



South Walton County Mosquito Control District
2023-2024 Budget Workshop
Thursday, June 20, 2024 – 10:00 AM
Minutes of Meeting

The Board of Commissioners of the South Walton County Mosquito Control District held its first Budget Workshop at the District Office at 774 North Highway 393, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida on June 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Kristine Faulk called the meeting to order on June 20th at 9:01 AM and opened with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The Commissioners attending the meeting were Doug Liles, Steve Young, and Kristine Faulk.

Staff Present: Darrin Dunwald, Director
Cammie Henderson, Office Manager
Gerry Williams, Operations Manager

Public: None

REVIEW TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

1. Review Overall Budget
 - a. Reviewed History of Milage
 - b. Review Budget
2. New Capital
3. Ad Valorem
4. Millage Rate
 - a. 0.2400 Requested
 - b. 0.2245 Maximum Millage
 - c. 0.1931 Rolled-Back Rate

BUDGET DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Commissioner Steve Young requested to see projections for the next 3 years.
2. Commissioner Steve Young requested to see the reasons why we want to increase the budget. (justification for increase)
 - a. Growth in new areas
 - b. Saving for Shop
 - c. Other increases expected (Chemicals, Personnel, etc.)
3. Commissioner Steve Young requested metrics on how we measure how we are doing
 - a. Commissioner Doug Liles wants to know how many more houses we are serving.
4. Director Darrin Dunwald stated that he doesn't feel the need for a licensed engineer position. Discussion ensued.
5. Commissioner Doug Liles stated that the Live Local bill is allowing multi-family construction projects without a proper stormwater plan, which will continue to pollute our bay through Mosquito Control ditches.
6. Commissioner Steve Young stated our role is not stormwater, the County is responsible for stormwater. We need to stay in our lane of mosquito control.



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7. Personnel Changes

- a. Eliminate EOM and Engineer
- b. Add UAS Pilot and Environmental Coordinator
- c. Budgeting purposes we increased all employees by 10%.
 - i. Cost of living is 2.6% with social security right now.
 - ii. Lowered overtime by \$10,000

8. Personnel Services

- a. Commissioner Doug Liles asked why it didn't increase wasn't the same as Personnel. Cammie Henderson explained that different personnel receive different percentage rates for FRS.

9. Commissioner Doug Liles asked to see how the rate change affects individual homeowners.

10. Commissioner Doug Liles asked for the percentage of increase over last year.

11. Commissioner Doug Liles asked why the chemical went down 25%.

- a. Gerry Williams stated that the purchase of the new drone should allow us to reduce the treatment areas which will decrease the chemical budget.
- b. Commissioner Steve Young asked how the weather affects the chemical budget.
 - i. Director Darrin Dunwald stated that we look at the worst case. We do have a contingency plan budget of \$700,000 for a natural disaster.

12. Commissioner Doug Liles asked about the carryover amount. Discussion ensued.

Request for a motion to Recess the meeting until after the 10 AM Board Meeting by Chairperson Kristine Faulk

Motioned by: Commissioner Kristine Faulk

Seconded by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Motion approved: Unanimously.

Chairman Kristine Faulk called the back-to-session at 11:59 AM Budget Workshop.

13. Uniforms – reviewing the cost of providing our uniforms.

- a. Discussion ensued. Commissioners want them to look alike and neat.

14. Capital Outlay

- a. Gerry Williams explained the trailer and flow control system.
- b. Insectary Equipment, Lab Equipment, Kitchen, Office Equipment
- c. New Sign – Discussion ensued.
- d. Drone (lidar) – Discussion ensued.
 - i. Reduce the amount of treatment
 - ii. Downloads into Field Seeker and ICPR
 - iii. Commissioner Doug Liles asked how it handles thick trees. Gerry Williams said that he has done an area he knows is thick and it did very well. Discussion ensued.
 - iv. Commissioner Doug Liles asked who are the competitors. Discussion ensued.
 - v. Commissioner Steve Young asked about the revenue stream with the drone. Discussion ensued.



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- e. Commissioner Steve Young discussed other avenues. Show results of different avenues versus Ad Valorem.
 - i. Commissioner Doug Liles asked if we could provide the cost of maintenance of the ditches. Doug would like to take it to the County to see about reimbursing this cost.

The next budget workshop will change to 8:00 AM on July 11th.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION AND PUBLIC

Request for motion to Adjourn by Chairperson Kristine Faulk at 12:39 PM

Motioned by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Seconded by: Commissioner Steve Young

Motion approved: Unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Kristine Faulk at 12:39 PM.

Chairperson Kristine Faulk: *Kristine Faulk*

Commissioner Steve Young: *St Young*

Commissioner Doug Liles: *Doug Liles*

