

FRESNO WESTSIDE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
2555 N STREET - FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES: Board Meeting -----May 20, 2021
Headquarters-----Firebaugh, California

Remote Meeting

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Capuchino, Fickett (remote), Williams, Ram (remote,
partial meeting attendance), Fontana, Felker

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Conlin Reis, Dist. Manager

President Fontana called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

Trustee Fickett arrived at 12:55 p.m.

* President Fontana called for review of the General Consent items. Following discussion and review, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the general consent items, as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Capuchino SECOND: Trustee Felker

There was no public comment.

The Manager provided a brief oral report on District operations, legislative, regulatory and other issues of importance to this District.

The Manager reported on meetings he has attended over the past month on behalf of the District and provided an oral report on issues of importance discussed at those meetings.

The Manager informed the Board of upcoming meetings and let them know which meetings he plans to attend on behalf of the District.

Trustee Ram left at this time (1:36 pm).

* The Manager presented the 2021-22 Salaries packet. The Board discussed the current salary ranges and potential Cost of Living increases. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and, passed unanimously to approve the salary schedule at a 4% COLA in line with the current CPI and salary comparisons to similar districts.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Fickett

* The Manager presented the 2021-22 Budget packet (including the draft proposed budget). After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Williams

* The Manager presented the 21-22 Engineer's Report for the district's benefit assessment. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pass Resolution #285, approving the engineer's report and authorizing the provision of notice for the benefit assessment public hearing.

MOTION: Trustee Williams SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

RESOLUTION # 285

Ayes: Capuchino, Fickett, Williams, Fontana, Felker

Nos: None

Abstain/Absent: Ram

* The Manager presented the calculation of the Proposition 4 spending limitations.. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pass Resolution #286, setting the appropriations limit as calculated.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

RESOLUTION # 286

Ayes: Capuchino, Fickett, Williams, Fontana, Felker

Nos: None

Abstain/Absent: Ram

* The Board considered an extension of the offer to purchase the excess property from the HQ expansion for a period of one year. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, to approve the extension.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

* After some discussion of the ongoing mosquito production on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Mendota Wildlife Area, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to declare an ongoing nuisance pursuant to the Health and Safety Code section 2064.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

* The Board authorized the following individuals to sign on the District's checking account (revolving account), effective immediately:

Trustees: Bob Felker, Rene Ram, Leo Capuchino, Mark Fickett, Frank Williams, Eric Fontana.

Staff: Conlin Reis

The Manager presented the district consolidation feasibility analysis.

The President asked the Trustees to report on mosquito conditions and public opinion in their respective areas. Nothing was reported at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on June 10, 2021.

Chairman

Secretary