

**Minutes of the
Summit Mosquito Abatement District Board Meeting
August 8, 2023**

The regular board meeting for Summit Mosquito Abatement District was convened on August 8, 2023 at 5 p.m. in the District's board room. Those present were DelRay Hatch, Greg Averett, Roger Crittenden, Troy Dayley, Trevor Hale, Gaylen Pace, Sue Pollard, Jason Richins, and Bryan Stephens. Trevor Clegg and David Darcey attended the meeting electronically. Bill Connell was excused from the meeting.

Action Items

Minutes from the June 13th Board Meeting

The minutes of the June 13th board meeting were sent to members prior to the meeting for their review. With no corrections or additions, Gaylen made the motion to approve the minutes for the June 13th board meeting, and Sue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Expenses from June and July 2023

Looking at the cost for recertification testing, Trevor asked how often technicians have to recertify. The manager indicated that testing for recertification takes place every two years. With no other questions or concerns, Troy made a motion to approve the expenses for June and July 2023, and Jason seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

YTD 2023 Budget

Regarding the YTD 2023 budget, the manager noted the expenditure of more than \$123,000 for chemical. He indicated that this has been the most ever spent on chemical. In addition, he expects to spend another \$9,000 to \$10,000 to finish out the year. Trevor wondered if the budgeted amount for chemical needs to be increased next year. The manager felt that this would really depend on next year's water level, but indicated that going up another \$20,000 may be warranted. Sue wondered if there would be any leftover chemical. The manager felt that there would not be much chemical carried over; he hopes to use this room for additional storage over the winter. With no other questions or concerns, Jason made the motion to approve the 2023 YTD budget, and Roger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Field Report

Several board members asked how the drone treatments were going for the year. The manager said that the start was a bit rocky as VDCI has a new drone pilot; however, with each additional treatment, they have become more efficient. Jason asked about the type of chemical that was used with the drone. The manager responded that he was using longer lasting chemical (21 to 30-day products) in the drone, which ensure more time between treatments. The manager reported on the District's recent teaming with the Summit County Health Department. Nancy Porter, the county's epidemiologist, reached out to the manager expressing an interest in seeing the workings of the District's program. So, she came to the shop and watched how mosquitos were sorted and

speciated. Then, she came to the field to observe a drone treatment. The health department also filmed the event and plans to put a write-up about mosquito abatement activities on the county's instagram page. The manager was appreciative of Ms. Porter's interest and feels that having an effective relationship with the county health department is beneficial for the District's cause. While the reservoirs are dropping, the manager was hoping that they would drop faster. Nonetheless, he feels that Rockport is low enough to eliminate mosquito habitat. He also indicated that the District's surveillance efforts are in full force, as light and CO2 traps have been employed in the field to catch adults.

West Nile Virus Report

The manager presented board members with information showing the number of mosquito pools in the state that have reported positive for WNV. While the District has submitted several mosquito pools to the state lab for testing, there have been no pools report positive for WNV.

Truck Purchase for 2024

The 2014 Toyota Tacoma's have met their 10-year rotation mark. So, the manager wanted the approval of the board to move forward with getting replacement trucks. Roger suggested that the District keep one of the 2014 Toyotas for a run-around truck for the purpose of getting supplies, picking up traps, etc. The manager liked this idea as it would help eliminate the use of personal vehicles for District business. Other board members agreed. The manager asked board members their preference for replacement trucks. Most board members wanted to continue getting the Tacomas. Further, the vote was to go with a four-door extended cab model.

Site Visits

The manager is going to try to set up site visits with various mosquito districts within the state so that board members can get some ideas of layout and features that they may want to include in the District's new facility. The manager hopes to set these visits for sometime in October. Troy wondered if the plan was to do multiple or single visits in a day. The manager was thinking of doing multiple visits in a day, such as visiting Salt Lake, South Salt Lake, and Magna.

Capital Expenses for 2024

The manager wanted to get the board members' thoughts on capital expenses for 2024, besides the new trucks. Trevor wondered if a 3-D printer would be something that the District would use to print items/equipment that is hard-to-find or hard to replace. The manager was open to this idea and believed that the Salt Lake mosquito district would be willing to share their design files. One necessary replacement in the next year would probably be a truck fogger. The manager indicated that operation of one of the foggers was a bit touch-and-go this year.

2023 UMAA Meeting

The next UMAA annual meeting will be held at Snowbird on October 29th, 30th, and 31st. The manager indicated that given the distance from the county, board members would have the option of staying on site for the conference. The manager needs to know of those board members who want to attend so that he can get rooms reserved.

Roger made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 5:57 p.m.