

Benton County Mosquito Control District

Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting June 25, 2018

I. Call to order

President Cynthia Gray called to order the regular meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board of Trustees at 7:07 pm at 4951 W Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Richard Bloom, Kevin Christensen, Cynthia Gray, Jake Mokler, Joe Schiessl and Bill McKay. The following members were excused: Rudy Cortez.

III. Approval of Minutes

Richard Bloom moved that the regular meeting minutes from April 23, 2018 be approved as written. Motion was seconded by Bill McKay. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Agenda Items:

There were no guest agenda items.

V. Financial Report:

A. Beehler, Manager, discussed the financial report. R. Bloom discussed the potential need to reevaluate the reserve fund during budget discussions.

VI. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

VII. Manager's Report:

- a) **Introduction of Stephen Ingalls, Field Supervisor** – The Manager introduced Stephen Ingalls, Field Supervisor, who started with the District June 1st, 2018. Mr. Ingalls discussed his previous employment with the District and history working in mosquito control product sales.



- b) **Surveillance Report** – A. Beehler explained that mosquito counts were high beginning in mid-May, up to 2,800 mosquitoes per night in some locations. Aerial adult control applications were made in Benton County on May 24, 2018 and in Yakima County the evening of June 12th. A helicopter application was made to the Paul Keith wetland in West Richland on Wednesday, June 20th as well as some wetlands along Keene Rd. in Richland that are difficult to access by ground. Angela is working with West Richland and the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board on options for controlling the vegetation in the Paul Keith wetland to improve conditions for larviciding.

Ninety-four mosquito samples have been tested to-date this season. None of those were positive for virus, but in 2017 our first positive came on June 26th in Grandview Sewage Lagoon.

- c) **Public Education Events** – The District will participate in several upcoming public events. On June 30th we will be at the Grind 18 Skate Competition, July 6th is the El Rancho Reata Community Extravaganza, and we will run an educational television ad and supply insect repellent samples during Boat Races.

VIII. Old Business:

There was no old business.

IX. New Business:

a) Resolution 4-18; A Resolution Deleting Assessment from the 2018 Rolls

A. Beehler discussed one parcel that the Yakima County Treasurer requested be removed from the 2018 Assessment Rolls.

R. Bloom moved that the Board adopt Resolution 4-18; to removing the assessment on Yakima County property number 230928-32004 from the 2018 Assessment Rolls. Motion was seconded by Joe Schiessl.

There was discussion on establishing criteria for how assessments would be removed. Historically, parcels have been removed from the rolls based on the Revised Codes of Washington (RCWs) or after a request is made by a county official. The Board considers each request and if approved the assessment is removed by resolution.

Property #	Reason for Removal
230928-32004	Parcel is inactive as of 02/15/2018. It was deeded to the County and is a government property with less than \$500 Market Value, therefore it is listed as exempt.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

R. Bloom – Aye / K. Christensen – Aye / J. Schiessl – Aye / J. Mokler – Aye /

B. McKay – Aye

X. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents:

b) R. Bloom moved to pay the bills. J. Schiessl seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

R. Bloom – Aye / K. Christensen – Aye / J. Schiessl – Aye / J. Mokler – Aye /

B. McKay – Aye

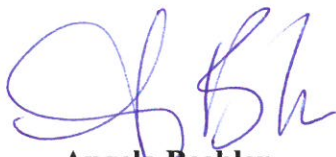
Warrant Numbers: 6858 to 7077

In the combined amount of: \$512,694.61

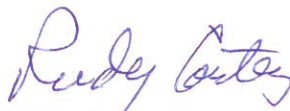
XI. Adjournment

C. Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Angela Beehler
District Manager



ATTEST: Rudy Cortez
Trustee



ATTEST: Kevin Christensen
Secretary