**South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**July10, 2023 at 2:00pm**

The Board of Trustees of the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, met in person and via an electronic board meeting via Zoom with an anchor location established at the District offices at 7308 Airport Road, West Jordan, Utah.

The following board members were present Don Christensen (West Valley), Ty Brewer (Holladay), Jeff Gaston (Bluffdale), Kristie Overson (Taylorsville), Steve Shields (Herriman), Linda Price (White City), Florence Reynolds (Sandy), Laverne Snow (Murray), Tish Buroker (Riverton), Gene Drake (West Jordan), and Brad Gilson (Draper), Matt Holton (Cottonwood Heights)

The following board members were absent: Paul Glover (Midvale), Silvia Catten (Millcreek), Jeff Bossard (Brighton), LeAnne Huff (South Salt Lake), Ilene Risk (Salt Lake County), Tamara Zander (South Jordan),

Also attending were Brian Hougaard, Dan McBride

1. Welcome. Vice Chair Buroker duly called the meeting to order, excused Chair Catten and welcomed everyone.
2. Citizen Comments. No comments from citizens were present.
3. Board Conflicts of Interest Disclosures. No board members had any agenda conflicts to disclose.
4. Approve Minutes. Christensen moved to approve and adopt the June minutes. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.
5. New Board Member Oath of Office. Buroker introduced the new Board of Trustees nominee from Cottonwood Heights, Matt Holton. McBride administered the Oath of Office, and Holton was sworn in as the newly appointed Board Member representing Cottonwood Heights.
6. Second Quarter Financial Review. Hougaard reviewed the quarter-end statements, balances, and outstanding liabilities. Buroker asked about some "insufficient fund" charges on the charges. Hougaard explained that some charges taken out that were not expected, which occasionally happens. Brewer asked if it were possible to open a line of credit to manage potential future insufficient funds. Hougaard said that he was unaware if the District had looked into that, but that we can look into for the future if there is a concern. Price moved to accept the Financial Review. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
7. Fund Balance Explanation and Review- Hougaard explained that in the last meeting, several Board Members expressed interest in reviewing how our fund balance works. Hougaard introduced the fund balance sheet that reviewed 2023 unassigned revenue. Hougaard explained that most of this year's property tax revenue is received in November and December and that those funds are utilized to fund the District's activities the following year. Hougaard explained that the current plan is to use as much excess fund balance as possible before raising taxes. Holton asked about some changes in the taxes in 2010 and 2011. Hougaard explained that taxes were raised for building a new building, but we reduced taxes afterward because we could pay the building off quickly. Hougaard explained that we utilized the excess fund in capital projects until 2019, when tax law changed, and we could hold more in unassigned funds. Gilson thanked Hougaard for his ability to hold off from raising taxes. Brewer commented that the Board should look into what the lower threshold should be in the future.
8. WALS Trial Update- McBride presented an update on the current trial utilizing wide-area larviciding with Valient Biosciences.
	1. Reynolds asked about the public perception of the utilization of the WALS sprayer. McBride explained that before any wide usage, a public information program would be put into place that would hopefully mitigate some of the pushback from the public
	2. Buroker asked what the next steps would be. McBride said that utilization of the machine in a neighborhood setting would be the ideal next step, but precautions and information would need to be taken beforehand.
	3. Snow commented that she strongly agrees with Reynolds and that we should take advantage of current news articles about Malaria and Dengue.
9. Conditions of the District. Hougaard reported on the following items.
	* Mosquito-Borne Diseases: No positive pools
	* 244 acres treated with 34,720 mosquito adults in all traps
	* 2023 Conferences
		+ UMAA Annual Meeting – Oct 29-31st (Snowbird, UT)
		+ UASD Annual Conference – Nov 1-3 (Layton, UT)
	* Safety Report. A minor auto accident was reported.
	* Discussion- Hougaard started the conversation with an update on mosquito bourne diseases nationwide and how there has been an uptick in the number of locally transmitted cases of Malaria and Dengue. He turned over to McBride, who further explained that the state of Utah had asked the Mosquito Abatement District to compile information about the malarial vector Anopheles Freeborni. The District historically only sees about 2.4% of caught adult mosquitoes be the Anopheles Freeborni. McBride explained that the District's vector technicians are trained in controlling the Anopheles. Buroker commented that as she parsed through the information sent, the emphasis should be on educating the public on what "locally transmitted' means. McBride expressed his frustration with using that term, that it is confusing to members of the public, and that he wishes it would change. He also stated that he is more worried about the current conditions and West Nile than about the threat of Malaria. Florence asked what repellants are recommended. Hougaard said that the CDC recommends Deet, Picaridin, and Lemon Oil of Eucalyptus.
10. Items for the August Board Meeting-Price asked when the Manager would be presented at the August meeting. Hougaard said that the hiring committee will meet and then present to Board.
11. Approve Bills. The bills were presented for approval and payment. Snow moved to pay the bills. Overson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.
12. Adjourn. Holton moved to adjourn, with Brewer seconding, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.