

Benton County Mosquito Control District

Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting July 24, 2017

I. Call to order

Rudy Cortez called to order the regular meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll call

The following Trustees were present: Richard Bloom, Kevin Christenson, Rudy Cortez, Thomas Groom, and Jake Mokler.

Excused: Joseph Schiessl and Cindy Gray.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Thomas Groom moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on June 26th, 2017 as written, seconded by Richard Bloom; motion passed with all in favor.

IV. Correspondence

Angela Beehler, District Manager, presented an email received from Chase Freeman, a resident asking for assistance with an Eagle Scout project involving restoration of a City of Richland wetland that has become overgrown with vegetation. He was redirected to the Benton County Noxious Weed Control District Manager, but it's possible mosquito control could provide some assistance in the future.

V. Manager's Report

- a) WNV Activity: the lab has tested 239 mosquito samples with six of those coming back positive from the Grandview area.
- b) The District participated in the El Rancho Reata community event on July 8th. The West Umatilla Mosquito Control District allowed us to borrow their education trailer for the event.
- c) Aerial spraying was conducted on July 11th and is scheduled for July 28th due to high numbers of adult mosquitoes.
- d) Angela is working with the City of West Richland and the Noxious Weed Control Board to reduce Phragmites in the Paul Keith wetland in order to increase the efficacy of larviciding.



VI. Old Business

The Manager discussed contract options for seasonal employees, such as the Maintenance and Groundskeeper to be paid year-round.

VII. New Business

- a) NWMVCA Fall Conference- Trustees who wish to attend the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control Association Fall Conference at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana, October 4th-6th should notify Marisa Sawyer, Administrative Assistant, for registration.

VIII. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents

- a) After a review by the Board, Richard Bloom moved that warrant numbers 6316 to 6400 in the amount of \$234,777.25 be approved for payment, seconded by Kevin Christensen; motion passed with the following roll call vote:

R. Bloom	Aye	T. Groom	Aye
K. Christensen	Aye	J. Mokler	Aye
R. Cortez	Aye		

IX. Adjournment

Rudy Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Marisa Sawyer
Administrative Assistant



ATTEST: K. Christensen
Secretary

ATTEST: C. Gray
President