

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
August 15, 2013
BOARD MEETING**

1. Roll Call:

Presiding: La Vone Liddle, Chair 2013

Time: 12:30 PM

Place: 2020 North Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Trustees Present: La Vone Liddle, Board Chair
Maureen M. Wilson, Vice Chair
G.E. 'Deac' Thomas
Dr. Dagmar Vitek
Todd Erskine (arrived 12:37 @ item #3)

Trustees Excused: None

Others Present: Sammie Lee Dickson, Ph.D., Manager
Banugopan Kesavaraju, Ph.D., Assistant Manager/Biologist
Sally Beagley, District Secretary
No members of the public were present

2. Approval of the July 18, 2013, Minutes of the July Monthly Board Meeting:

Sally Beagley, District Secretary, proposed the following correction to the July 18, 2013, Minutes of the July Monthly Board Meeting: in item #4, in the second paragraph, in the sixth sentence, delete the word 'of.' Trustee Thomas made a motion to accept the July 18, 2013, Minutes of the July Board Meeting with the proposed correction. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Presentation July 2013 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

Manager Dickson reviewed the July financial statements with the Board. All expenditures were reviewed with special attention paid to those in excess of \$500. A review was also made of any budget line items that were over the expected percentage of spending for this time of the budget year.

Near the end of July, the District was out of the pesticide granules used for aerial adulticiding. The cost per pound for these granules is \$1.77 if ordered by a full truck load (31,200 pounds) and \$2.10 per pound in smaller quantities. It was estimated that the District would need another 14,000 pounds to finish out the

rest of the season. Manager Dickson ordered a full truck load of VectoBac GS at a cost of \$55,224. This puts the line item for spraying materials \$53,000 over the budgeted amount. Agenda item #4 of this meeting, will consider the transfer of \$55,000 from the budget line item of equipment and vehicles to the spraying materials line item.

Expenses for July totaled \$275,120.26 with \$275,120.26 from the General Fund and \$0.00 from the Capital Projects Fund. Trustee Vitek made a motion to accept the July financial statement and to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thomas and passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Budget Line Item Transfer:

As of this meeting, the District has aerielly treated almost 7,500 acres for mosquito larvae. The three-year average for the number of larvicide acres by airplane is 5,180. The District had previously purchased 42,000 pounds of VectoBac GS, enough to treat 6,000 acres. It became necessary at the end of July to purchase more spray materials. A truck load of VectoBac GS (31,200 pounds) was ordered. This will cover the spraying material needs for 2013 and leave 17,000 pounds of VectoBac GS available for next season. By purchasing a full truck load, there is a savings of \$0.33 per pound. The 2013 General Fund Budget has a line item of \$420,000 for spraying materials. Because of the extra purchase in July, the spraying materials line item is now \$53,000 over budget. Manager Dickson recommends that \$55,000 be transferred from the equipment and vehicle line item. Trustee Vitek made a motion to transfer \$55,000 from the equipment and vehicle line item to the spraying material line item of the 2013 General Fund Budget. This motion was seconded by Trustee Erskine and passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Discussion on Vehicle Purchasing:

Manager Dickson said the result of the transfer of \$55,000 out of the equipment and vehicle budget line item will be that no new ATV's or vehicles will be purchased out of the 2013 Budget. To avoid two full years without replacing any of the District's fleet of vehicles, Manager Dickson is recommending purchasing them in January under the 2014 Budget. In the past, bids were sent out in August. The process of sending out the bids, getting responses from vendors and waiting for the next Board Meeting to approve the bids would take several weeks. This process will not work in January as there is a deadline for when fleet vehicles can be ordered. However, by using the state contract purchasing, new ATV's and trucks can be ordered late in 2013, received in early 2014 and paid for from the 2014 Budget and still meet the fleet vehicle ordering deadlines. There should still be ample time for the District Mechanic to make the proper modifications to the trucks and ATV's if they are received by the District early in the new budget year.

6. Report on Attended and Reminder of Upcoming Training / Meetings:

The DSLASA Board will hold its September Board Meeting at the Ogden Hinckley Airport hangar. The new Clerk / Bookkeeper, Karen Morris, will be introduced to the Board. The DSLASA Board will also set the 2014 Tentative Budget at this meeting.

The UMAA Annual Meeting to be held October 6-8, 2013, at Ruby's Inn, Bryce, Utah. Assistant Manager Kesavaraju has been guiding the two interns through a research project on aerial versus ground ULV spraying and on ABC versus homemade passive adult traps. Manager Dickson would like both of the interns to attend the UMAA Annual Meeting and present the findings of their research. The cost for each intern to attend the meeting is \$404. Trustee Vitek made a motion that we send both interns to the 2013 UMAA Annual Meeting and that each intern present the results of their research. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilson and passed with a unanimous vote.

The Utah Association of Special Districts Annual Meeting will be held in Provo, November 6-8, 2013. Trustees Liddle, Wilson, Erskine and Thomas will attend along with Assistant Manager Kesavaraju and Manager Dickson.

7. Manager's Report:

The research projects of the two interns, Nick DeLisi and Katie Hobbs, are progressing well despite uncooperative winds. Both of these interns will present their research at the UMAA Annual Meeting. Assistant Manager Kesavaraju is trying to arrange for them to present their work at a departmental seminar for the Public Health Department at the University of Utah. Assistant Manager Kesavaraju is also serving as the advisor for Ben Sperry, an employee of MAD-Davis and a master's candidate in the Public Health Department at the University of Utah. Mr. Sperry's work deals with residual ULV sprays effect on honeybees.

This year there has been 174 human cases of WNV confirmed by CDC across the country. As of this week, WNV has been detected in Utah in positive mosquito pools from Washington, Box Elder and Uintah Counties. A blood donor from Salt Lake County originally tested positive in the WNV screening process, however, subsequent tests of IGG and IGM were negative. The status of this person is still unclear.

A dead osprey from Tracey Aviary has tested positive for WNV. The District has been using gravid traps at the aviary all season and sending in mosquito pools each week from that location for testing. No positive pools have been found at any location within the District this year. It does not seem probable that we would not have identified a positive mosquito pool from this area if transmission to birds is taking place. Dr. Folland, the veterinarian that diagnosed the WNV, says that he is waiting for the test results from several more birds that have recently died at the aviary.

It appears that the number of adult mosquitoes caught in our traps peaked during the third week of July and has remained at a much lower level for the past three weeks.


8. Probable Agenda Items for the September 19, 2013, Board Meeting:

The September Board Meeting will be held on September 19, 2013, at the District office, beginning at 12:30 PM. Box lunches will be available for Trustees beginning at noon.

Probable items on the agenda will be: a report on West Nile Virus, control activities, purchase of t-shirts for the educational program and normal business issues.

9. Adjournment:

Trustee Erskine made a motion to adjourn the July Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thomas and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.



Sammie Lee Dickson, District Manager

9/19/2013
Date



La Vone Liddle, Board Chair

10/17/2013
Date