



South Walton County Mosquito Control District  
2023-2024 Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 10:00 AM  
**Minutes of Meeting**

The Board of Commissioners of the South Walton County Mosquito Control District held its Regular Board Meeting at the District Office at 774 North Highway 393, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida on December 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

Chairman Kristine Faulk called the meeting to order December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and opened with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

The Commissioners attending the meeting, Doug Liles, Steve Young, and Kristine Faulk, were present. Attorney Hayward Dykes was present.

Staff Present:     Darrin Dunwald, Director  
                          Cammie Henderson, Office Manager  
                          Gerry Williams, Operations Manager

Public:             Adrienne Campbell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

November 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Request for motion to approve board minutes for October & November.

Motioned by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Seconded by: Commissioner Steve Young

Motion approved: Unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

Financial Report for October & November. Discussion Ensued.

Commissioner Doug Liles asked to have the interest rates included in the financial report.

October & November Expenditures. Discussion Ensued.

Request for motion to approve October & November expenditures as presented.

Motioned by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Seconded by: Commissioner Steve Young

Motion approved: Unanimously.

Budget Amendment #1. Discussion Ensued.

Request for motion to approve Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

Motioned by: Commissioner Steve Young

Seconded by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Motion approved: Unanimously.



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### LEGAL

October & November Billing. Discussion Ensued.

Commissioner Doug Liles asked if the law firm has business with the County. Concerned about DEP and EPA issues with PFAS.

Commissioner Steve Young asked for an action item: create a plan moving forward.

- (1) – Report on “Forever Chemicals” – is the county doing anything about them?
- (2) – Amy to put together a plan to move forward.

Commissioner Liles believes we need to write a letter to the EPA and DEP and simply lay request direction. Director Darrin Dunwald stated that he and Amy can write the letter. Commissioner Doug Liles stated he could assist.

Commissioner Doug Liles asked about the Blockchain research and if Amy had received a response from Patronis about the 2 pilot programs, they did with Blockchain.

Request for motion to approve October & November legal invoices.

Motioned by: Commissioner Steve Young

Seconded by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Motion approved: Unanimously.

### OPERATIONS

November Summary – Discussion Ensued.

Service requests

Commissioner Doug Liles asked about being able to track the usage of spraying the roadside ditches. Questions

- Do we have areas where we must put extra product in because there is standing water where we normally don't have to treat?
- Where there may be a percolation problem due to construction runoff or other things?
- Do we have the ability to calculate the cost?

Discussion Ensued. Gerry Williams discussed the meeting with County Administrator and the positive feedback from the County.

Director Darrin Dunwald stated his action item list of problem ditch areas due to poor percolation.

Additional summary from November:

- stated that we had a West Nile case in the Blue Mountain area.
- that we are only given an area, we are not allowed to know the name and/or actual address of the person that tested positive.

Signage – we have 3 quotes. Discussion Ensued. (Tabled until January 18<sup>th</sup>)

- Contact the County for the plan for Hwy 393.

Commissioner Doug Liles indicated that we need to give local sign companies a chance to quote. Commissioner Doug Liles will provide the number for the sign company that he used.

Attorney Hayward Dykes stated that there are statutory requirements covering the lowest bid.

Discussion Ensued.

Commissioner Steve Young actions items is:

- Evaluate the sign proposal and develop recommendations to present to the Board.



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### Travel Policy review. Discussion Ensued.

Commissioner Doug Liles would like to see the certification for each employee on the website. Commissioner Doug Liles wants to clarify that the training is for certifications and development for employees to improve their job skills.

Request for motion to approve travel as presented and include PFAS conference in May. For the improvement/certification for the employees and commissioners.

Motioned by: Commissioner Steve Young

Seconded by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Motion approved: Unanimously.

### Tuition Reimbursement

Adrienne Campbell wants to know why the employee is attending Unity College instead of a Florida school. Discussion Ensued. Commissioner Steve Young would like to add a pre-approval to the new tuition reimbursement policy. Commissioner Doug Liles would like to add that we preferred to be a Florida school.

Request for motion to approve tuition reimbursement for David Towery.

Motioned by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Seconded by: Commissioner Steve Young

Motion approved: Unanimously.

### COMMISSIONERS

#### Seat – 1 Doug Liles

Blockchain, wants to wait to see what Amy Myers finds out. Went to a conference in September in Washington DC on Blockchain and was approached by someone from the State Jason Holloway, Director of Blockchain and virtual currency. Going to ask them to fund our blockchain on the building.

Commissioner Steve Young would like to see that as a project. Discussion Ensued.

#### Seat – 2 Steve Young - None

#### Seat – 3 Kristine Faulk - None

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Dump Truck Rental

Commissioner Liles wanted additional information regarding the dump truck with a driver. Discussion ensued. Attorney Hayward Dykes stated that we may want to do an RFP and get a list of approved companies that we can call when we need. Discussion Ensued.

#### TRC Review

We don't have power in our special district statutes to charge fees.

Commissioner Doug Liles wants to know if we can put a disclaimer in the TRC system. He would like to have the disclaimer brought to the board for a vote before using.

#### Safety Matrix

Gerry Williams is working on the safety matrix.

#### Specification of the District's ditches.

This is still in process.



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NEW BUSINESS

Action Items:

- 1) PFAS – County’s stance on PFAS concerning contamination through our ditches to the bay by conveyance of stormwater. Write a letter to EPS and DEP if there’s a plan-in-place.
- 2) Amy – outcome of Blockchain information.
- 3) List of problematic breeding areas through poor percolation and/or draining.
- 4) Get with County on 393 road projects. Copy of the plans.
- 5) Mark a recommendation to the Board for sign company by value.
- 6) Dump truck with driver rental. Possible RFP to have a list of approved companies.
- 7) Disclaimer – we are not responsible for storm water through our ditches.
- 8) Update Educational Reimbursement Plan.
  - i. Pre-approval for education reimbursement.
  - ii. Florida schools
- 9) Add a layer to field seeker to show areas of code issues turned in on the map.
- 10) Add certification to our website.
- 11) Check with firm on any relationships with the county.
- 12) Include interest rates in the financial statements.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION AND PUBLIC

Adrienne Campbell was approached by the Walton County PIO to request photos for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Walton County. Cammie Henderson will turn this over to Bernadette Canut, PIO, to contract Walton County PIO.

Request for motion to Adjourn by Chairperson Kristine Faulk

Motioned by: Commissioner Doug Liles

Seconded by: Commissioner Steve Young

Motion approved: Unanimously.

Meeting adjourns by Chairperson Kristine Faulk at 12:07 AM.

Chairperson Kristine Faulk: Kristine Faulk 1-18-2024

Commissioner Steve Young: St Young 1-18-2024

Commissioner Doug Liles: Doug Liles 1-18-2024