

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
16 July 2020
ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: La Vone Liddle, Chair

Time: 12:32 p.m.

Place: 2215 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Trustees Present: La Vone Liddle, Chair (Attended Remotely)
Neil Vickers, Ph.D., Vice-Chair (Attended Remotely)
Carlton Christensen (Attended Remotely)
Van Turner (Attended Remotely)
Dr. Dagmar Vitek (Joined Remotely at 12:43 p.m. for item 5.)

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Liddle called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Executive Director Faraji verified that the meeting was being recorded, and no conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of the 18 June 2020 Minutes of the June Public Hearing:

The Public Hearing Minutes covering the Certified Tax Rate, the 2020 budget amendments, and the 2021 proposed budget had been given to the Board prior to the meeting. Trustee Turner made a motion to approve the 18 June 2020 Public Hearing Minutes; the motion was seconded by Trustee Vickers and carried with all in favor.

4. Approval of the 18 June 2020 Minutes of the Monthly June Board Meeting:

The Board Members were provided an opportunity to review the pending minutes of June's regular Board Meeting in advance, and all modifications had been completed. Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the 18 June 2020 Board Meeting Minutes; Trustee Turner seconded the motion, and it carried with all in favor.

5. Presentation of the June 2020 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

Copies of June's Financial Statements had been disseminated prior to the Board Meeting. CFO Fairbanks reviewed the Financial Statements with the Board; all expenditures were presented, with special attention being paid to those expenditures in excess of \$1,000. Documentation for all expenditures had been provided when the checks were signed. Trustee Christensen made a motion to adopt the June 2020 Financial Statements and to approve June's bills for payment. This motion passed unanimously after being seconded by Trustee Vickers.

6. Discussion and Approval Regarding Annexation of Omitted Parcels:

When the additional tax revenue was so much lower than anticipated, Executive Director Faraji asked the County Assessor's office to verify our numbers. The investigation concluded that a few small parcels near City Creek and the Brickyard had been omitted from our annexations. A formal annexation process would be required to include these properties in our taxing district, which would entail additional survey work, attorney fees, and recording fees. An analysis of these properties resulted in an extremely low return on additional annexation costs: the six parcels near the Brickyard would bring in approximately \$21.00 in additional revenue each. There are no roads providing access to the property near City Creek, which will prevent development for many years, and most of those parcels are owned by the County or State and would provide no taxing benefits. Trustee Christensen made a motion to not proceed with annexing these properties at this time; annexation of the identified parcels can be pursued in the future if the revenue becomes viable. Trustee Turner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

7. Updates on Sale of Old Facility at 2020 North Redwood Road:

The sale of the old facility was successfully completed on 1 July 2020; Trustee Christensen signed the paperwork, and the \$2,020,000 was deposited into our PTIF account.

8. Updates on Environmental Remediation at the Old, Old Facility:

Upon completing the groundwater testing at the District's former property, Barr Engineering transmitted an electronic copy of the report to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality and also to the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control. The wells have been monitored fifteen times since the current groundwater monitoring well network was installed in 2004. Based on the testing results, Barr Engineering requested permission to work with Division staff to evaluate contaminant trends and to determine if it is appropriate to discontinue groundwater monitoring. We are now waiting for their response.

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

- **Ouelessebougou Alliance, Mali, Africa**

The Ouelessebougou Alliance has been working for over 40 years to improve living conditions in Mali through providing public health, training, clothing, nutrition, etc. Two representatives from the Ouelessebougou Utah Alliance spent two days learning about our control and surveillance systems, pesticides, and also observing our urban and rural operations. In hopes of receiving a grant researching/establishing malaria and mosquito control, they have asked our District to partner with them and to help monitor and evaluate their work. One great concern is protecting the children from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. There is no formal mosquito control in Mali. Bed nets have been previously provided for the children to utilize while sleeping, but inspection has often shown that these nets are being used in other ways, such as catching fish or protecting chicken flocks, or being used by parents while the children are left exposed to mosquitoes. The grant is intended to start a pilot program where exchanges between our District and Mali can enhance their mosquito control efforts. Locating habitats, identifying species, and preventing insecticide resistance are important factors of dynamic mosquito control. National and international mosquito control outreach is the main reason we built our new facility and dormitory, and so we hope something beneficial will come out of their visit. We would love to see Mali's morbidity/mortality rate in children reduced and also provide our employees with an eye-opening experience to see the devastation mosquitoes cause in other areas of the world. Our hope is to establish a sustainable exchange program for many years to come. Trustee Christensen stated that in keeping with the "Doug Short Rule", the District will need to show how it will benefit from such an exchange. The Doug Short Rule was introduced in Salt Lake County when a previous District Attorney (Doug Short) challenged the County Council to ensure that donations to charity had "public value" and were not illegal in nature. The intent of the regulation is to ensure that the charitable donation adds value back into the donating entity. The Trustees were mostly supportive of this program, but further details will be provided prior to the District officially participating in the future. Additional information will also be provided by the Alliance as progress is made and the official opinion of our general counsel will be sought as well to ensure that this partnership will be legal and compliant.

10. Executive Director's Report:

The Board Members were given a few updates, which included the following: 1) Surveillance drives our intervention efforts. Our mosquito control has not diminished, but our pathogen surveillance is running behind because we let Intermountain Healthcare (IHC) borrow our extractor. The Board made a proactive decision to allow IHC use of our extractor machine so that we can assist the state-wide efforts for Coronavirus testing. This show of solidarity by us and other entities has been one of the main reasons why Utah has done such a great job in keeping up with COVID-19 testing. The District tested 327 pools last year and only 176 pools so far this year. Intermountain Healthcare appreciates the use of our PCR extractor and recently provided us with a new machine. We are now putting forth every effort to detect positive pools. 2) Assistant Director White was directly exposed to COVID-19; his test came back negative, but he will self-quarantine the recommended 14 days and work from home. 3) We have had no West Nile virus pool positives so far this year. 4) The mosquito numbers have been increasing; we have been doing one or two aerial adulticide applications a week, which is quite expensive. 5) The situation in the duck clubs has been impeding our mosquito control, for treating the area on foot takes a lot more time than it would using ATVs. We have heard that the complaint about ATVs may be coming from just one or two individuals rather than the entire club, which is making us hopeful that the club may back down if we absolutely need to treat the area using ATVs. 6) We map areas that need aerial applications and then send them to Vector Disease Control International (VDCI) with a spray request. We found out that VDCI's pilot has been making larvicide applications above 100 feet and maybe up to 300 feet; however, the equipment was calibrated at 45 feet, which is a major concern because this changes the swath width considerably and greatly reduces the mortality rate. VDCI doesn't have another pilot at the moment, so the supervisor talked to the pilot and strongly advised him to fly the plane as instructed. 7) It has been a great year so far, and our seasonal staff is the best we have had in recent years. We have had no major accidents or mishaps, and everything is going quite well. 8) Hogan Construction is re-doing the air handlers in the Biological Safety Lab (BSL) so that we don't have to endure the cost of them running continually. We will now be able to turn off the air handlers during the winter and when we are not using the BSL lab. 9) We contested the second unemployment notice we received; the claim may have been rejected because we have not received a bill from the Utah Department of Workforce Services. 10) The insectary windows have been replaced and a fan over the windows has been installed. We are hoping that this will be a good solution to the condensation around the windows in the insectary. 11) Wasatch Electric has re-located some of the switches to more functional locations in the vehicle storage buildings and the car wash. 12) We obtained three different quotes to repair the car wash sumps, and they all were about \$30,000. We will go ahead with purchasing the vaults from Harper Construction. Then, we'll have our Maintenance Operator, Francisco Hernandez, do the work on one of them and see how it goes before proceeding with the other two.

11. Probable Agenda Items for 20 August 2020 Board Meeting:

- Executive Director's Report
- Surveillance / Lab Testing / Control / Facility Updates

14. **Adjournment:**

Trustees Christensen and Vickers made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. The 20 August 2020 Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., and we anticipate this meeting will be held electronically.


Ary Faraji, Executive Director

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La Vone Liddle, Chair 2020

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