

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 24, 2014**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Secretary Byam at 7:01 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** *Present:* R. Cortez, D. Byam, J. D. Cummings, T. Groom, R. Bloom, K. Christensen. *Excused:* C. Gray.
- III. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** J. D. Cummings moved that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 27, 2014 be approved as written, seconded by R. Bloom; motion passed with no dissensions.
- IV. **Guest Agenda Items:**
- V. **Financial Report:** The Manager discussed the Benton County Treasurer's statements and the Year-to-Date reports for February, 2014.
- VI. **Correspondence:**
- VII. **Manager's Report:**
  - A. **Lab/Surveillance 2014:** The Manager stated that a new Surveillance Supervisor would start April 1, 2014. The Manager stated that work in the lab this season would include two studies (Bugs, Birds and Bifurcations as well as, Effective Temperature and Time of Day on Mosquito Host Seeking Activity) in addition to the routine trapping and testing.
  - B. **Home & Garden Show - February 21-23:** The Manager stated that the District participated in the annual show.

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- C. Operations Begin Articles 2014:** The Manager stated that articles have been placed in the local papers stating that our seasonal operations would begin on March 24, 2014.
- D. Seasonal Employees Start - April 7:** The Manager stated that the majority of the seasonal crew would begin on April 7. The District currently has three seasonal employees working.
- E. Tire Drive - April 19:** The Manager stated that the annual Tire Drive would be held on April 19 in West Richland at the District offices and at Riker Stadium in Prosser.
- F. Movie Ads - April through July:** The Manager stated that 30 second ads would play at Carmike Cinemas from April through July reminding the public about mosquito control efforts.

The Manger further stated that the News and Review inserts would be distributed in newspapers in the rural areas April 10, 2014.

**VIII. Old Business:**

- A. Army Corps Biological Assessment:** After a discussion by the board, R. Bloom moved to increase the budget of \$10,000 that was previously approved to \$40,000 for the Army Corps Biological Assessment, seconded by J. D. Cummings; motion passed with the following roll call vote:

K. Christensen	Aye	T. Groom	Aye
R. Cortez	Aye	R. Bloom	Aye
J. D. Cummings	Aye		

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R. Bloom moved to approve solicit bids for a biological impact analysis for Benton County Mosquito Control, seconded by T. Groom: motion passed with the following roll call vote:

K. Christensen	Aye	T. Groom	Aye
R. Cortez	Aye	R. Bloom	Abstain
J. D. Cummings	Aye		

**IX. New Business:**

**A. Resolution 2-14: Resolution Updating Employee Health Insurance Policy:** R. Bloom moved to approve Resolution 2-14, seconded by T. Groom; motion passed with no dissensions.

**B. May 26, 2014 Board Meeting:** R. Bloom moved to reschedule the May 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting to May 19, 2014 due to the observance of Memorial Day, seconded by T. Groom; motion passed with no dissensions.

**X. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents:** After review by the Board, R. Bloom moved that warrant numbers 4090 through 4149 in the amount of \$120,844.68 be approved for payment, seconded by J. D. Cummings; motion passed with the following roll call vote:

K. Christensen	Aye	T. Groom	Aye
R. Cortez	Aye	R. Bloom	Aye
J. D. Cummings	Aye		

**XI. Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Board, Secretary Byam adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gloria W. Lawson  
Recording Secretary

Attest: D. Byam  
Secretary

Attest: K. Christensen  
Trustee

