

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
INDIAN RIVER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT
MAY 19, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Indian River Mosquito Control District Board of Commissioners was held in the District's office on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Participants were: Commissioners Janice Broda and Buck Vocelle (participating via ZOOM), Commissioner Tom Lowther, Director Doug Carlson, Assistant Director Sherry Burroughs, Tim Adams and Michael Hudon participated via ZOOM at the District office. Others participating via ZOOM were Diane Richards, Mike Reynolds, Bill Reynolds (Leading Edge), John Binkley (EDB Architects) and Melanie Pacot.

Chairman Lowther called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and provided a statement concerning the reason and ground-rules for this meeting being held via video-conferencing (ZOOM).

MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2020 (REGULAR) AND MAY 12 (SPECIAL) MEETINGS
(Attachment A)

Through a motion by Janice Broda, the minutes of the April 14 and May 12, 2020 meetings were accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT (April 1 through April 30; Attachment B)

Income.....	\$164,701.28
Disbursements	
Local Funds (includes Checks 12707-12767 & dd11082-dd11175).....	\$479,855.02
Non direct-deposit payroll.....	\$1822.78
State Funds (no checks).....	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Disbursements.....	\$481,677.80
Net.....	-\$316,976.52
Change in cash position from last month	-\$319,569.02
Bank balance (all accounts).....	\$3,801,520.69
Less reserves and contingency.....	<u>-\$743,120.08</u>
Total available cash	\$3,058,400.61

Through a motion by Janice Broda, the financial information was accepted and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON FEMA ITEMS. Doug made mention of the fact that Josh Reilly has received a certificate of achievement from FEMA. Having this will be a requirement in the future to be able to apply for FEMA reimbursement.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IRMCD PRACTICES. Sherry Burroughs provided an update on the District's efforts regarding COVID. She reported that we are slowly easing the requirements while continuing to follow federal and state guidelines. We have gone from reduced hours to near-normal working hours for employees. The District has not yet made a change in how vulnerable employees are handled but that will be addressed soon. Employees are allowed to ride together in vehicles if they are comfortable doing so and driveway service visits will resume shortly (in both instances masks will be worn.)

A discussion followed concerning the Fla. Dept. of Health not doing sera analysis during this COVID outbreak. After some discussion it was decided that the commissioners would like to send a letter to FDOH about the importance of this work and resuming it as soon as possible. Staff will develop a letter to be signed by all 3 commissioners.

Commissioner Vocelle thanked Staff for how they have been handling the situation and that the documents provided to them have been very helpful.

PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH LEADING EDGE ASSOCIATES (LEA) FOR AN ENTERPRISE DATABASE SYSTEM (Attachment C). Doug referred to the attachment which is the Software License and Maintenance Agreement. Staff had several conversations with Mike and Bill Reynolds over the past week (following the Special May 12 Board meeting) which resulted in LEA providing this version of the document. A remaining question has been whether the ULV spray component should be included now. After Staff's conversation with Mike Reynolds on May 15, Staff feels that the ULV component should be included and that we move forward with the database system in its entirety. Given the length of time necessary to implement the entire project, our plans are not to change our ULV system during this 2020 spray season but to have LEA system implemented for 2021. This approach is acceptable to LEA.

Janice Broda brought up the concern if LEA was to go away and where would that leave the District (items listed in 7.3 and 7.4)? Mike Reynolds brought up the possibility of a 3rd party repository for the source code but it is very expensive to do this and has limitations. After some discussion, it was left that LEA would seek their attorney's guidance on how this issue might be handled. The Board agreed to wait for this information before moving forward with the Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO COORDINATE PLANNING, SECURING AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT OF A GENERATOR SYSTEM (Attachment D). Doug said that at last month's meeting, he was instructed to try and get some additional proposals for oversight of securing a generator system. At that point he had received one from EDB Architects. Doug reported that he approached 3 additional firms and received 2 more proposals. They were from Carter Associates and Masteller & Moler. The price offered by EDB was \$5250. The prices from Carter Associates was approx. \$19K and from Masteller & Moler was \$21K. The only significant difference between the EDB and other 2 proposals seems to be that EDB's price does not include a survey which will be necessary for placement of the concrete pad. A survey is estimated to cost approx. \$1500.

John Binkley said that he is confident with his price and is taking a minimal fee for his participation which is largely coordination. Through a motion by Janice Broda, it passed to accept the proposal from EDB Architects. Each commissioner expressed their thanks to John for lowering their price and being willing to do the job at a significantly lower cost than the other proposals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TEMPORARY CONTROL.

- **LARVICIDING.** Mr. Carlson reported that 4196 acres were aerially larvicided in April. The historical average for the month is 1482 acres. The last 5-year average is 2409.
- **ADULTICIDING.** During April, 144 miles were sprayed. The historical average is 447 mi. The last 5-year average is 128 miles.
- **SERVICE REQUESTS.** 96 service requests were received in April. The historical average for the month is 57. The last 5-year average is 30 requests.

PERMANENT CONTROL. Sherry Burroughs provided an overview of recent field work by the Larviciding and Permanent Control departments. She showed pictures of the work done at Oyster Bar to shorten the pump and revamp the pump station. Other locations she mentioned regarding recent work included Pine Island and Vista Royale.

ARBOVIRUS SURVEILLANCE. Because Mark Kartzinel is serving on military duty, Sherry Burroughs reported that adult mosquito surveillance continues. She mentioned that there has recently been an asymptomatic case of WNV in Miami-Dade along with locally transmitted dengue putting the county on Medical Alert. Mr. Vocelle thanked Sherry for the very fine presentations and reports that she has recently provided.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS.

- BOB SOOS INTERVIEW. On May 14, Doug was interviewed by Bob Soos (WTTB radio) about some current local mosquito conditions. A discussion of sandflies turned out to be part of the interview.

MICHAEL HUDON. Michael reported on Lambeth (where a large berm around the field has been constructed), the Fellsmere Shrimp facility (where saltmarsh mosquitoes are being produced in great numbers) and a stormwater facility to be constructed by IRC at the corner of 53rd St. and 66th Ave. to treat water from the main relief canal using water lettuce (which can be a large producer of *Mansonia* mosquitoes). All of these areas require continued surveillance and attention.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- June 9 @ 9:05AM (after OPEB mtg.)
- July 14 @ 9:00AM
- August 10 @ 9:00AM

COMMENTS

Commissioner Vocelle thanked Michael Hudon for his updates on these unusual areas. Chairman Lowther said that if the District is short on cleaning supplies (during this COVID outbreak), it is possible to obtain them by approaching Miranda Hawker (FDOH) who will refer us to the Fire Chief.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, through a motion by Buck Vocelle, the meeting was adjourned at approx. 10:20AM.

Attest:



