Regular Meeting Minutes

Florida Keys Mosquito Control District
Marathon Office
503 107th Street Marathon, FL 33050

September 15, 2026 3:32 pm

The Board of Commissioners of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District held a Regular Meeting on September 15, 2026 at the FKMCD Marathon Office.

Present Were: Phillip Goodman, Chairman; Dr. Stanley Zuba, Vice-Chairman; Brandon Pinder, Commissioner; Bette Brown, Secretary/Treasurer; Andrea Leal, Executive Director; **Hunter O'Connor**, Board Attorney. Jill Cranney, Commissioner, was absent.

Employees Present Were: Lauren Bouchard, Director of Finance; Mikki Coss, Director of Operations; Chad Huff, Public Education & Information Officer; Abigail Smith, Education Coordinator; Dr. Larry Hribar, Director of Research; Rochele Miller, Executive/HR Assistant; Tony Nunez, Chief Technology Officer.

Invited Guests Present: None.

***Community Input*:** None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: *Chairman Goodman asked the Board if there were any corrections or additions to the consent agenda, having none, the consent agenda was approved.*

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Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Brown plans to resume the ITN for Banking process now that the budget season is over and expects to complete it by early next year. She also mentioned that she and Ms. Bouchard will work together to consolidate some of the financial reports in the near future.

***Attorney's Report*:** None.

Director's Report: Executive Director, Andrea Leal began with the news regarding the on-going dengue outbreak in Hillsborough County, which is up to 90 confirmed locally acquired cases, up from 30 just a few weeks ago. This outbreak is widespread, not confined to a specific area. Manatee and Pasco neighboring counties have assisted with aerial missions and manpower. Next month, we will talk more about mosquito-borne disease response in a workshop. Locally, we've still only seen 3 travel-related cases. We continue to liquid larvicide to remain proactive.

Operationally, it's been relatively dry. Salt Marsh mosquito numbers were lower than the historical average throughout the District in August. Sixty-two (62) truck adulticide missions were conducted in August, which is less than the historical average. We completed twenty-three (23) aerial granular larvicide missions, thirty-eight (38) ground liquid larvicide missions, and we completed four (4) aerial liquid larvicide missions in Key West. *Aedes aegypti* numbers did not exceed the action thresholds for adulticide in August. Service requests (173) were well below the historical average for August. Within the last couple of weeks, we're seeing rainfall and staying on top of it.

For community outreach, one of our pilots, Shalena, will attend the Girls in Aviation event at Marathon Airport on Saturday with the helicopter, and Chad will have a booth set up. The Key West National Weather Service team has some new employees who will return for a better understanding of mosquito control. Our partnership with them has made a significant difference by providing accurate wind direction and rainfall predictions.

There have been several news articles recently and those will be shared as they become available. We are now members of the Ocean Reef Chamber. Director Leal has invited all Commissioners to attend the monthly meetings and luncheons as their schedules allow. Rob and Justin are in Texas again this week, hoping to return with the new helicopter and both spray systems fully operational.

Lauren Bouchard, Director of Finance, gave the financial update for August. The total balance across both accounts was $11,417,685.95, divided into a 70/30 split. The average monthly yield was 3.3% at Centennial Bank and 3.7767% at FL CLASS. The FL CLASS rating remains AAAm.

Director Leal encouraged the Board to let her know if they have workshop ideas or education opportunities.

Items for Board Discussion:

***10a.)* Dragonflies and Mosquito Control:** Dr. Larry Hribar, Director of Research, conducted an in-depth investigation into the potential use of dragonflies for mosquito control. He began by explaining the biological differences between dragonflies and damselflies. Dr. Hribar then presented his detailed findings. After reviewing 32 publications, examining 11 mosquito species, and considering the results of other studies and statutes, it was concluded that naiads and Odonata could be used to control mosquitoes. However, financial, legal, and logistical challenges make this approach unfeasible for the Florida Keys.

***10b.)* Audit Committee Evaluation:** Lauren Bouchard, Director of Finance, reviewed the Annual Evaluation Form questions with the Board, in relation to the audit completed for 2025. There was some discussion regarding the process and deadlines, while Ms. Bouchard requested their responses to consolidate the answers into one document to present at the next meeting.

Items for Board Review and Action:

11a.) Financial Reports: Lauren Bouchard, Director of Finance, presented the financial reports for August. The State and Local Fund expenditures were primarily for chemicals, which is typical for summer. Looking ahead to September, we anticipate insurance policy renewals, lease payments, and capital expenditures for the helicopter retrofit. District financial balances are through September 10th. With no further discussion, *A motion was made by Commissioner Pinder, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed unanimously* confirming the Board received the financial information from August of 2026, and the Board requests it be submitted for audit at the appropriate time.

Good of the Order:

- Chairman Goodman stated the next meeting will be held on October 13th, 2026. Retiree Healthcare Trust will begin at 1:00 pm followed by a Mosquito-Borne Disease Response Workshop at 1:30 pm. The Regular Meeting will immediately follow. Director Leal will confirm with Commissioner Cranney that the Audit Committee meetings will begin in November.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Leal
Executive Director

Board of Commissioners
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District

Phillip L. Goodman, Chairman

Bette Brown, Secretary-Treasurer

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