

REGULAR BOARD

December 15, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of the South Walton County Mosquito Control District held its Regular Board Meeting at the District Office at 774 North Highway 393, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida at 9:30 a.m.

The Commissioners attending the meeting were Timothy Norris, Ronald Faulk and John J. Magee. Also attending the meeting were Director Ben Brewer, Office Coordinator Geraldine Via, Nancy Norris, Bonnie McQuiston and Bob Hudson.

The meeting opened with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Brewer presented the Financial Reports for November 2015.

Commissioner Magee asked for approval of the monthly expenditures list for the month of November 2015. **A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the monthly expenditures list as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Magee stated Election of Officers is next on the agenda. **A motion was made by Commissioner Norris to elect Commissioner Faulk as Chairman. Commissioner Magee passed the gavel to Commissioner Faulk and seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Commissioner Faulk then passed the gavel back to Commissioner Magee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk, seconded by Commissioner Norris to elect Commissioner Magee as Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Faulk to elect Commissioner Norris as Treasurer/Vice Chairman. Commissioner Magee passed the gavel to Commissioner Faulk and seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Then gavel was passed back to Commissioner Magee.

Commissioner Magee mentioned the possible need for an executive meeting in the future regarding the Liles litigation. The attorney will notify the Board if an executive meeting is needed. He asked the Board to appoint himself as the authority to continue communications with the attorney in reference to the Liles litigation. **A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk to authorize Commissioner Magee to continue as the**

liaison for communications with the attorney regarding the Liles litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magee has instructed Director Brewer to meet with all employees to inform them they are not to speak to anyone regarding the Liles litigation and to have them sign an agreement stating they been informed not to do so.

Director Brewer presented the Activity Report for the month of November 2015. He has a new map for the Board Room to show the coop sites. There were two chickens positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). Director Brewer spoke of a conversation between District Staff and Florida Medical Entomology Lab researchers concerning the question of number of chickens per chicken coop. The researchers suggested having six chickens per coop, especially in the coops where more positive chickens are found. They suggested looking at the coops as a three tier system - coop locations that often are positive for either WNV or Eastern Equine Encephalitis, locations that seldom are, and locations that rarely are. They have agreed to run statistics on our recent years of data to verify which locations qualify for each tier. During the same conversation it was made clear that wild bird testing is not cost efficient.

Concerns were raised regarding the location plans of the new sports complex, the high numbers of mosquitoes and close District participation in those plans. Director Brewer was instructed to write a letter to Larry Jones, Walton County Administrator, outlining our concerns and conveying our need to be a part of the planning process.

Director Brewer has received a plan from Engineer Scott Jenkins to put a concrete wall around the building to try to prevent flooding, which may cost an estimated \$50,000. The Board agreed to not go forward with that plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk to start the process of engineering and architectural plans for the new building. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Magee announced the Florida Mosquito Control Association 2016 Dodd Short Courses will be in Altamonte Springs, Florida from January 25-29, 2016. The American Mosquito Control Association 83rd Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia will be February 7-11, 2016.

Director Brewer stated his action items are to meet with employees and have them to sign agreement stating they have been informed not to discuss the Liles case, send letter to Larry Jones regarding mosquito control at the new sports complex, and continue working toward an

agreement with the County concerning roadside ditch maintenance.

Director Brewer stated the dates for the Tallahassee Days event have been rescheduled to February 22 and 23, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Norris, seconded by Commissioner Faulk to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Tim Norris, Secretary

John Magee, Chairman