

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2011

The Board of Commissioners of the South Walton County Mosquito Control District held its Regular Board Meeting at the headquarters office in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida at 9:34 a.m.

The Commissioners attending the meeting were Robert Hudson and John Magee. Commissioner Crawford was absent. Also attending the meeting were Director Stephen Sickerman, Office Manager Geraldine Via, Secretary Cynthia Dillingham, Scott Jenkins, of Garver LLC.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Magee, seconded by Commissioner Hudson to approve minutes of the March 15, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report for March 2011 was reviewed.

The Activity Report was reviewed.

Commissioner Hudson stated that he had attended the Walton County Board of County Commissioners meeting and they were selecting a firm to represent the County's claim against BP Oil for loss of revenue from last year's oil spill. His opinion was that SWCMCD should consider making a claim and should do so before April 23, 2013. He stated that representation would be needed and gave the names of 2 firms who were interested in representing the District: Matthews, Jones & Hawkins and Nix, Patterson, & Roach. Commissioner Hudson suggested that the firms be contacted and asked to make a presentation at the next Board meeting. **A motion was made by Commissioner Magee, seconded by Commissioner Hudson to ask those two firms to make a presentation at the next Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Director Sickerman announced to the Board that SWCMCD participated in the Earth Day Celebration held at Topsail Preserve State Park, Saturday, April 16. He and Geraldine Via set up an education booth for public awareness of mosquito control, which included displays, literature, and a drawing for a mosquito puzzle or bug viewer. He stated that there were approximately 100 visitors to the booth and 77 entries for the drawing. The Commissioners indicated that they were in favor of promoting the District and public awareness about mosquito control at other local events.

Engineer Scott Jenkins presented a written report detailing his analysis of the stormwater

flow through the mosquito ditch MC-17 and culvert system at 13th Street and Churchill Bayou Road. He recommended to: 1) increase the size of two downstream driveway culverts on 13th Street; 2) reconstruct the ditch along Churchill Bayou Road between 13th and 16th Streets; and 3) elevate the west bank of MC-17 south of Churchill Bayou Road. **A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson, seconded by Commissioner Magee to have Director Sickerman meet with Ryan Douglass, Construction Engineer Manager for Walton County Public Works, Scott Jenkins, and Commissioner Crawford to proceed with Mr. Jenkins' recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.**

Director Sickerman informed the Board that SWCMCD will have to apply for a National Pesticide Discharge Elimination System permit with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection by October 31, 2011 unless the NPDES rules are changed by the Federal government. The Notice of Intent permit costs \$500.00 and will be effective for 5 years.

Director Sickerman stated that at Commissioner Magee's request he had spoken with Bob Rogers, Property Manager at Seascape Resort, regarding a problem with midges and mosquitoes, and that larvae found during inspection was treated with larvicide.

Director Sickerman informed the Board that he will be interviewing for the part time spray positions within the week.

Director Sickerman informed the Board that he and Office Manager Via met last week with Lane Rees, of HR Solutions to discuss the Employee Handbook. Mr. Rees said that he would like to contact each Commissioner individually to get an idea of what they felt was important regarding the handbook.

Director Sickerman announced that the American Mosquito Control Association Washington Conference will be held May 9-11, 2011. Commissioners Magee and Hudson stated that they will not be attending the conference.

Commissioner Magee reported on his trip to Tallahassee in support of the Public Health Entomology Research & Education Center of Panama City. He said that Representative Marti Coley had earmarked \$500,000 from education that would fund the PHEREC Lab for one more year. Commissioner Magee said that Florida A&M University terminated the lease on the 10 acre property where the Lab is located, but they are trying to get FAMU to renew the lease and to find another educational institution to support the PHEREC Lab.

Commissioner Magee asked Director Sickerman to present an update on the Five Year

Plan at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Hudson stated that he was concerned about the ditch property owners project that Attorney Bytell has been working on. He asked Director Sickerman for an update, as he did not want that project to fall through the cracks. Director Sickerman stated that Attorney Bytell is planning to meet with him this afternoon to discuss it.

In response to a question from Commissioner Hudson, Director Sickerman stated that he and Office Manager Via would present a Tentative Budget at the next Board meeting. **A motion was made by Commissioner Magee, seconded by Commissioner Hudson, to schedule the Budget Workshop on May 17, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson, seconded by Commissioner Magee to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

James Crawford, Chairman

Robert Hudson, Secretary