

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 22, 2022**

**I. Call to Order:**

Richard Bloom called the Benton County Mosquito Control Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:12 PM on August 22, 2022.

**II. Roll Call:**

The following Board members were present:

In Person: Richard Bloom, Tom Groom, and Bill Moore

By Zoom: Brad Beauchamp and Jessica Bosse Wadsworth

Absent: Cynthia Gray (excused)

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Tom Groom moved to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting. Bill Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Guest Agenda Items:**

There were no guest agenda items.

**V. Financial Report:**

Richard Bloom asked if there were any questions on the financial information provided to them for review in their meeting packets. Angela Beehler, District Manager, highlighted two of the larger expenses, chemical for treatments and asphalt sealing, incurred over the summer.

**VI. Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence for presentation or discussion.

**VII. Manager's Report:**

A. Surveillance/West Nile Virus Report, provided by Angela Beehler. There have been three detections of West Nile Virus in mosquitoes; two in Richland and one

in Kennewick. These areas have received mosquito control treatment and have been re-trapped and tested with negative results.

- B. Operations Update: Discussion with the Board centered on impacts of heat and temperature fluctuations on mosquito population dynamics and disease incidence and impact of the fire at Byron Ponds on access for assessment, impact on traps set at the site, and mosquito treatment and control applications.
- C. Networking Opportunities: Angela encouraged Board members to consider attending the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control Association's (NMVCA) Fall Meeting, at Skamania Lodge on October 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, or the American Mosquito Control Association's Annual Meeting, February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Reno, NV.

#### **VIII. Old Business:**

There was no old business for consideration.

#### **IX. New Business:**

- A. Draft 2023 Budget: Angela provided a brief overview of the budget development process. Angela indicated that by September, she will be able to provide a good snapshot of what the 2023 budget and Yakima and Benton County assessments might look like. She reviewed the expected timeline associated with the budget resolution, public hearing and the process of setting assessments. Discussion with the Board covered inflation considerations, payroll trends, staff training, recommended changes to one of the inspector positions, and chemical and fuel costs. The Board recommended increasing the budget for fuel in 2023.
- B. Vehicle Bids: Sealed bids have been requested for three trucks and a van and legal ads advertising the request for sealed bids have been placed. The competitive bids will be reviewed in mid-September and a recommendation made for the Board's consideration at the September Board meeting.

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

Following review by the Board, Tom Groom moved to approve and sign warrant numbers 10096 through 10154, payroll direct deposits, and tax payments totaling \$251,536.85. Bill Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: Brad Beauchamp (Aye), Thomas Groom (Aye), Jessica Bosse Wadsworth (Aye) and Bill Moore (Aye)

**XI. Adjournment:**

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, Richard adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2022.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

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

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

**ATTEST: Tom Groom**  
**Board Trustee**