

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

MINUTES: Board Meeting -----April 11, 2019
Headquarters-----Firebaugh, California
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Capuchino, Felker, Fickett, Williams, Ram, Fontana
TRUSTEES ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Conlin Reis, Dist. Manager

President Fontana called the meeting to order at 12:54 p.m.

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

MOTION: Trustee Fickett SECOND: Trustee Williams

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.

* The Manager presented additional details on the 457 option provided by Teacher's Pension. Most trustees felt that there were sufficient retirement options at this time. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to not add the new 457 option.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Felker

Ayes: Ram, Felker, Fickett, Williams, Fontana

Nos: Capuchino

Abstain/Absent: None

* Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 2064, the manager presented information on the ongoing nuisance conditions on the Mendota Wildlife Area. With no expected changes to management practices, similar interventions to previous years would be necessary. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to declare an ongoing nuisance on the MWA. The district will continue to waive civil penalties but will assess monthly costs to CDFW.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Fickett

* The Board unanimously declared the Ford F-150 (2009), Vehicle # 10, surplus property and authorized the manager to prepare it for sale.

MOTION: Trustee Capuchino SECOND: Trustee Williams

* A motion was made to take an agenda item out of order. The renewal of aircraft insurance was moved to this time to allow the Board to switch to the budget packet for the remaining meeting items. A motion to this end was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. to move the agenda item.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Williams

* The Manager presented the aircraft insurance renewal for 2019-20. After some discussion, a motion as made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve renewal of the insurance and to decline Terrorism coverage.

MOTION: Trustee Felker SECOND: Trustee Fickett

The Manager presented the 2019-20 Salaries packet. The Board discussed the current salary ranges and potential Cost of Living increases. No action was taken at this time.

The Manager presented the 2019-20 Budget packet (including the draft preliminary budget). No action was taken at this time.

Trustee Fickett left at 2:50 pm.

* The Board discussed the rate of the Benefit Assessment for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. The Board reviewed the funding history and expected capital expenditures over the next few years. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to not increase the Benefit Assessment at this time.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

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

The Board requested the manager gather cost-benefit information for the installation of solar panels at the District. This will be presented into the next board meeting and incorporated into the proposed budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on May 09, 2019.

Chairman

Secretary