
Meeting Minutes

January 2024 Monthly Meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District

Call to order

A meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District was held in the temporary office trailer at 300 Lazy Way, Fort Myers Beach, Florida on Tuesday January 9th, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am. Attendees included: Commissioner Joanne Semmer, Commissioner Steve Johnson, Director Michael Mills, Stephen Schonberg, and Tom Gressman. Also in attendance was Jim Murphy.

Members not in attendance: none.

Approval of minutes

The December 2023 minutes were read by Commissioner Semmer. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Semmer. Approved 2-0.

Public Comment

None.

Staff Reports

- Bank balance: \$731,773.39. We are still not receiving bank statements by mail. Mr Schonberg confirmed that we are NOT signed up for paperless banking.
- Catholic Church update: Director Mills to contact contractor to acquire gate lock code so that we can access the property to spray.
- Golf Course update: Mr Gressman has been in contact with the EBIA President, re: constraints that govern our ability to spray and suggested improvements to the property to reduce mosquito breeding habitat.
- Need to buy larvicidal briquettes for those low-lying areas of the former golf course that hold water.
- Smith Fence will reduce their quote by 15% to \$20,383
 - Commissioner Johnson made a motion to move forward with fence. Commissioner Semmer second. Motion passed 2-0.
 - Commissioner Semmer recommended we contact our surveyor, Harris Jorgensen to stake out our property line for the fence installation.

Unfinished business

- Need to contact Banks Brothers and Williamson Brothers re: seawall repair.
- Attorney Pringle recommended that we settle with Ms. Smith for \$10,260.12, and her attorney for an additional \$10,000. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to pay. Commissioner Semmer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
- Teresa (Ashley Brown) needs journal entries to reconcile year end, Stephen will address the issue with Teresa.
- Quickbooks lists \$27,000 in chemical assets.

New business

- Commissioner Semmer made a motion to accept Jim Murphy to fill empty Commissioner position. Commissioner Johnson second. Motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Johnson will follow up on State requirements for installation of Mr. Murphy.
- Commissioner Johnson recommends zero-ing out fixed asset accounts.
- 2022 will not be a clean audit.
- By April 1st we must complete the Annual Financial Report (AFR) and resolve the audit.
- Need to investigate the Ashley Brown statement: Commissioner Johnson recommends we not pay until he examines further.
- Commissioner Johnson says we need an 11-month 1099 contractor experienced with accounting and bookkeeping to start immediately.
 - Can double-up on salary (no benefits).
 - 20 hours/week target hire date Feb 1st, with a Zip-recruiter and Indeed search.
 - Director Mills will post on the FMCA website.
 - Stephen is willing to help, but in a limited capacity in the interim.
- Merger Strategy:
 - Tallahassee Days needs to be attended.
 - Attorney Pringle needs to interpret legislation.
 - Recruit a lobbyist? FMCA? Collier County?
- Stephen will update District website with current contact info and meeting info.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Semmer, Second by Commissioner Johnson. Approved 2-0.

January 9, 2024 at 10:02 am.

Secretary

Date of approval