

Benton County Mosquito Control District

Meeting Minutes Regular Board Meeting March 22, 2021

I. Call to order:

President Cynthia Gray called to order the meeting of the Benton County Mosquito Control Board at 7:00 pm on March 22, 2021 by means of teleconference.

II. Roll call:

The following persons were present: Richard Bloom, Bill McKay, Bill Moore, Cynthia Gray, Jake Mokler and Marianne Boring

III. Approval of Minutes:

Marianne Boring moved that the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2021 be approved as written. Motion was seconded by Bill Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Guest Agenda Items:

There were no guest agenda items to discuss.

V. Financial Report:

The Manager presented the year-to-date financial report and Treasurer's statements.

VI. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to discuss.

VII. Manager's Report:

Angela Beehler, District Manager, provided her report:

- Seasonal employment positions have been filled. Pesticide license testing through the Washington Department of Agriculture is delayed until April 27th. Richard Bloom asked if the District needs to hire employees earlier in the future. The Manager responded that due to social distancing requirements for



COVID-19 there are fewer testing sites and times available, and it should not be an ongoing issue.

- The Tire Drive has been arranged with the Department of Ecology for April 17th, 2021.
- Steve Ingalls, Field Supervisor, purchased a large amount of larviciding product during a promotional event, which will save the District roughly \$60,000. This is possible due to the additional cash carryover approved by the Board.
- We received the necessary permissions to trap beavers in W.E. Johnson Park in Richland. Removing the beavers will reduce manpower needed to remove dams and reduce potential mosquito habitat.
- Permits have been secured from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to distribute Gambusia (mosquito fish) and to use the drone on WDFW lands.
- The 8,000-gallon oil storage container was sold and removed from the West Richland facility. A 20-ft. shipping container will be placed in that location and used for file storage.
- Photos Steve took of water stargrass using the drone were published in the Washington State University Burke Museum Herbarium Image Collection.
- Washington State Department of Health is launching a new software system called WASurv to track mosquito surveillance data.
- Angela submitted an article to the Journal of Wetlands Ecology and Management to bridge the communication gap between wetland conservation projects and mosquito control programs.
- Kevin has received a beta version of the commissioned adulticiding software to merge with the Mosquito MD program.
- BCMC is to be featured in an article by ADAPCO for our work relating to pesticide resistance.
- Assessments – District employees became aware of coding/boundary inaccuracies on the 2021 Benton County Assessment Roll. Angela and Kevin are working with the Benton County Treasurer, Ken Spencer, and Assessor, Bill Spencer, to identify the errors and resolve the issue. Richard Bloom asked about new developments and if the District receives storm drain locations. Kevin Shoemaker responded that we do receive locations if that information is kept up to date by the cities. Bill McKay asked why the district boundaries do not expand when cities annex new area. Angela and Kevin explained the

difference between city annexations and mosquito control district annexations based on the Revised Codes of Washington.

VIII. Old Business:

Board Officers – Marianne Boring made a motion to reappoint Cynthia Gray, Board President, and Kevin Christensen, Board Secretary. Richard Bloom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business:

Control Product Bids – Bill McKay moved, and Bill Moore seconded a motion authorizing district staff to purchase control products from the lowest qualified bidder. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Bill Moore (Aye), Bill McKay (Aye), Marianne Boring (Aye), Richard Bloom (Aye), Jake Mokler (Aye)

X. Payment of the Bills and Signing of the Documents:

Following review by the Board, Bill Moore moved and Richard Bloom seconded a motion to approve warrant numbers 8858 through 8934, direct deposits, and tax payments for a combined total of \$84,719.41. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

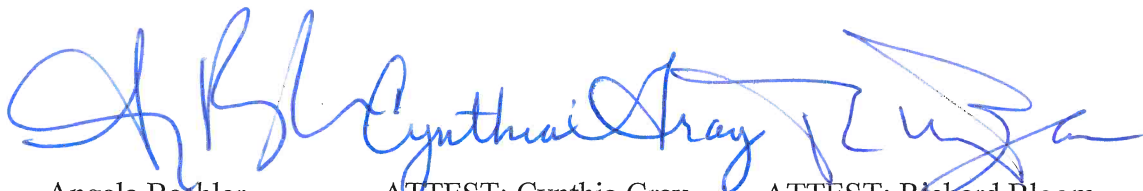
Bill Moore (Aye), Bill McKay (Aye), Marianne Boring (Aye), Richard Bloom (Aye), Jake Mokler (Aye)

Cynthia Gray reminded Trustees to stop by the office and sign documents.

XI. Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Board, C. Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Angela Beehler
District Manager

ATTEST: Cynthia Gray
President

ATTEST: Richard Bloom
Secretary