



**Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 08, 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 September 8, 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

Steve Frazer, 400 Connecticut Street, addressed the board with questions and concerns about mosquito activity at his residence. A site visit is to be scheduled by Mosquito Control staff.

Staff Present

Ralf Brookes, General Counsel

Sharon Brotherton, Contract Administrator

Brenton Betts, Executive Director

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to approve the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

V. STAFF REPORTS

b) Mosquito Operations: Peak mosquito season; very high activity. Regular monitoring activities continue. Mr. Betts has ideas for streamlining efficiencies and will start to implement his vision over the next 90 – 180 days.

c) Administrative Activities:

1) Policy review and approval; Chair requested additional deferral.

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to defer reviewing policies until the October meeting to allow the new Executive Director time to review; seconded by Joanne Semmer, and unanimously approved.

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- 2) Tom Gressman's severage package and agreement have been reviewed by counsel for legal terms.

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to approve the severance package for Mr. Gressman as presented; seconded by Joanne Semmer, and unanimously approved.

- 3) Revised Public Hearing Dates: 9/11 Tentative Budget Hearing, 9/16 Final Budget Hearing due to special circumstances and not fault of the District. General Counsel reviewed all materials for compliance.
- 4) Interlocal Agreement with Lee County Mosquito Control District: Communications with Mr. Aaron Lloyd resulted in a new agreement acknowledging the language disparities

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Lee County Mosquito Control District as presented; seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

- 5) General Counsel advised the board that the Memorandum of Understanding with FDACS (Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services) is approved for legal wording and okay to sign once delivered by FDACS.

VOTE: Joanne Semmer made a motion to accept the terminology of the FDACS Memorandum of Understanding; seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

BUILDING UPDATE

Attorney Brooks provided two options for Request For Qualifications (RFQ) to invite proposals from interested contractors to perform the work: Best-Value Approach and Construction Manager At-Risk. The Best-Value Approach allows for more negotiation of final prices and customization of materials during the construction project; whereas, the Construction Manager at Risk approach provides a total agreed upon sum not to exceed.

VOTE: Steve Johnson made a motion to approve publication of a prebid conference with LIS Engineering that starts the timeline for publication of the request for qualifications; seconded by Jim Murphy, and unanimously approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

- a) Steve Johnson received a request from Councilman King to which he was unable to respond.
The Fort Myers Beach Town Manager has requested enhanced spraying.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. by Joanne Semmer, Board Chair.