

Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
July 23, 2018

I. Call to order:

Rudy Cortez called to order the regular meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board of Trustees at 7:01 pm at 4951 W Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA.

II. Roll call:

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

III. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Groom moved to approve the minutes from the June 25th, 2018 meeting 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.

VI. Correspondence:

A. Department of the Army Access License for McNary Lock and Dam – The District now has an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to access their lands and conduct mosquito control operations. This license allows the District to act as the decision maker in terms of the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. In the future, the Corps will not need to obtain a license and the District will operate solely under the state Department of Ecology aquatic use permit.

VII. Manager's Report:

The Manager explained how the District follows through on resident calls. She also discussed plans to continue working with the City of West Richland and the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board to manage vegetation in the Paul Keith wetland, similar to what was done in 2014. Helicopter larviciding applications have been conducted in hard to reach areas, and that seems to be working well.

Nuisance mosquito numbers are down, but it is the time of year when West Nile virus cases tend to peak so the District is running television commercials encouraging homeowners to remove standing water on their property.

There have been five West Nile virus positive mosquito pools found throughout the District thus far. After the virus is found the crew posts notifications door to door, follows through with spraying, and does post-spraying, trapping and testing. To date none of the testing sites have had recurring positive tests.

VIII. Old Business:

There was no old business.

IX. New Business:

a) Resolution 5-18: Cancelling Unclaimed Warrants

Tom Groom moved to cancel and reissue warrant numbers 6016 and 6269. Jake Mokler seconded. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

K. Christensen – Aye / R. Cortez – Aye / T. Groom – Aye/ Jake Mokler – Aye /
B. McKay – Aye

J. Schiessl abstained from voting.

b) Surplus Item – Leer Truck Topper

The District owns a Leer Truck Topper purchased for a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado. The truck has been converted to a different setup, therefore the topper is no longer being used. It will be auctioned on public sites for no less than \$300. If it does not sell it will be placed back on the 2014 pickup and added to the trade-in bid for 2019.

Bill McKay moved to surplus the topper. Tom Groom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents: After a review by the Board, Tom Groom moved that warrant numbers 7078 through 7123 in the amount of \$143,817.31 be approved for payment, seconded by Joe Schiessl. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

R. Cortez – Aye / K. Christensen – Aye / J. Schiessl – Aye / T. Groom – Aye /

B. McKay – Aye / J. Mokler - Aye

XI. Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Rudy Cortez adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Beehler
District Manager

ATTEST: Kevin Christensen
Secretary

ATTEST: Cynthia Gray
President