

Benton County Mosquito Control District

Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting August 27th, 2018

I. Call to order:

Rudy Cortez called to order the regular meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board of Trustees at 7:00 pm at 4951 W Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA.

II. Roll call:

The following members were present: Kevin Christensen, Rudy Cortez, Richard Bloom, Joe Schiessl and Bill McKay. The following members were excused: Cindy Gray and Jake Mokler. Thomas Groom was absent.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Richard Bloom moved to approve the minutes from the July 23rd, 2018 meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Bill McKay. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Agenda Items:

There were no guest agenda items.

V. Financial Report:

A. Beehler discussed the financial report. R. Bloom asked where we would be in the budget going into October 2018, before the 2nd half of assessments are collected. A. Beehler informed him that we would have roughly \$200,000 in the general fund going into October and \$232,000 in the vehicle fund.

VI. Correspondence:

A. Beehler discussed a Notice of Correction received from the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Corrective action was taken to make sure all seasonal employees renewed their pesticide applicators licenses.

VII. Manager's Report:

A. West Nile virus (WNV)/Surveillance Update – To date the District has tested 316 mosquito samples on the RAMP reader in-house, 10 samples tested positive. We've had some unusual mosquito activity coming from the Yakima River. There



is a large amount of vegetation in the water which is creating habitat for Anopheles mosquitoes, so there has been some larviciding along the edges of the river by aircraft.

B. Field Update

C. Meeting with Barker Ranch – August 15th, 2018

D. Site visit from the Washington Department of Health (DOH) – August 21st, 2018 - The purpose of the meeting was to educate the State Epidemiologist on how the District collects and uses surveillance data. DOH is working on a prediction tool for WNV risk. The tool would be used by local health jurisdictions to put out timely media notices.

E. West Richland Harvest Festival – September 17th, 2018 - This will be our last public event for the season.

F. Upcoming Meetings for Board attendance:

- a. NWMVCA Fall Conference at Campbell’s Resort, Chelan, WA. – October 3rd – 5th, 2018.
- b. AMCA Annual Meeting at Royal Caribe Resort, Orlando, FL. -February 25th – March 1st, 2019.

VIII. Old Business:

There was no old business.

IX. New Business:

Draft 2019 Budget – The Manager presented the draft budget for 2019. The Board discussed whether the carryover is sufficient. The Board also discussed changing the vehicle depreciation fund to a contingency reserve. R. Bloom recommended establishing a policy for the carryover and the contingency reserve.

A. Beehler discussed equipment and vehicle purchases that are anticipated for 2019.

X. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents:

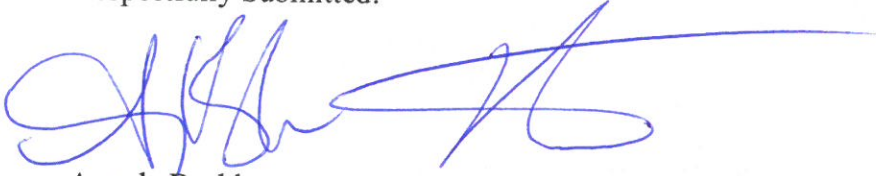
After a review by the Board, R. Bloom moved that warrant numbers 7124 through 7257 in the amount of \$319,757.54 be approved for payment, seconded by Joe Schiessl. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, Rudy Cortez adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting: September 24th, 2018

Respectfully Submitted:



Angela Beehler
District Manager

ATTEST: Kevin Christensen
Secretary

ATTEST: Rudy Cortez
Trustee