

Benton County Mosquito Control District

Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting October 28, 2019

I. Call to Order:

President Cynthia Gray called to order the meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board at 6:58 p.m. on October 28, 2019 at 4951 W Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA.

II. Roll Call:

The following members were present: Cynthia Gray, Thomas Groom, Bill McKay, Jake Mokler, Bill Moore, and Joe Schiessl. Richard Bloom joined by phone. The following member was excused: Kevin Christensen.

III. Public Hearing: 2020 Budget and Assessment Rolls:

Regular Meeting was closed at 7:01 p.m. Public Hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. No comments were made as no members of the public were in attendance. Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m. Regular Meeting re-opened at 7:04 p.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Thomas Groom moved to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2019 meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Jake Mokler. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Guest Agenda Items:

There were no Guest Agenda Items to discuss.

VI. Financial Report:

Angela Beehler, the Manager, presented the year to date financial report.

VII. Correspondence:

There was no Correspondence to discuss.

VIII. Manager's Report:

The District has concluded its operations for the season. Regarding surveillance, four human West Nile virus cases were likely to have been exposed in Benton County. Nationwide, Eastern Equine Encephalitis human infections has reaching a concerning 35 cases. Regarding stargrass in the Yakima River, the Manager met with State Senator Warnick in collaboration with the Conservation District to discuss the situation. There is a group of organizations interested in the removal and prevention of stargrass from the river, and Joe Schiessl recommended getting



Yakima and Umatilla tribal support. Regarding Johnson Park, the District is looking into cleaning debris, but conditions for such an operation have not been favorable. Employees of the District attended our last public event of the year, a Touch-a-Truck event in Prosser. The last of our seasonal employees—Administrative Assistant (Clive LePage), Public Events Coordinator (Jasmine Che), and Maintenance (Dan Dutt)—are leaving this week.

IX. Old Business:

We applied for the new Ecology permit and are now covered, but we are still contesting the conditions of it in PCHB No. 19-035, BCMCD vs. Ecology. Ecology sent approximately 2,600 documents to our lawyers that did not sufficiently prove their authority, so we are pursuing that information through other means. Legal fees are growing, but we are looking into reimbursement through MSRC. The Board discussed this matter, but did not vote upon it.

X. New Business:

- A. Resolution 9-19: Classifying Benton County Properties Within Benton County Mosquito Control District No. 1 for the Purpose of the 2020 Assessment Roll:
Joe Schiessl moved to adopt Resolution 9-19. Motion was seconded by Thomas Groom. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Resolution 10-19: Classifying Yakima County Properties Within Benton County Mosquito Control District No. 1 (Also Known as Yakima County Mosquito Control District No. 2) for the Purpose of the 2020 Assessment Roll:
Bill Moore moved to adopt Resolution 10-19. Motion was seconded by Thomas Groom. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Resolution 11-19: Adopting the 2020 Budget:
Upon the Board's decision to approve the \$2,679,720 budget for 2020, Thomas Groom moved to adopt the respective Resolution 11-19. Motion was seconded by Joe Schiessl. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Resolution 12-19: Establishing the Assessment Collection and Disposition of Revenue—Benton County
Thomas Groom moved to adopt the respective Resolution 12-19. Motion was seconded by Jake Mokler. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Resolution 13-19: Establishing the Assessment Collection and Disposition of Revenue—Yakima County
Bill McKay moved to adopt the respective Resolution 13-19. Motion was seconded by Bill Moore. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. 2020 Vehicle Bids:
Thomas Groom moved to accept the lowest vehicle trade-in bid from Lee Peterson Motors. Motion was seconded by Jake Mokler. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Board Member Reappointments: Richard Bloom, Cindy Gray, Jake Mokler, Joe Schiessl: Ricard Bloom had left the meeting by this point; he will be contacted through other means. Cindy Gray is interested in being reappointed. Jake Mokler is interested in being reappointed and will know more about his situation soon. Joe Schiessl will not seek reappointment.

H. 2020 Board Meeting Schedule: January 27th, March 23rd, April 27th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, and October 26th
Bill McKay moved to adopt the 2020 Board Meeting Schedule as written. Motion was seconded by Bill Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents:

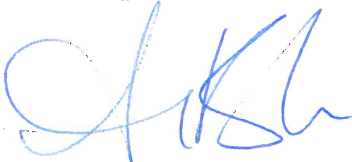
After review by the Board, Jake Mokler moved that warrant numbers 8056 to 8106 in the combined amount of \$86,273.76 be approved for payment. Motion was seconded by Thomas Groom. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

T. Groom – Aye / B. McKay – Aye / J. Mokler – Aye / B. Moore – Aye / J. Schiessl – Aye

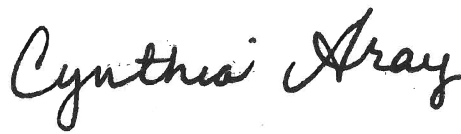
XII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Cynthia Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Angela Beehler
District Manager



ATTEST: Cynthia Gray
President



ATTEST: Richard Bloom
Trustee