

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

April 21, 2026 1:00 pm

The Board of Commissioners of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District held a Regular Meeting on April 21, 2026 at the FKMCD Marathon Office.

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

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

Invited Guests Present: Mayor Danise Henriquez, City of Key West; Dorian Patton, City of Key West; Mayor Michelle Lincoln, Monroe County Board of Commissioners; Kara Franker, President & CEO, Visit Florida Keys; Ed Simon, Visit Florida Keys; Crystal Blaskis, Visit Florida Keys; Allison Morgan, Visit Florida Keys; Brian Cassidy, Cassidy Investments; Bill Shaw, Retiree Representative for the OPEB Trust.

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.

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Goodman asked the Board if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.

Invited Speaker: Chairman Goodman welcomed Mayor DeeDee Henriquez of the City of Key West, who expressed gratitude to the District for their efforts. She presented a proclamation declaring April 19–25, 2026, as Florida Mosquito Control Awareness Week to encourage all residents to learn about mosquito prevention, support local mosquito control initiatives, and recognize the important contributions of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District.

Invited Speaker: Chairman Goodman welcomed Michelle Lincoln, County Mayor. Mayor Lincoln emphasized the importance of communication and expressed her gratitude to the District for the work they do. She described the Florida Keys as 120 linear miles, highlighting how this impacts the cost of doing business, as well as the health, safety, and well-being of both residents and tourists alike. Ad valorem taxes account for 24.9% of the county budget. Of that amount, 92% funds public safety and constitutional officers, while the remaining 8% is allocated to running the county. Still, Monroe County remains the lowest millage rate in Florida. They are working diligently to reduce costs, while providing the best for the residents here in the county and appreciate the work by FKCMD to keep our residents and tourists healthy and safe. Chairman Goodman expressed the Board's appreciation for the partnership.

Invited Speaker: Chairman Goodman welcomed Kara Franker, President & CEO, Visit Florida Keys and the Tourist Development Council. She thanked the Board for the presentations and tour. She now realizes what we do and how important it is to work together for the local economy. She will explore more ways to partner with us. She explained the role of Visit Florida Keys to champion tourism and strengthen community connections. Their District Advisory Committees are made up of community leaders and volunteers who make decisions based on balancing the needs of residents and visitors alike. The benefits to our residents include tax savings of approximately \$11,500 per year because of the tourism economy as well as providing jobs. Visit Florida Keys has been focusing on a branding initiative and new direction that will be revealed in May. Ms. Franker shared their AI approach to marketing to stay competitive and reach global travelers. May 4th, everyone is encouraged to attend the National Travel & Tourism Week Kick Off and any other meeting. Chairman Goodman expressed gratitude for their attendance and future collaboration.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Brown stated that the process for an Invitation to Negotiate for Banking Services has begun.

Attorney's Report: None.

Director's Report: Executive Director, Andrea Leal, acknowledged Vanessa Nicholson and Robert Svoboda as Employees of the Quarter. Both were recognized for going above and beyond in working with Aviation and always maintaining positive attitudes. Patti Sprague was officially acknowledged for her 15 years of service since she was unable to attend the March meeting. Tom Loftus, A&P Mechanic, was recognized for 10 years of service.

Director Leal reported that there are still only two confirmed travel-related cases of Chikungunya in Monroe County. Travel-related cases of Chikungunya and dengue fever continue to occur in South Florida, and the district will continue to monitor the situation. Operationally, saltmarsh and *Aedes aegypti* mosquito populations were lower than historical averages. No truck or aerial missions were conducted. Service requests were below the historical average for March. Aerial droplet testing has been completed, and we are prepared for the season. Due to tidal events, we are actively treating affected areas. We have received proclamations from governmental partners, including the Village of Islamorada, City of Marathon, Monroe County Board of Commissioners, City of Key Colony Beach, and the City of Key West.

The FKMCD Open House, held on Saturday, April 18th, was a success, welcoming approximately 130 guests. The displays and helicopter demonstrations received high praise. Director Leal thanked the staff and leaders who brought this vision to life. Director Leal then summarized the recent AMCA annual meeting. The AMCA Meeting always offers something of interest for everyone. A key takeaway is that the CDC anticipates a significant year for Chikungunya and has a response plan in place.

Lauren Bouchard, the Director of Finance, gave an investment update for the end of March 2026. She stated that the Centennial account is active and functioning. The total amount of \$16,232,996.13 has been distributed, with 70% held in the Centennial Bank account and 30% invested in FLClass. Transfers will be conducted as necessary to cover upcoming expenses.

Our annual Hurricane Plan will be discussed at the May meeting.

Items for Board Discussion:

13a.) Church Property – Executive Director Andrea Leal and staff will request a more specific letter to officially terminate the lease and confirmed they are up to date with payment. Future uses for the building are being discussed and will be communicated at the May or June meeting. The building itself is in good shape.

13b.) Public Education and Information – Abby Smith, the Education Coordinator, presented the curriculum for the programs currently offered to students from Kindergarten to 5th grade. These programs focus on key principles that promote independent investigation by students, using a method called Inquiry-Based Learning. Lessons designed to develop critical thinking and curiosity encourage students to delve deeper and share what they discover with others. The calendar includes scheduled homeschool programs and school events, and there are plans to introduce programs for middle and high school students in the next academic year. Additionally, summer camps and library programs are filling up fast. Her presentation was provided. Chad Huff, Public Education and Information Officer, discussed some of the goals for educating the public and keeping them informed. Chad recently recognized that videos are an effective way to engage the public, so he created reels to post and share. Mr. Huff also shared our website, highlighting the modules and capabilities. Our Homeowner’s Guide will be updated soon and made available on the website. Magnets will be created. Mr. Huff is also working on adding Commissioner bios to the website to share with the public. He stated that we’re doing our best to stay relevant and accessible by the public.

Items for Board Review and Action:

14a.) Financial Reports – Lauren Bouchard, Director of Finance, presented the March financial reports. There was no activity in the State fund, and local expenditures for March were slightly higher than average due to increased pricing. She noted that the reserve account is now included, making the 70/30 split clearly visible. Ms. Bouchard stated that as summer approaches, chemical spending will increase in both local and state accounts, but the budget appears solid. We have begun collecting departmental requests to start gathering data for the 2026–2027 budget planning. With no further discussion, *A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed unanimously* confirming the Board received the financial information from March of 2026 and the Board requests it be submitted for audit at the appropriate time.

14b.) Resolution 2026-08 Approving the Award of RFP 2026-02 Mosquito Control Adulticide & Larvicide: A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA KEYS MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF RFP 2026-02 TO VESERIS FOR PERMETHRIN PRODUCT KONTOL 30-30, AND TO AZELIS FOR VECTOBAC GS AND VECTOBAC WDG; AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE PRODUCTS AT THE RATES PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO RFP 2026-02; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Details related to the bid tabulation and recommendations were discussed noting that staff will perform trials for competitive offerings. With no further discussion, *A motion was made by Commissioner Zuba, seconded by Commissioner Cranney, and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 2026-08 as written. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously adopted.*

14c.) Resolution 2026-09 Adopting Per Diem and Travel Expense Rates:

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA KEYS MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESCINDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 2003-06 TO ADOPT PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSE RATES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney, seconded by Commissioner Zuba, and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 2026-09 as written. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously adopted.*

14d.) Resolution 2026-10 Amending the Charter of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District Section 115 Retiree Healthcare Trust: A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA KEYS MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE FLORIDA KEYS MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT SECTION 115 RETIREE HEALTH CARE TRUST COMMITTEE SECTION “OFFICERS AND POWERS”; ADOPTING REVISIONS TO A CERTAIN SECTION; PROVIDING FOR

SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 2026-10 as written. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously adopted.

14e.) Appointment of Career Service Council Representative

A motion was made by Commissioner Cranney, seconded by Commissioner Zuba, and passed unanimously to appoint Stephen Hammond as the District's representative to the Career Service Council for a two-year term.

14f.) Executive Director Performance Evaluation

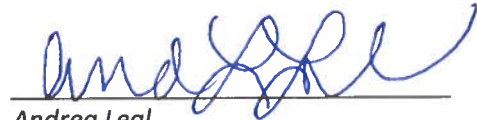
All District Commissioners had the opportunity to meet with Director Leal and commended her work with the District. Her effective, hand-on leadership and teamwork with staff and the community was praised despite the challenging year we had. A motion was made by Chairman Goodman, seconded by Commissioner Zuba, and passed unanimously to bestow a vote of high confidence for Director Leal's job performance this past year. Director Leal thanked the Board and expressed her appreciation. It is always her goal to surround herself by an amazing team.

Good of the Order:

- Chairman Goodman discussed the next meeting of the Board to be held on May 19, 2026 at 1:00pm preceded by a Strategic Planning Workshop.
- The Board discussed and reiterated the need for representation in the community. The workshops and public education are helping to strengthen our community partnerships.

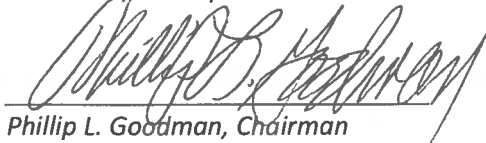
There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Leal
Executive Director

Board of Commissioners
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District



Phillip L. Goodman, Chairman



Bette Brown, Secretary-Treasurer

For additional information, please refer to www.keysmosquito.org.