

Benton County Mosquito Control District

Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting January 23, 2023

I. Call to Order:

Board President Cynthia Gray called to order the Benton County Mosquito Control Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 PM on January 23, 2023.

II. Roll Call:

The following members were present: Richard Bloom, Bill Moore, Thomas Groom, Jessica Wadsworth, and Cynthia Gray. Brad Beauchamp was absent.

III. Approval of Minutes for the October 24th, 2022, Regular Meeting:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Thomas Groom and seconded by Richard Bloom. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Agenda Items:

There were no Guest Agenda Items.

V. Financial Report:

Angela Beehler, District Manager, discussed the end-of-year 2022 financial report. The unreserved cash carryover amount is \$851,036.88. The chemical inventory carryover is valued at \$266,548. The assessment base rate for Benton County will be \$23.54 and \$19.95 for Yakima County.

VI. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

VII. Manager's Report:

Angela Beehler, District Manager, provided her report:

District Manager provided a recap of the 2022 season, including tire drive collection numbers, total adult mosquitoes collected, and a multiple-year comparison of acres treated by ground and air for mosquito larvae and adult mosquitoes. Highlights from 2022 include successfully building an insectary in the lab, purchasing a second treatment drone, conducting in-house Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing of



mosquitoes, and expanding our public education program by hiring an Education Coordinator.

A. Off-season activities / 2023 planning

District Manager is anticipating hiring 23 seasonal positions for the 2023 season. The district has three full-time, year-round employees. Starting in 2023, we will employ the Maintenance/Groundskeeper, the Biologist/Vector Ecologist, and a Lead Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operator under the Seasonal Full-Time category will add certain benefits for those employees.

The 2023 Tire Drive is scheduled for April 22, 2023. Since the district recently recoated the parking lot, we are exploring alternate routes for the traffic. The goal is to stack the tires on the gravel on the west side of the property so the tracked vehicle that loads the trailers will not damage the asphalt.

B. Networking Opportunity - AMCA Annual Meeting – Reno, Nevada, February 27th-March 3rd, 2023.

District Manager reminded the Board about the upcoming American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) Annual Meeting in Nevada. Angela, Steve, and Jasmine plan to attend. Benton County MCD will participate in a workshop hosted by the AMCA and the CDC to discuss pesticide resistance.

VIII. Old Business:

There was no old business.

IX. New Business:

A. Proposed Handbook Changes

District Manager discussed the proposed changes to the Employee Handbook. Multiple handbook changes transfer Human Resources duties from the Administrative Assistant to the District Manager. Also, the obligation to submit timecards was removed because the district has utilized a digital time management system since 2017 and discontinued using paper time cards.

Richard Bloom moved to accept the proposed changes to the Employee Handbook. Bill Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Tom Groom moved to maintain the current officers and warrant signers, Cynthia Gray as President, Richard Bloom as Secretary, and Tom Groom as a signer. Employee Relations Committee will remain Richard, Jessica, and Brad. Bill Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 1-23 – Adding Funds to the 2023 Budget

Richard Bloom moved to adopt Resolution 1-23, “A Resolution Adding Funds to the 2023 Budget”. Thomas Groom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The motions passed by the following roll call vote:

Richard Bloom (Aye), Thomas Groom (Aye), Bill Moore (Aye), and Jessica Wadsworth (Aye).

X. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents:

Following review by the Board, Richard Bloom moved, and Bill Moore seconded the motion to approve and sign warrant numbers 10317 through 10423, direct payroll deposits, and tax payments for a combined total of \$240,078.17.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Richard Bloom (Aye), Thomas Groom (Aye), Bill Moore (Aye), and Jessica Wadsworth (Aye).

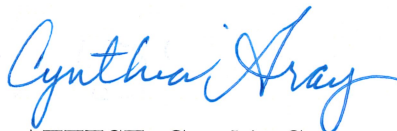
XI. Adjournment:

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, Cynthia Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Angela Beehler
District Manager



ATTEST: Cynthia Gray
Board President



ATTEST: Richard Bloom
Trustee