

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
19 October 2023
BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: Carlton Christensen, Chair

Time: 12:31 p.m.

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

Trustees Present: Carlton Christensen, Chair (Attended remotely during Items 1 – 4)
Dr. Shireen Mooers, Vice-Chair
Amanda Barth
Van Turner

Trustees Excused: Neil Vickers, Ph.D.

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

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Christensen called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. No conflicts of interest were declared. Because Trustee Christensen had a conflicting obligation, he informed the Trustees that he had to leave the meeting around 1:00 p.m. and asked Trustee Mooers to please take over running the meeting at that time.

2. Approval of the 14 September 2023 Minutes of the Board of Trustees:

The Board Members were provided an opportunity to review the pending minutes of September's regular Board Meeting prior to this meeting, and all suggested modifications had been completed. Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the 14 September 2023 Minutes of the Board of Trustees; the motion was seconded by Trustee Turner and passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Presentation of the September 2023 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

Copies of September's Financial Statements had been distributed to the Trustees before the Board Meeting. CFO Fairbanks reviewed the Financial Statements with the Trustees; all expenditures were presented, with special attention being paid to items over \$1,000.00. The State Treasury Account received \$53,461.46 in interest, and \$442,899.55

was expended during the month. Documentation for all payments was reviewed when the checks were signed, and the Trustees were encouraged to review all of the credit card receipts. The Balance Sheets and a folder containing all of the supporting invoices/receipts were also circulated. After all questions about the financials had been answered, Trustee Barth made a motion to approve the September 2023 Financial Statements and the bills for payment; this motion was seconded by Trustee Turner, and it carried with all in favor.

4. 2023 Budget Amendments and 2024 Proposed Budget Discussion:

Copies of the 2023 budget amendments and proposed 2024 budgets were presented to the Trustees this month because State statutes stipulate that these budgets should be made available to Board Members at least 30 days prior to being adopted in December. CFO Fairbanks reviewed 2023's Budget Amendments and 2024's Proposed Budgets with the Trustees. Reasons for all modifications were provided, and the Trustees were asked if they had any comments, recommendations, or questions. Two members of the Board will comprise a Budget Subcommittee to review the budgets more in depth and bring recommendations to the Board Members prior to approving the budgets in December.

Trustee Christensen turned the meeting over to Trustee Mooers and left the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

5. Update on Grants / Projects:

Although the CDC's RaHP-VEC \$6,068,841 grant that was awarded to Colorado State University was scheduled to begin 1 July 2023, no money has been distributed yet. Our portion will be \$1,013,795 over five years. We will be the lead on the field evaluations for larvicides and adulticides, and we have begun surveying abatement capabilities in the different regions. Our goal is to identify the differing needs and capabilities and also what can be done to increase efficacy and capacity. The grant provides employee compensation, and we have asked a rural seasonal employee to return in November to assist us with a special project fabricating some 3-D printer surveillance traps for these evaluations. Next year, we will be holding a week-long workshop for grant participants teaching mosquito biology, taxonomy, pathogen detection, insecticide resistance monitoring, calibrations, trap maintenance, epidemiology, pollinator health, etc.

We indirectly submitted three different proposals to the American Mosquito Control Association Research Fund (AMCARF): one through Laboratory Director Bibbs with the University of Central Florida; one supporting Trustee Vickers' proposal from the University of Utah; and our own proposal on modeling and deposition work on ULV adulticide applications with Unmanned Aerial Systems. All three of these endeavors were invited to submit full proposals, and we should hear something about the final status of these grants by the end of November.

We have two projects with the Utah Department of Corrections. In addition to our annual mosquito abatement services, we have the smaller Western IPM Grant. We will be sending out invoices for these services fairly soon.

We have been able to move forward with a landscaping design and putting the plants we received from the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program into the ground. Trustee Barth was instrumental in assisting Education Specialist Rehbein with plant acquisition and overall design/implementation.

6. Updates on Construction Project, Architect, Engineers, and FAA:

We have been continuing with our weekly Owner/Architect/Engineer (OAE) meetings, and a copy of a site overview plan was reviewed in detail with the Trustees. We have also successfully completed the consolidation of the District's front and back acreage. Our landscape engineers have indicated that we are able to move all of the water from the back lot into the front detention ponds, and then 80% of this water can be discharged from the front lots into the City's stormwater drainage system. The next step will be to obtain FAA approval for the helicopter pad, and our Architect is taking the lead on completing the paperwork. We are on track to have the final schematic designs presented to the District in November and an official presentation to the Board during December.

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

Due to time constraints, the following training/meetings were made available for discussion if the Trustees had any questions or comments:

- **Pan-African Mosquito Control Association, 17-21 September 2023**

Executive Director Faraji attended, presented, and ran a symposium at this year's Pan-African Mosquito Control Association Conference in Ethiopia. The symposium concentrated on larval source management, which is a concept that is very new in Africa and not widely practiced. Executive Director Faraji also participated in a two-day pre-workshop event on larval mosquito control that is being funded by The Gates Foundation. No discussion occurred.

- **DSLASA, 28 September 2023**

The next DSLASA meeting will be at the Ogden hangar on 28 September 2023. The Trustees were encouraged to attend this meeting, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. No discussion occurred.

- **University of Utah Public Health Class, 16 October 2023**

Laboratory Director Bibbs presented an overview of our program to an epidemiology class at the University of Utah. No discussion occurred.

- **American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, 18-22 October 2023**

Assistant Director White was scheduled to fly to Chicago for this meeting, but he became extremely ill and was unable to do so.

- **Northwest Mosquito & Vector Control Association, 23-25 October 2023**

Because of upcoming deadlines, Executive Director Faraji will make a quick trip to Whitefish, Montana. He will attend the conference and give his presentation on 24 October 2023, and then he will quickly return to Utah.

- **Utah Mosquito Abatement Association Annual Conference, 29-31 October 2023**

UMAA's Annual Conference will be held at the Snowbird conference center this year. CFO Fairbanks has made hotel reservations for everyone who will be attending the conference.

- **Entomological Society of America, 6-9 November 2023**

The Entomological Society of America (EntSoc) and the CDC have agreed to provide sponsorships so that the PHEFA students will be able to attend and present at the EntSoc Annual Meeting. Education Specialist Rehbein, Executive Director Faraji, and former PHEFA employee Devin Curtis will be attending this meeting in Maryland. No discussion occurred.

- **Utah Association of Special Districts, 8-10 November 2023**

Assistant Director White, CFO Fairbanks, and Trustee Turner will be attending UASD's annual meeting at the Davis Conference Center in Layton.

- **University of Utah, Entomology Class, 14 November 2023**

Executive Director Faraji will be speaking to the undergraduates at the University of Utah on 14 November 2023, and Trustee Vickers will also be speaking to them at a later date.

- **University of Utah, Bioluminaries, 15 November 2023**

Executive Director Faraji will also be speaking at this meeting.

8. Executive Director's Report:

The Board Members were given a brief update and/or discussed the following: 1) The surveillance data report was included in the packet's Director's Report, along with an article on Africa. 2) A discussion was held about a letter in the Salt Lake Tribune in which the writer(s) stated they observed a red helicopter from the Antelope Island Causeway make an application in nearby wetlands with a chemical the writer presumed was a potential mosquito control product. This letter caused some concern because the helicopter application was not conducted by any mosquito abatement district in Utah, and the letter contained multiple fallacies that could cause public alarm. It was unfortunate no one had contacted our District for comment prior to publishing this letter. The Trustees suggested having Education Specialist Rehbein write a letter directly to the individual(s) addressing their fears and letting them know that we understand their distress and apprehension. We

are dedicated to protecting the public's health and safety, and we did not make the application that caused the concerns. We strictly follow the labeled instructions approved by the EPA. We will let the individuals know the specific guidelines we utilize for our aerial applications, reassure them that they are able to recreate without fear, and invite them to give us a call if they are ever worried in the future. Secondly, UMAA should also write an editorial piece for the Salt Lake Tribune. It would also be good for us to have a press release/response ready to go if we have a similar situation in the future.

9. Probable Agenda Items for 16 November 2023 Board Meeting:

- Executive Director's Report
- Grants Updates
- Personnel Update

10. Public Comment:

There were no members of the public present at this time.

11. Adjournment:

Trustees Barth and Turner made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m., which passed unanimously. The next Board Meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. on 16 November 2023. Trustee Barth will be unable to attend the November Board Meeting.



Gregory White, Assistant Director

11/16/23
Date



Carlton Christensen, Chair 2023

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