviation department was in MS finalizing everything and we are expecting them to be home with the first ship this week.

Commissioner Cox revisited the update on the hangar project and asked if the materials have already been ordered for the building. Operations Director Hansen explained that we have the pre-fab part of the building & hoping to be under way very soon. Commissioner Cox asked if the District should scrap the project. It was stated that it does still add value to the property.

Commissioner Evens opened the discussion for adding the additional holidays of President's Day and Columbus Day, to follow the Federal Holidays. Commissioner Abbott discussed the standard benefits that full-time employees receive. Commissioner Cox stated that he felt that the District should follow the Federal holidays. Commissioner Evans stated that he agreed that the District should follow the Federal holidays. Commissioner Abbott stated that he would like to consider including the commissioners under the District's life insurance policy. Commissioners Cox and Evans both stated that they did not feel that was needed. Administrative Manager Stevens stated that she would look into the possibility of having the commissioners be allowed to purchase the coverage at their own expense. Commissioner Abbott stated that he felt that it would be better for the District to follow how the County's holiday schedule by adding Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve due to the aspect of President's Day and Columbus Day falling during our busy season. Commissioner Evans asked if we would poll the employees about what they prefer. Administrative Manager Stevens stated that she would email a poll to the employees and report the findings in April.

Other Business:

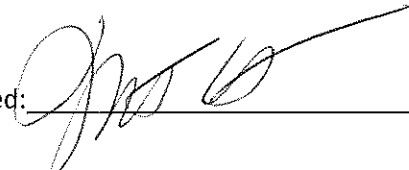
Executive Director Rogers reported that for the monthly safety report we had one employee who tripped in the parking lot but no injury occurred.

Research & Surveillance Director Prasauskas updated the Board on the current arbovirus activity in the state.

The Commissioners asked to be notified when the helicopters are set to arrive. Executive Director Rogers stated that she would let them know.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Abbott seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Date: 4/12/21

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