

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
18 July 2024**

BOARD MEETING

Presiding: Dr. Shireen Mooers, Chair

Time: 12:36 p.m.

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

Trustees Present: Dr. Shireen Mooers, Chair
Amanda Barth, Vice-Chair
Luz Escamilla (Left at 3:16 p.m. during the Laboratory Update)
Van Turner
Neil Vickers, Ph.D.

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Director
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO
Brian Baker, Zions Public Finance (Attended Virtually through Item 2)
Christopher Bibbs, Ph.D., Laboratory Director
Michele Rehbein, Ph.D., Education Specialist
R. Bradley Sorensen, Aerial Operations Supervisor

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Mooers called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Update on Bond:

Brian Baker provided a brief history on his work experience, the past history of the District's bonding activities, and the reasoning behind the current bonding procedures. Capital One had submitted a 4.59% interest rate with a call feature of 2 ½ years, which outbid Bank of Utah's 4.78% interest rate with no call feature. Capital One was not concerned about utilizing bond proceeds to purchase a helicopter, if necessary, for enough security remains in the entire project. Brian Baker left the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

3. Approval of the 20 June 2024 Minutes of the Board of Trustees:

The pending minutes of June's regular Board Meeting had been distributed to the Board Members previously. Trustee Mooers had requested that one sentence be omitted to avoid confusion and because it appeared to be redundant; this modification had been made. Trustee Barth made a motion to approve the 20 June 2024 Minutes of the Board of Trustees, as modified; the motion was seconded by Trustee Escamilla and carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the 20 June 2024 Public Hearing:

Trustee Escamilla made a motion to approve the Minutes from the 20 June 2024 Public Hearing; the motion was seconded by Trustee Vickers and passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Presentation of the June 2024 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

Copies June's Financial Statements had been distributed to the Trustees earlier in the week. CFO Fairbanks noted receiving the following items: Interest income of \$70,503.01 was distributed between the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund, and \$585,639.98 was expended. A \$188.42 payment for hangar repairs was received from DSLASA, and U S Bank's 2024's first quarter credit card rebate was \$1,840.22. All expenditures were presented, with special attention being paid to items over \$1,000.00. Documentation for the payments was reviewed when the checks were signed, and the credit card statements, supporting invoices/receipts for all payments, and Balance Sheets were made available for review. Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the June 2024 Financial Statements and bills for payment. Trustee Turner seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

6. Update on Construction:

We were quite pleased with the response to our Construction Pre-Bid Meeting, for around twenty persons were in attendance. Our Owner's Representative, Architect, Trustee Mooers, Aerial Operations Supervisor Sorensen, and Executive Director Faraji met with everyone, showed them around the facility, and answered questions. We will publish an official addendum on 25 July so that all interested parties will have the same additional information which should allow them to provide an accurate hard bid on 1 August 2024. The winner of the bids will be selected on 2 August 2024. Trustees Barth and Mooers plan to be present during the selection process.

7. Update on Helicopter Acquisition:

Aerial Operations Supervisor Sorensen presented some data comparing purchasing a new helicopter versus procuring a previously-owned helicopter. The goal of this meeting was to decide which option the Board wished to pursue. After a lengthy discussion considering the pros and cons of each option, the Board's general consensus was to acquire a new helicopter. The cost difference is not substantial, operations will experience less downtime due to mechanical problems, additional training will be provided by the company, and the newer machines have enhanced features. The Board would like to know if the Department of Public Safety is interested in housing one of their helicopters at our new hangar. Trustee Escamilla agreed to follow up with the Department of Public Safety.

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

Executive Director Faraji reported on June's ESA meeting. All of the other meetings will be held in the future.

- **Entomological Society of America, 23-25 June 2024**

Executive Director Faraji attended the Entomological Society of America's Interim Board Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. They selected the meeting spaces and made other preparations for the upcoming annual meeting which will be held November 10 through 13, 2024.

- **Ecological Society of America, 4-9 August 2024**
- **American Chemical Society, 18-22 August 2024**
- **International Congress of Entomology, 25-30 August 2024**
- **Society for Vector Ecology, 15-19 September 2024**

Molecular Biologist Byers will be attending the SOVE meeting in Fort Collins, Colorado.

9. Executive Director's Report:

In addition to the Director's Report that was distributed to the Trustees, the Trustee received activity updates from Education Specialist Rehbein and Laboratory Director Bibbs. Education Specialist Rehbein discussed the Western IPM Grant and the least chub fish program at the prison, the pollinator/community garden projects, and manning booths at a variety of outreach/education events. Laboratory Director Bibbs provided a mid-year update comparing 2024's urban and rural data with the five-year averages. He also quickly covered several activities the lab has been conducting: pathogen testing updates, 2024 species breakdowns, insecticide resistance bottle bioassays, sugar feeding studies, cappel reservoirs for feeding mosquitoes as an attractive toxic sugar bait, the MAKD Western IPM Grant, (Mosquito Attract and Kill Device), and more.

The District is also continuing to provide guidance to the Ouelessebougou Alliance and the Mali Mosquito Control Project. Bi-weekly meetings are being conducted virtually to assist the field and operational staff on the ground in Mali. Two visitors will be staying with us in July/August and will utilize the dormitories. The first will be Dr. Ivy Hurwitz from the University of New Mexico on 15-17 July 2024, and the second will be Dr. Paula Lado Henaise from the USDA on 29 July – 9 August 2024. Both are interested in learning about mosquito surveillance/control and, in addition to meeting with management and office staff, will also shadow field personnel during various activities.

10. Probable Agenda Items for 15 August 2024 Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m.:

- Executive Director's Report
- Construction Updates
- Grant Updates
- Bond Updates
- Tax Increase Updates

11. Public Comment:

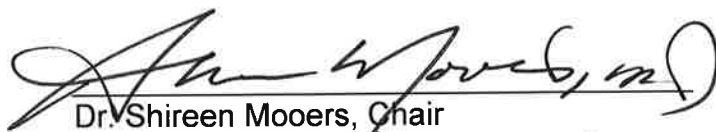
No public was present at this time.

12. Adjournment:

Trustees Barth and Vickers made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m., which passed unanimously. The next Board Meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. on 15 August 2024. A box lunch will be available at noon.


Ary Faraji, Executive Director

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Date


Dr. Shireen Mooers, Chair

8/15/2024
Date