Fish Haven Abatement District Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (12/17/2023-12/16/2024

Abatement Board:

Cynthia Erickson, Tavis Buys, Heidi Poulsen, Thad Hale, James Felt









Fish Haven Mosquito District

2025 Proposed Budget (Fiscal year 12/17/2024 – 12/16/2025)

Income:	
Projected Tax Revenue	$92,000
Total Projected Revenue	$92,000
Expenses:	
Bear Lake Mosquito Control	$91,700
Advertising of Budget Hearing	$65.00
Add to Contingency Checking & CD (for additional arial spraying, etc)	$235
Total Expenses	$92,000

Signed Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Fish Haven Mosquito Abatement District Budget Hearing
@ The Reserve Clubhouse 5:00 pm

In Attendance: Thad Hales, Jim Felt, Tavis Buys, Heidi Poulsen, Cindy Erickson, Rich Kearl

Welcome - Cindy

Heidi read the minutes from 2024 meeting
Motion to accept minutes - Thad moved, 2nd Jim and all in favor

Tavis discussed the financial report for 2025 YTD. Total Revenue $79,637 Total Expenditures: $91,765.

Presented budget for 2025-2026

Revenue - $106,438

Expenses - $95,665

Bear Lake Mosquito Control (Est)	$95,600
Advertising (Est)	$65
Add to Contingency Checking	$10,838

There is some building taking place. It's not as much as in years past but it is still happening.
Showed account statements from the bank to verify his information.
CD renews in July. Interest rates have gone down to 2.65%. Little less but not bad for interest.
Doesn't think we need to take an increase for this upcoming year. We could use some of the reserves to help lower taxes for the customers.

Cindy asked how often we can increase. Tavis said we could increase every year by 3%. Right now we have a little flexibility with limited expenses that we have.
We could set our revenue budget for 3 years and then set it back. If we do for longer than 3 years, it will have to go to a vote.

We don't have buildings to maintain. This year's chemicals maintained their price. We have some chemical in reserve.

Time turned to Rich Kearl
Report on this year, 648 miles of spray time, actual spray time. 13 spray trips over that time.
June - a week ago was doing traps every Tuesday, other than one time. No viruses detected at any time. Testing 6 small areas in Fish Haven.
Cindy asked if there was a certain type and culex mosquitos in our area were sent in as a probable carrier and no virus detected with them at all.
He has been working with the bee keepers and all has been well and good working relationships with them. Has had one encounter with a concerned citizen.
Cindy asked about the bees and if it's a problem that they are close to the roads. Rich said he respects their wishes and turns the product off in those locations and only sprays after 10 pm.

Jim Adamson requested no spraying in front of his orchards but near his house Rich is able to spray. $91,700 estimated proposed expenses and will remain the same as last year. The supplier has confirmed there is no price change. He has a full year supply as a back up. He makes sure each container is well mixed before using. He has a possibility in the contract for airplane spraying, if need be. Seems to be less flooding with more homes going in and canal use being less and that helps with the mosquitos.
Mileage has increased with the new section of the Reserve that has been added on.
A contract proposal has been passed around for all to view.
If it drops below 50 degrees, he turns off the sprayer as the mosquitos are less active during that time. No huge influxes in mosquito numbers during this year.
Thad asked if the weather affected him at the beginning of the season. He had more sprays in May than he has in awhile. Tavis thought it has slowed down as well with the heat in August. Rich talks with members in the community to see how it is going. Tavis brought up larvae treatment is a big help as well.
Tavis asked if an airplane sprayed, would it decrease the amount that he drives and sprays and Rich said it could.
Eggs can be dried and when they get wet in 4 or 5 years can still become active again.

Motion to approve proposal of $91,700 and contract from Bear Lake Mosquito Control LLC : Tavis
2nd: Jim
All approved

We passed the contract around for the Bear Lake Mosquito Control and signed 2 copies.

Concerns:
What do we need to do to replace some of our members? Do we ask them or do the commissioners? Believe we ask and submit names to the commissioners.
Tavis thinks we should set a timeframe for names and approaching potential candidates. We need to replace Thad and Jim. Names were discussed as possible candidates. Maybe submit names in October by the 31st and then reach out to candidates in November. Send names to Commissioners by December.

Vote on the budget:
Tavis thought some options are to stay the same as last year of $99,912 or enough to cover expenses which would be $92,000, which would leave our reserves whole or we could do a little less and use some reserves to lower. Discussion seemed to lead towards just covering the expenses.

Motion to approve 2025-2026 budget with the max increase of $92,000 : Thad
2nd: Jim
All in favor

Tavis will reach out to Paul or Amy at the courthouse to make sure it's done properly. We are not going to retain the forgone revenue.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn: Jim
2nd: Tavis
All in favor

Adjourned at 5:57 pm

Heidi L. Poulsen - secretary

Heidi L. Poulsen

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