

Meeting Minutes

September 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 Estero Island Historical Society Campus, 161 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach, Florida on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:12am. Attendees included: Commissioner Joanne Semmer, Commissioner Steve Johnson, Commissioner Jim Murphy, Tom Gressman, and Sharon Brotherton. Also present was Chris Spiro.

Approval of minutes

The August 2025 minutes were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Approved 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Staff Reports

- As of 8/29/25 our bank balance is \$623,808.91.
- We have experienced various mosquito outbreaks on the island, we have sprayed adulticide as needed.
- The EBIA commons area is intentionally not maintained to create an environmentally pristine area, this may well need to be addressed in the future, as it breeds mosquitoes terribly.
- The trailer rear deck still needs a couple of full days work to be completed.

Unfinished business

- We reviewed the initial site plan for the new construction. Topics discussed included height, flood zone, pavers vs. blacktop, changing the traffic pattern to allow improved access to the ramp.
- Director Mills is not aware of any action required re: permitting the trailer. He has not been contacted by the town.
- Commissioner Semmer suggested that we inquire if the town has any available space to rent for the administrative person.
- Commissioner Murphy checked into the availability of office space at various locations without success.
- Extended discussion on the details and logistics of the upcoming picnic.
- Extended discussion on the Technician I and Technician II salaries.

New business

- Chris Spiro gave a presentation of all they have accomplished so far, including logos, signage, and the Facebook page. The Town of Fort Myers Beach owns the .org that is holding up the indexing of our website. The Town must address this issue internally. Commissioner Johnson will meet with someone from the Town I.T. department to discuss the problem. A WGCU news report disseminated incorrect information about our potential merger. Chris suggested that someone with the authority to represent our district needs to contact the Governor's Office to request a retraction/correction/update. Commissioner Semmer will follow up, as she has contacts in Tallahassee. Chris offered a quick lesson on Facebook and Zoom to anyone who is interested.
- Lee County Mosquito Control, in their most recent budget meeting, addressed potential future additional revenue as a result of the possible acquisition of FMBMCD.
- Extensive discussion on our relationship with Lee County Mosquito Control. No resolution was reached. Ms. Brotherton suggested a workshop be scheduled to formulate a plan of action. Workshop scheduled for September 23rd at 8:00am.
- Ms. Brotherton suggested that perhaps she and her staff can fill the gap to complete some of the duties of the potential administrative hire. She will present a proposal for services at the October meeting.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Murphy, Second by Commissioner Semmer. Approved

3-0. September 9th, 2025 at 10:06 am.

Secretary Date of approval

