

Minutes of Board Meeting
Pasco County Mosquito Control District
November 4, 2019

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at the District office on November 4th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Chairperson Abbott, Treasurer Applefield, Secretary Joiner, Director Moore, Assistant Director Rogers, and Administrative Manager Stevens. Also present was Kevin Hill.

All present stood and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Joiner made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Applefield seconded. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Joiner made a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting. Commissioner Applefield seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Applefield made a motion to accept and approve the purchase orders as presented. Commissioner Joiner seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Director Moore talked to the Board about the hangar and helicopter purchase. He stated that many things are being discussed such as financing, location of hangar, which model ship to select. He explained that the estimated cost per ship, fully outfitted for spraying, would cost in the area of \$3.5 million. He further stated that the District is still exploring the possibility of relocating as well and areas are being explored. Commissioner Joiner stated that he reached out to his contact at the jail on US41 to further discuss the offer mentioned previously of using their hangar for our ships for a while, but he has yet to hear back. Assistant Director Rogers stated that she had reached out to a commercial realtor to see what properties were available in the county. Director Moore added that he has spoken with the County Manager and they did not seem interested in selling any of their properties to the District. Commissioner Joiner stated that he has talked with several of the County Commissioners and they were on board with discussing their available properties. Director Moore stated that he had also spoken with a tax attorney to make sure there were no legal issues with obtaining financing. He added that he has been communicating with the County about who they have as approved architects, engineers, etc. He also stated that the District was also exploring the idea of hiring a Project Manager to oversee the project.

Director Moore provided the Commissioners with an email from FDOT expressing permission to access and treat on their properties throughout Pasco County. Commissioner Joiner stated that he would prefer the authorization to be on letterhead, signed by a representative of FDOT. Director Moore stated that he would have that for the next meeting.

Assistant Director Rogers talked to the Board about the recent aerial herbiciding applications. She stated that the aquatics department was short-staffed due to one team member being out on medical leave. She explained that it left a need to treat some of the larger lakes in the eastern side of the county. She stated that the District opted to use Glyphosate since it has broader application uses. She explained that it will take 3-4 weeks to see the results, but it will have a complete kill without needing to break up mats of vegetation.

Old Business:

Assistant Director Rogers updated the Board on the gambusia project. She stated that we have the tanks and that the pumps were on their way. She explained that once it is fully set up, we will run it for several days before adding the fish.

Assistant Director Rogers informed the Commissioners that both of the new trailers have been ordered. She stated that it will be 3 weeks for the educational trailer to come in, then we will customize it to fit Jillian's needs. She added that the tire trailer will be in very soon.

Other Business:

Director Moore informed the Board about a minor incident involving a ULV driver. He explained that while driving on a dead-end road, a pedestrian appeared to have flashed a weapon, believed to be a gun, at the driver. The driver contacted Pasco County Sheriff's to report and also reported it to Kirk. PSO sent a helicopter to search for the individual. He stated that the copy of the dash cam video was sent to PSO as well. No harm or damage came from the incident.

Director Moore discussed the need to reschedule the December board meeting due to the District's holiday party. It was agreed that the meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 3rd at 9 a.m.

Kevin Hill spoke to the Commissioners about his last few years working at PCMCD and the frustrations he had encountered. He stated that he felt as though he was being pushed out by his immediate supervisor and that it caused him a great amount of stress. He continued that in the last 6 months, after the departure of a couple of key employees, that the morale and the energy of the District seemed to have made great improvements. He complimented the District on the positive changes and stated that he was happy to see it doing so well again.

Commissioner Joiner made a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Applefield seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Date: 12/3/2019

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