

# Benton County Mosquito Control District

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## Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting June 24, 2019

### I. Call to Order:

Kevin Christensen called to order the meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board at 7:00 pm on June 24, 2019 at 4951 W Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA.

### II. Roll Call:

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

### III. Approval of Minutes:

Thomas Groom moved to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Richard Bloom. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. Guest Agenda Items:

There were no Guest Agenda Items to discuss.

### V. Financial Report:

Angela Beehler, the Manager, discussed the year to date report. Richard Bloom remarked that we have collected approximately half of our assessments for the year, and he is more comfortable with the financial position of the District due to budget adjustments made in 2018.

### VI. Correspondence:

There was no Correspondence to discuss.

### VII. Manager's Report:

#### A. Field Report:

- i. The Manager reported that hiring was a challenge this year. We did a fair bit of advertising, offered a competitive wage, and used a temporary employment service.



- ii. The Department of Ecology issued a new pesticide general permit for 2019-2024. Many of the changes Benton County MCD requested during the public comment period were made, but federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) language is still included. The Manager is seeking a legal opinion on the ESA segment of the permit.
- iii. Benton County Mosquito Control participated in a meeting with the City of Richland, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Washington Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the maintenance work that was completed in 2018 in W. E. Johnson Park; guidelines were set forth for current and future care of the park.

**B. Surveillance Report:**

- i. West Nile Virus cases in humans and mosquitoes have been minimal both statewide and nationwide, compared to previous years. Benton County Mosquito Control has not yet had a WNV positive test.
- ii. The Manager and Kevin Shoemaker, Assistant Manager, met with Rick Dawson from Benton Franklin Public Health and Brian Willett from the Washington State Department of Health to discuss ideas for the state lab's strategic plan.

**C. Public Education Events:** This is the first year we have hired a Public Education Coordinator (Jasmine Che). Benton County Mosquito Control attended the Community Horse Festival in Benton City on June 15, and Hogs & Dogs in West Richland on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**IX. New Business:**

There was no New Business to discuss.

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

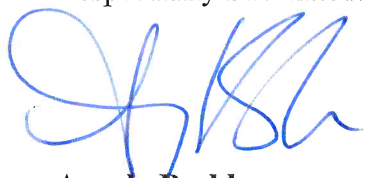
After review by the Board, Thomas Groom moved that warrant numbers 7586 to 7775 in the combined amount of \$529,038.44 be approved for payment. Motion was seconded by Joe Schiessl. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

R. Bloom – Aye / T. Groom – Aye / B. McKay – Aye / B. Moore – Aye / Joe Schiessl – Aye

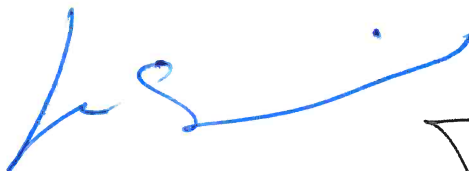
**XI. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Kevin Christensen adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



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



**ATTEST: Joe Schiessl**  
**Trustee**



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