

# Benton County Mosquito Control District

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## Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting July 22, 2019

### I. Call to Order:

Richard Bloom called to order the meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board at 7:02 pm on July 22, 2019 at 4951 W Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA.

### II. Roll Call:

The following members were present: Richard Bloom, Bill McKay, Jake Mokler, Bill Moore, and Joe Schiessl. The following members were excused: Kevin Christensen, Cindy Gray, and Thomas Groom.

### III. Approval of Minutes:

Bill McKay moved to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2019 meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Bill Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. Guest Agenda Items:

There were no Guest Agenda Items to discuss.

### V. Financial Report:

Angela Beehler, the Manager, discussed the financial report. Richard Bloom remarked that the carryover account is close to 50% of the operating budget which is consistent with other government entities and should allow us to operate effectively between assessment collections, adding that dipping into the unreserved cash account is to be considered alarming.

### VI. Correspondence:

- A. PCHB No. 19-035 Benton County Mosquito Control District No. 1 v. State of Washington, Department of Ecology: The prehearing conference is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>, while the actual hearing is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. We are seeking an attorney to aid us in the prehearing.
- B. Notice of Appearance: The Department of Ecology has received our appeal notice and will be represented by Assistant Attorney General, Cheerful Catunao.



**VII. Manager's Report:**

- A. Field Report: Multiple aerial operations have been taking place recently by helicopter, fixed wing larviciding plane, and an adulticiding plane. We've seen mosquito development increase in the Yakima River due to vegetation growth.
- B. Surveillance Report: We have had two West Nile virus-positive mosquito samples since the beginning of July. We have not been made aware of any human cases in our District this season.
- C. Public Education Events: We will have a Boys & Girls Club of America field trip to the office on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first children's program we've hosted in many years thanks to the efforts of Jasmine Che, our Public Education Coordinator.

**VIII. Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**IX. New Business:**

The Manager presented a draft budget for 2020. Line item increases have been applied to Salaries, Special Services, Vehicles, and Control Materials. Minimum wage will increase by \$1.50 per hour in 2020. In 2020 will have a 3-year accountability audit of 2017-2019, which will cost approximately \$10,000. Control material costs are expected to increase due to new product formulations and inflation. Capital purchases - three pickups and two all-terrain vehicles are due for replacement based on the rotation schedule. Funds were included to pay HourSix Consulting for completion of the Mosquito MD software project. Facility Maintenance will decrease for the 2020 budget because the 2019 budget included roof repairs. Joe Schiessl recommended increasing the Training/Education budget for 2020 as he is pleased with the public outreach efforts accomplished this season.

**X. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents:**

After review by the Board, Jake Mokler moved that warrant numbers 7776 to 7830 in the combined amount of \$143,177.41 be approved for payment. Motion was seconded by Joe Schiessl. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

R. Bloom – Aye / B. Moore – Aye / J. Mokler – Aye / B. McKay – Aye / J. Schiessl – Aye

**XI. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Richard Bloom adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



**Angela Beehler**  
**District Manager**



**ATTEST: Kevin Christensen**  
**Secretary**



**ATTEST: Richard Bloom**  
**Trustee**