Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.
Estero Island Historic Society
161 Bay Rd
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The regular meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District was called to order at 8:06 am on August 11, 2026 by Joanne Semmer, Board Chair, and determined that a quorum was present.

II. Roll Call – Commissioners Present
Joanne Semmer   James Murphy   Steve Johnson

III. Public Comment
No Public in attendance

Staff Present
Ralf Brookes, General Counsel   Sharon Brotherton, Contract Administrator
Christopher Brill, Spray Technician   Xavier Wilcox, Spray Technician

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

VOTE: Jim Murphy made a motion to approve the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Steve Johnson, and unanimously approved.

V. STAFF REPORTS
a) Mosquito Operations: Peak mosquito season; very high activity. Regular monitoring activities continue. Clarke Mosquito Products rep will visit the District on August 13, 2026.
b) FDACS Program Assessment by Brenton Betts, Environmental Specialist III
   Mr. Betts presented his assessment report based upon his visit to District headquarters on July 21, 2026. The District needs an Executive Director III.
c) Administrative Activities:
   1) Revised Public Hearing Dates: 9/4 Tentative Budget Hearing, 9/9 Final Budget Hearing
   2) TRIM Certification is complete
   3) Policy Review and Approval:

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to approve the Employment Manual and Hurricane Evacuation Plan pending any changes at the September meeting; seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

4) ShaBro reported receipt of a proposal to provide Mosquito Director III services to the District and introduced Mr. Brenton Betts as the qualified candidate. Mr. Betts provided an overview of his qualifications and desire to pursue the available position with the District. After discussion about the offer particulars, an agreement was obtained.

   VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to offer Brenton Betts the Mosquito Control Director III position effective 9/1/2026; seconded by Joanne Semmer, and unanimously approved.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Johnson presented the financial reports for the 25-26 fiscal year ending July 31,2026.

VOTE: Joanne Semmer made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented; seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

Steve Johnson reported that Tom Gressman has not yet presented the District with an invoice for his services from November 16, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Ralf Brookes, District Counsel, suggested the District draw up an Agreed Compensation Severance Package to include an agreed upon final payment. This package will be presented at the next meeting.

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to approve one-time bonuses for the spray techs for extraordinary service during this mosquito season seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

BUILDING UPDATE

Jim Murphy stated he is in receipt of a final set of drawings. ShaBro and Attorney Brooks will work together to produce the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) to invite proposals from interested contractors to perform the work.

LIS Engineering provided a contract to perform the special exception zoning application and presentation duties.

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to accept the LIS Engineering contract for $9,000 to complete the special exception zoning application on the District's behalf; seconded by Joanne Semmer, and unanimously approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Next Board of Commissioners Meeting September 8, 2026
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a) Steve Johnson received a newly proposed Inter Local Agreement (ILA) with Lee County Mosquito Control District from Marah Clark at FDACS. The proposed ILA contains erroneous statements.

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to accept the ILA with Lee County Mosquito Control with the agreed upon changes and a fee of $20,000 for FY25-26, then a new arrangement for FY26-27 to be negotiated in or around March 2027; seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm by Joanne Semmer, Board Chair.