

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

MINUTES: Board Meeting -----April 9, 2020
Online Meeting-----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 12:56 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 Ram SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

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 that he had not attended any meetings in the past month and that most meetings were cancelled for the immediate future.

* The Manager presented the 2020-21 Salaries packet. The Board discussed the current salary ranges and potential Cost of Living increases. Trustee Ram suggested we add to the salary comparison some similar districts that may be outside the region and that we remove reports dating greater than ten years from the budget packet for subsequent years. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and, passed unanimously to approve the salary schedule at a 3% COLA in line with the current CPI and salary comparisons to similar districts.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

* The Manager presented the 2020-21 Budget packet (including the draft preliminary budget). After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and, passed unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Capuchino SECOND: Trustee Williams

* The Board discussed the rate of the Benefit Assessment for the 2020-21 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 Williams SECOND: Trustee Felker

* The Board discussed reduction of SDRMA property/liability coverage from 5 million to 2.5 million for a potential savings of 5% on the increased premium for the next fiscal year. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to not reduce the coverage.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Felker

The President asked the Trustees to report on mosquito conditions and public opinion in their respective areas. Trustee Felker reported some activity a few weeks back but nothing currently.

* A motion was made, seconded and, passed unanimously to move the May Regular Board meeting to May 21st at 12:45 pm to accommodate the manager's schedule.

MOTION: Trustee Ram

SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on May 21, 2020.

Chairman

Secretary