

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

MINUTES: Board Meeting -----May 09, 2024
Headquarters-----Firebaugh, California

Remote Meeting

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Capuchino, Williams, Ram, Fontana

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Felker

OTHERS PRESENT: Conlin Reis, Dist. Manager

President Capuchino called the meeting to order at 12:49 p.m.

* President Capuchino 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 Williams SECOND: Trustee Fontana

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 the 2024-25 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 COLA and salary comparisons to similar districts.

MOTION: Trustee Fontana SECOND: Trustee Ram

* The Manager presented the 2024-25 Budget packet (including the draft proposed budget and the reserves report). After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the budget and reserves report as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Williams SECOND: Trustee Capuchino

* The Manager presented Resolution #302, a resolution Transferring Money from Aircraft Replacement Reserve (3105.4) to Capital Expense:Aircraft (5373) and from Operating Reserve (3105.2) to Capital Expense:Auto (5372). After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the resolution.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Williams

RESOLUTION # 302

Ayes: Capuchino, Ram, Williams, Fontana

Nos: None

Abstain/Absent: Felker (Absent)

* The Manager presented the 24-25 Engineer's Report for the district's benefit assessment. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pass Resolution #303, approving the engineer's report and authorizing the provision of notice for the benefit assessment public hearing.

MOTION: Trustee Williams SECOND: Trustee Fontana

RESOLUTION # 303

Ayes: Capuchino, Ram, Williams, Fontana

Nos: None

Abstain/Absent: Felker (Absent)

* 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 #294, setting the appropriations limit as calculated.

MOTION: Trustee Ram SECOND: Trustee Williams

RESOLUTION # 304

Ayes: Capuchino, Ram, Williams, Fontana

Nos: None

Abstain/Absent: Felker (Absent)

* The Board considered the change or addition of Policy 1010 (removing first meeting presentation requirement for policy changes), Policy 2205 (Updating WP Violence Program); Policy 3010 (Adding WP violence of the IIPP), Policy 2005 (removing non-psychoactive cannabis metabolites from drug testing), Policy 2380 (adding the interim manager position).

After some discussion a motion was made, seconded and, passed unanimously to approve Policies 2005, 2205, and 3010 (which were presented last meeting). The other items will have action taken on them at the next regular board meeting.

. MOTION: Trustee Williams SECOND: Trustee Fontana

* The Manager opened bids for surplus trucks in the presence of the Board. The highest bidder for each truck was as follows:

2011 Ford F-150	\$3555.00
2008 Ford F-150	\$3200.00
1998 GMC Sonoma	\$2055.00

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the bids as presented.


MOTION: Trustee Williams SECOND: Trustee Fontana

The President asked the Trustees to report on mosquito conditions and public opinion in their respective areas. President Capuchino reported problems in an area within Mendota and Chance Rowan informed him that a tech will be sent there the following day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on June 13, 2024.



Chairman



Secretary