
Meeting Minutes

March 2025 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 Fort Myers Beach Historical Society building, 161 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach, Florida on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:10am. Attendees included: Commissioner Joanne Semmer, Commissioner Steve Johnson, Commissioner Jim Murphy, Director Michael Mills, and Tom Gressman. Sharon Brotherton arrived at 8:11am.

Approval of minutes

The February 2024 minutes were read by Commissioner Semmer. The minutes contained a couple of cut/paste date typos. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Semmer. Approved 3-0.

Public Comment

- None.

Staff Reports

- Ms Brotherton reports that the website is still under construction, She and Michael have provided Doug Drake at Exploritech with copious amounts of information that he requested. Commissioner Johnson will call Mr Drake to follow up.
- Joanne's friend Heather has offered take staff head-shots for \$50 per.
- Commissioner Semmer questioned 2 IRS payments in the bank statement, Ms Brotherton advised that this is just the way the payments fell this month.
- Bank Balance as of February 31: \$840,982.97.
- Quote for a 2025 Ford Maverick pickup: \$32,797.
- Motion to purchase the truck by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Semmer.
- Director Mills suggested 2 different examples of customer service door hangers.
- Cintas (Joe Stegamon) wants \$3400 to buy out their contract. \$2600 for service, \$1600 for uniforms. They are willing to settle for \$800 for the uniforms. Ms Smith did not have authority to sign said contract. Director Mills will contact Attorney Pringle about the issue going forward.
- Commissioner Semmer noted that Mr Pringle gave us the wrong numbers for the rollback rate, resulting in a reprimand from Tallahassee. She suggested that we were billed for the attorney providing the wrong information, and we shouldn't be liable.
- It has been so dry there have been absolutely no calls for customer service.

- Ms. Brotherton suggested that the minutes be sent out by the Friday after the meeting, and the spray logs by the end of the month.
- Our new URL: www.fortmyersbeachmosquitocontrol.com.

Unfinished business

- Commissioner Semmer suggested that we need signage larger than the suggested 2 feet by 8 feet, she suggested 4 feet by 12 feet; she wants it to be readable from Estero Blvd.
- Commissioner Semmer suggested that we apply to the DEP (FDOT?) for a brown informational sign to be placed at the corner of Lazy Way on Estero Blvd. She will investigate further.
- Hopefully Sabal Signs will be able to provide the signs by Saturday March 15th for the FMB St. Patricks Day parade.

New business

- Commissioner Murphy provided preliminary drawings for the layout of the new building. He requests everyone mark it up and submit them to him by email.
- Commissioner Johnson stated that the temporary building that he was looking at was indeed hurricane rated.
- The employee handbook workshop was tabled for a later date. Everyone was asked to review the handbook for future updates/edits.
- Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Murphy to investigate all that is involved in acquiring Block Grants such as Elevate Florida.
- Commissioner Murphy has not investigated rental office space further.
- Office space rental and office job description will be discussed at a future meeting.
- The ARC-GIS software turns out to be very expensive and really far more elaborate than we would require.
- Extensive discussion about our relationship with Lee County Mosquito Control and the prospective merger, none of which resulted in any actionable decisions or agenda items.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Semmer, Second by Commissioner Murphy. Approved 3-0.

February 11th, 2025 at 9:50 am.

Secretary

Date of approval

