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Director
 John C. Briggs

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 6, 2026

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM.
 - b. Commissioners in attendance: Jeanne Galloway, Carolyn Ness, Andrew Lover, and Greg Lewis.
 - c. Others Present: John Briggs, Director of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a. None.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/26/26
 - b. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
4. Discussion and Vote for a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Full-Time Staff
 - a. Carolyn made a motion to implement a 3% salary increase for FY27, and Andrew seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
 - b. Discussion: The Commissioners came to the consensus that staff compensation should be revisited in July or August to consider the possibility of an additional pay increase.
5. FY24 Budget Discussion and Vote
 - c. Carolyn made a motion to approve a total budget of \$166,581.28, and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
 - d. Discussion: It was requested that the fuel budget be increased from \$5,500.00 to \$7,500.00.
6. District Growth and Operational Planning for 2026
 - a. John provided the Commissioners with an update regarding the hiring process for 1.5 seasonal positions.
 - b. Greg provided a brief overview of his and John's discussion with the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board's legal counsel concerning current funding challenges facing rural mosquito control programs.
 - c. The Commissioners requested that John reach out to the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project and invite the Superintendent and Commissioners to a future PVMCD Commission meeting.
7. Membership Update
 - a. It was noted that Montague has a new Public Health Director, and John will reach out shortly.
8. Collaborative Research Activities
 - a. John provided an update on current and potential research collaborations.
9. Other Business
 - a. None.
10. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
 - a. TBD. This meeting will be held virtually.
11. Adjournment
 - a. Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
 - b. The meeting concluded at 3:28 PM.