

DISTRICT FRESNO WESTSIDE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
2555 N Street - FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA, 93622

MINUTES: Board Meeting ----- December 18, 2023
Headquarters ----- Firebaugh, California

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Capuchino, Felker, Fontana, Williams, Ram

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Conlin Reis, Dist. Manager

President Capuchino called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

* President Capuchino called for review of the General Consent items. The Quarterly Investment Report was included in these items. Following discussion and review, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the general consent items, as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Ram

* The Board approved the Annual Audit as presented.

There was no public comment.

The Manager provided an overview of mosquito and WNV activity in the region and state.

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

The Manager provided a very brief report on meetings he had attended over the past month on behalf of the District. The Manager informed the Board of upcoming meetings and let them know which meetings he and the staff plan to attend on behalf of the District.

The Manager reported on the winter hours of operations. The staff will work 4 10-hour days, Mon-Thurs through the end of January.

* The Board approved the 2024 meeting schedule as presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Fontana

* The Board considered health insurance renewal for 2024. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the 2024 renewal with the same health plan as the previous year.

MOTION: Trustee Ram

SECOND: Trustee Felker

* A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to sign the California Department of Public Health Cooperative Agreement for 2024.

MOTION: Trustee Fontana

SECOND: Trustee Felker

The Board considered changes to Policy 5070: Lack of Quorum and 2040: Sick Leave. Action, if any, will be taken at the next regular board meeting.

* Due to limits with vehicle availability and the needs for fleet replacement, the Board authorized the manager, at his discretion, to purchase up to two additional vehicles (a total of four for the fiscal year) to replace fleet vehicles.

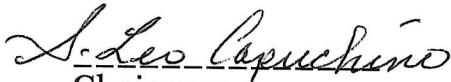
MOTION: Trustee Felker


SECOND: Trustee Williams

* The Board discussed creation of a biocontrol station and ponds at the main district site to replace the current ponds offsite. It was the consensus of the Board that the manager take the necessary steps to initiate a needs analysis and begin planning of the potential project.

The Trustees were asked to report on mosquito conditions and public opinions in their respective areas. No issues were reported at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on January 11, 2024.


Chairman


Secretary