

# Benton County Mosquito Control District

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## Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting June 26, 2017

### I. Call to order

President Cynthia Gray called to order the regular meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board at 7:00 pm.

### II. Roll call

Marisa Sawyer conducted the roll. The following Trustees were present: Richard Bloom, Kevin Christenson, Rudy Cortez, Cynthia Gray, Thomas Groom, and Jake Mokler.

*Excused:* Joseph Schiessl

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Rudy Cortez moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as written, seconded by Thomas Groom; motion passed with all in favor.

### IV. Manager's Report

Angela Beehler reported that:

- a) The District is at full staff for the season. 20 seasonal employees were hired; 15 are returning employees and five are new to the District.
- b) 84 RAMP samples have been run on mosquitoes to-date, and all have been negative for West Nile virus.
- c) Kevin McClure (Field Supervisor) has conducted several safety meetings with the crew including hazardous communications training, spill prevention, heat-related illness prevention, adverse incident (environmental effects) detection, and accident prevention.
- d) The Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) for Washington state will increase Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS) rates beginning in July. The employer portion of the contribution will increase to 12.7%. This is paid for all District employees. The District is also paying Social Security on seasonal employees that are not vested in DRS.



- e) Building Maintenance - Discussed air conditioning compressor that needed to be replaced. Replacement of the four heating and air conditioning units may be a topic of discussion for the upcoming budget period. Richard Bloom asked the Manager to explore potential cost savings due to energy efficiency.

**V. Old Business**

- a) Salary Survey Questions – Survey questions for the District’s third-party salary and benefits survey were discussed.

**VI. New Business**

- a) Maintenance Position; Angela discussed changing the Maintenance and Grounds keeping position pay structure to a contracted salary to be divided over 24 pay periods.

**VII. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents**

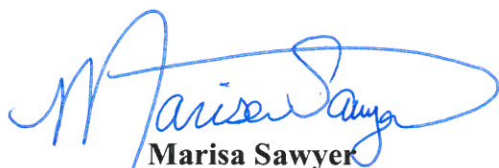
- a) After a review by the Board, Kevin Christensen moved that warrant numbers 6150 to 6315 in the amount of \$447,962.53 be approved for payment, seconded by Richard Bloom; motion passed with the following roll call vote:

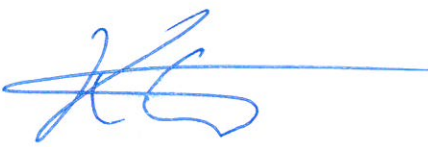
R. Bloom	Aye	T. Groom	Aye
K. Christenson	Aye	J. Mokler	Aye
R. Cortez	Aye		

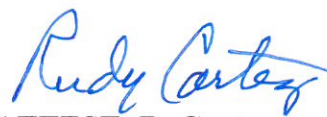
**VIII. Adjournment**

President Cynthia Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
**Marisa Sawyer**  
**Administrative Assistant**

  
**ATTEST: K. Christensen**  
**Secretary**

  
**ATTEST: R. Cortez**  
**Trustee**