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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 20, 2026

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chairman Cox called the Pasco County Mosquito Control District Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner Abbott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. **Roll Call**

   Chairman Cox called the roll. Chairman Cox, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner Abbott were present.

   District Staff: Executive Director Rogers, Jose Freundt, Sherry Burroughs, Karen Mojica, and Kevin Dale.

   Additional attendees: Pasco County Sheriff Deputy Triglianos, Laura Donaldson (District Counsel), Jonathan Moore and Cayla Hollander (InVision Advisors), John Kubb, Greg Fuher, and Todd Davis.
4. **Approval of Agenda**- Chairman Cox pulled and deferred Agenda Item 8.A. Construction Manager at Risk until the next meeting. Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the agenda as amended; all approved, motion carried.
5. **Consent Agenda** – Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the agenda; all approved, motion carried.
6. **Public Comment** - John Kubb provided comment.
7. **New Business**

   - **Employee of the Quarter- 2026 Quarter 3**

   Dale Kammers, Entomology Technician, was presented with the Employee of the Quarter Award for Quarter 3.

   - **FY 2025- 2026 Budget Amendment 003**

   This budget amendment is part of the routine year-end reconciliation process for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2026.

   Commissioner Abbott motioned to approve the 25-26 budget amendment; all approved, motion carried.

   - **FY 2026- 2027 Budget Amendment 001**

   This budget amendment is the adjustment of the current fiscal year budget resulting from the reconciliation of the cash forward estimates with the actual amount upon closeout of the prior fiscal year.

   Commissioner Abbott motioned to approve amendment 001 for 26-27 as presented; all approved, motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business

- **Dengue Update**

Executive Director Rogers provided an update on the regional dengue situation since our September Board meeting, including the District's response, our assistance to neighboring counties, and the measures we continue to take here in Pasco County.

1. Regional dengue update and current case numbers

As of October 10, 2026, there are 368 confirmed locally acquired dengue cases statewide.

- Hillsborough County: 310 cases
- Pinellas County: 37 cases
- Miami-Dade County: 9 cases
- Orange County: 5 cases
- Pasco County: 4 cases
- Palm Beach: 1 case
- Polk: 1 case
- Broward: 1 case

Pasco County's reported numbers remain comparatively low, we have 4 confirmed cases, due to our heightened surveillance, targeted control in known *Aedes aegypti* production areas, public education, and continued monitoring of mosquito populations and disease activity.

2. Regional assistance and Hillsborough County operations

Following Board approval and FDACS authorization, PCMCD provided wide-area aerial larvicide spray (WALS) support to Hillsborough County under an interlocal agreement. The District completed the initial four-week cost-share period while Hillsborough County arranged expanded treatment operations through contracted applications and additional assistance from other mosquito control districts. Additional services beyond the initial four weeks were subject to the agreement's contracted rates for aircraft flight hours and staff labor. Lee County also provided assistance under a similar agreement. PCMCD further assisted Hernando County with calibrating equipment for WALS and ultra-low-volume applications to specifically target the vector mosquito species and received additional surveillance traps on loan from Brevard County and the CDC. The Executive Director emphasized the importance of regional coordination while maintaining PCMCD's capacity to address public health concerns in Pasco County.

3. Pasco County Local State of Emergency

The Executive Director reported that Pasco County declared a Local State of Emergency on September 23 in response to the regional dengue threat, preceding similar declarations by Hillsborough and Pinellas counties on September 24. The declaration was a preventative preparedness measure, not an indication that Pasco County was experiencing an outbreak on the same scale as Hillsborough County. It established a framework for coordinating resources and supporting timely responses as conditions evolved. County Emergency Management has been assist PCMCD with public alerts and mapping; the Florida Department of Health in Pasco County is supplying repellent and educational materials and has deployed approximately 15 staff members to conduct neighborhood inspections, resident education, and source-reduction activities, with additional volunteers subsequently trained from public health partners in the community. Pasco County Communications has been providing assistance with public messaging, Code Enforcement focused on tire shops and other nuisance concerns, and other

public-health partners have supported expanded community outreach efforts. The Executive Director acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the participating agencies and volunteers for significantly expanding the District's outreach and inspection capacity.

4. State Assistance & Contract Ratification

The Executive Director reported that in response to Hurricane Isaias, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 26-212 on October 9, including Pasco, Hillsborough, and Pinellas counties in the state's dengue response efforts. FDACS supplemental funding was made available through an agreement to support eligible response expenses in the tri-county area. The Executive Director also presented the VDCI contract for Board ratification, explaining that the state funding agreement and contracted mosquito-control services were separate but complementary components of the regional response. Ratification of the VDCI contract was identified as a required action.

Commissioner Abbott motioned to approve the contract with VDCI and the Scope of Work with FDACS; all approved, motion carried.

5. WALS Equipment Investment

The Executive Director provided additional justification for the Board-approved WALS equipment investment from September, explaining that the selected Isolair 3900 system and upgrades to existing equipment were based on aircraft compatibility, application performance, safety, lifecycle costs, and operational efficiency.

6. Condolences to Manatee County Mosquito Control District

The Executive Director expressed condolences to the family and to the Manatee County Mosquito Control District team following the death of their pilot, Isaac "Ike" Moore, who died in a collision with a radio tower during a nighttime spray mission the week prior. Mosquito control pilots perform demanding work in support of public health, often at night and in conditions that require extensive and thorough pre-flight planning, training, situational awareness, and coordination. Behind every aircraft flying a mosquito control mission is a truly dedicated and highly capable professional who is serving their community and a family waiting for them to return home for each flight, and Ike was no exception to that. The Executive Director stressed that the mosquito control industry as a whole does not approach aviation safety or regulatory compliance casually. PCMCD has established procedures, highly trained personnel, detailed equipment-maintenance practices, flight-planning safeguards, including dual-pilot nighttime operations, night-vision goggles, GPS guidance and tracking, navigational aids, detailed flight planning, obstacle awareness, preventive maintenance, and documented calibration processes to support the work we perform.

7. Continued Commitment to Pasco County

The Executive Director reaffirmed that PCMCD's primary responsibility remains protecting the health and welfare of Pasco County residents. Regional assistance will continue to be balanced against local surveillance, treatment, and response needs. The District will maintain enhanced monitoring, targeted mosquito control, public education, and coordination with regional and state partners as conditions in this regional dengue virus outbreak evolve. The Executive Director emphasized responsible stewardship of public funds, operational readiness, and public trust, and recognized District staff for their substantial efforts in responding to the regional dengue threat.

9. General Information

A. Director's Report and District Operations, Executive Director

- Operational Statistics for September
  - **Service Requests**: 1,233 requests in September 2026, compared with 131 during September 2025. This September stands out as a significant outlier, which aligns with the increased public awareness and concern associated with the current dengue outbreak.
  - **Public Records Requests**: Year to date, we have received 93 public records requests, with one currently awaiting payment.
  - **Used Tire Removal:** 6,319 used tires removed from the environment, totaling 189,570 pounds. This work is particularly important in the context of dengue because discarded tires can collect water and provide mosquito production habitat for *Aedes aegypti*, the mosquito responsible for transmitting dengue in Florida. Pasco County BOCC has waved tire disposal fees for the month and plans to perform tire amnesty events throughout the county as well.
  - **Biological Control:** Year to date, District staff distributed 3,461 Gambusia/mosquito fish, throughout Pasco County.

- **Employee Recognition**

We welcomed two new employees who have filled part-time ULV Driver positions: Leah Kalikatzaros and Alexi Lebron. The Executive Director recognized employees who received position feedback from members of the public for their service and assistance, including Craig Hatch, Desiree Edwards, the aviation team, and a call from a resident who simply wanted to thank all District employees "for doing a great job."

- **Operational and Administrative Highlights**

The Executive Director reported that significant staff time and resources had been devoted to the dengue response while continuing West Nile virus monitoring and control and routine mosquito surveillance and control operations. Administrative and operational staff have coordinated with county, state, emergency management, and public health partners to provide time-sensitive reports, operational updates, data, and resource projections as the regional dengue virus outbreak has continued to evolve. The Executive Director acknowledged the team's enhanced efforts, long hours, responsiveness to increased resident concerns, and continued commitment to maintaining daily operations and protecting public health. The District will continue coordinating with local, state, and regional partners and directing resources based on surveillance findings and public health needs.

- **Surplus Property**

Staff received the documents related to the sale of surplus property and they are under review with District counsel. Scheduled to close on the sale on October 22, 2026. Chairman Cox will be signing all the documents needed to effectuate the sale.

B. **Arbovirus Report**

Executive Director Rogers reported the arbovirus activity year to date. (Refer to table below).

https://www.floridahealth.gov/statistics-data/population-surveillance/arbovirus-surveillance/

Arbovirus	Florida - 2026	Pasco County - 2026
West Nile Virus	5 human, 2 blood donor, 316 sentinel chickens, 2 horses, 8 mosquito pools	46 sentinel chickens
St Louis Encephalitis	2 sentinel chicken	n/a
Eastern Equine Encephalitis	45 sentinel chickens 7 horses	n/a
Dengue	288 travel-associated dengue cases 368 local cases 20 mosquito pools	4 local cases
Chikungunya	84 travel- associated - 1 local case	n/a
Malaria	43 travel-associated	I travel-associated case

C. **Safety Report –** Nothing to report for the month of September.

D. **Community Outreach and Education Report**

Sherry Burroughs provided report on activities completed for September.

- Education:
  - Leadership Pasco Bus Tour
  - Domestic Inspection Training of Health Department Personnel
  - Community member tour of District campus
- Presentations:
  - Two Rivers West Community Development District
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  - Rotary Club of Hudson
  - Community Service Council of West Pasco
- Mosquito Fish Giveaways Events
  - 10/1 at PCMCD Office – about 20 residents attended
  - 10/2 at Dade City – about 80 residents attended
  - Planning another event east of 75 in November

Chairman Cox thanked Maria Johnson for her years of service in community outreach.

10. Good of the Order

- **Commissioner Evans:** Thanked staff for all they do; commended Adriane on a great job.
- **Commissioner Abbott:** Noted the election is coming up and recommended the new board look at regional mosquito control.
- **Commissioner Cox:** Reported that public is thankful for staff efforts. He thanked our partners: the Health Department, the Pasco County Administrator, Commissioners, and staff, and FDACS, as well as the media for getting the important message out on the regional dengue virus outbreak.

- **Executive Director Rogers:** Acknowledged the tremendous effort of the PCMCD staff, their dedication, and hard work during this challenging time.

11. Upcoming Meetings and Events

A. Board of Commissioners' Meetings (9:00 AM unless otherwise noted)
   - Regular Meeting – November 2, 2026
   - Regular Meeting – December 15, 2026

B. Events
   - November 11, 2026 – Veteran's Day Holiday
   - November 9-12, 2026 – Florida Mosquito Control Association (FMCA) Annual Conference
   - November 26-27, 2026 – Thanksgiving Day Holiday

12. Meeting Adjournment

Commissioner Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting; all approved, meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Date: 11/02/2026

Attested: 