

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 24, 2023**

**I. Call to Order:**

Board President Cynthia Gray called to order the Benton County Mosquito Control Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 PM on April 24, 2023.

**II. Roll Call:**

The following members were present: Richard Bloom, Bill Moore, Brad Beauchamp, and Cynthia Gray. Thomas Groom and Jessica Wadsworth were absent.

**III. Approval of Minutes for the March 27, 2023, Regular Meeting:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Richard Bloom and seconded by Bill Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Guest Agenda Items:**

There were no Guest Agenda Items.

**V. Financial Report:**

Cynthia Gray, Board President, asked if there were any questions regarding the financial information provided in the board packets. None received.

District Manager Angela Beehler indicated there was nothing remarkable to note. She briefly discussed supply, material, and chemical purchases.

**VI. Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

**VII. Manager's Report:**

District Manager Angela Beehler stated that there are currently 25 seasonals on staff. Eighteen of the seasonal staff are working in the field and of those 14 have pesticide applicator licenses. Two seasonals will be testing tomorrow, April 25, one seasonal will be testing the following week and another seasonal testing in June.

Outreach activities are on-going. The Salmon Summit was a success and while we were not able to conduct a drone demonstration due to wind and safety concerns, we did have Morty the Mosquito, who was very effective at engaging the children at the

event. In June, we will have a presence at the Prosser Scottish Fest, which coincides with a peak mosquito season for the area.

Advertising efforts are currently focused on what the Mosquito District does, how to recognize us (uniforms and vehicles), letting everyone know we're here to work for them to manage and control mosquito populations, and recommending spring cleanup and mosquito season preparations such as fixing irrigation sprinklers, ensuring tarps don't have pooled water on top and emptying items that hold water.

One aerial larvicide application occurred last week at Barker ranch and an aerial larvicide application will occur tomorrow morning for Barker ranch areas, Byron ponds and Grandview sewage lagoons.

There was a short discussion on beavers and beaver dams. Richard Bloom indicated that the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation will capture and relocate beavers to Mount Adams area. Richard will provide contact information to Angela as this may be an additional option to addressing beaver and beaver dam management.

The annual tire recycling event occurred on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Five thousand, three hundred and sixty-two (5,362) tires were collected during the event. The current grant contractor out of Spokane has already started collecting the tires and should complete the pickup tomorrow, April 25, 2023.

Today, an accident occurred with one of the field vehicles. The staff person was not at fault in the accident and, fortunately, was not seriously injured. The employee's parents are taking the employee to the doctor to have her checked out as a standard precaution. The truck has been towed to Mel's Collision Repair in Kennewick for an assessment of whether it can be repaired or if the truck will be considered a total loss.

### **VIII. Old Business:**

The desk, file cabinets and bookshelf, approved at the March Board meeting for surplus, sold for \$400.

### **IX. New Business:**

There was no new business.

### **X. Payment of Bills and Signing of Documents:**

Following review by the Board, Richard Bloom moved, and Brad Beauchamp seconded the motion to approve and sign warrant numbers 10496 through 10540, direct payroll deposits, and tax payments for a combined total of \$94,633.88.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Richard Bloom (Aye), Bill Moore (Aye), and Brad Beauchamp (Aye).

**XI. Adjournment:**

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, Cynthia Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Angela Beehler**  
**District Manager**

**ATTEST: Richard Bloom**  
**Secretary**

**ATTEST: Tom Groom**  
**Trustee**