

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
16 January 2025**

BOARD MEETING

Presiding: Amanda Barth, Chair

Time: 12:31 p.m.

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

Trustees Present: Amanda Barth, Chair
Neil Vickers, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Luz Escamilla (Joined during Item 3)
Dr. Shireen Mooers, Chair
Van Turner

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

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Barth called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Passing of the Gavel and Board Elections:

Trustee Mooers began this part of the meeting by passing the gavel to Trustee Barth. The Trustees expressed their appreciation for the service and leadership that Trustee Mooers had provided during 2024. She had provided countless hours of service in dealing with the tax increase, bonding, and also construction efforts. She had taken on most of the burden off of the shoulders of the other Trustees; 2024 would not have proceeded as well without her hard work. A picture was taken while Trustee Barth presented Trustee Mooers with a plaque depicting her excellent leadership, and Trustee Mooers responded by saying that it had been a privilege to serve and thanked the Board for the support she had received.

Executive Director Faraji reminded everyone that the Board Bylaws stipulate “the Vice-Chairperson automatically ascends to the office of Chairperson at the end of the Chairperson’s term.” And, in December 2023, the Board had

elected Trustee Vickers to serve as Vice-Chair during 2025, thus allowing him to act as Board Chair prior to his term expiring at the end of 2026.

3. Approval of the 19 December 2024 Minutes of the Board of Trustees:

The pending minutes of December's regular Board Meeting had been distributed to the Board Members previously, and no modifications to the draft minutes were necessary. Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the 19 December 2024 Minutes of the Board of Trustees; the motion was seconded by Trustee Turner and carried unanimously, including Trustee Escamilla.

A discussion was held concerning the current format of the minutes. In the past, the minutes have also served as a brief history of the District, and they have been periodically bound into a book. Trustee Mooers was concerned that they contain too much detail, and a lot of the information could be added through attachments to the minutes. The public comments were too lengthy in the Tax Hearing Minutes; what if more than three persons had attended the meeting? Would all comments be included rather than summarized? Trustee Barth wanted to ascertain enough information was included so the public doesn't feel like their comments are being censored. And, Trustee Vickers has enjoyed the current format. He has been able to experience what was discussed and decided if he happened to miss a meeting. It was determined that the current format is acceptable, but public comments are to be more succinct. Moving forward, the Board directed staff to summarize the public comment portions more succinctly in the written minutes.

4. Approval of the 19 December 2024 Public Hearing Minutes of the 2024 Budget Amendments and 2025 Proposed Budget:

Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the 19 December 2024 Public Hearing Minutes of the 2024 Budget Amendments and 2025 Proposed Budget. Her motion passed with all in favor after being seconded by Trustee Turner.

5. Approval of the 19 December 2024 Public Hearing Minutes of the 2025 Proposed Tax Increase Hearing:

Copies of the submitted public comments had been included/quoted in these minutes, but there was no stipulation that the other comments had only been summarized. The minutes are to be rewritten so the general concerns are succinctly summarized. Trustee Mooers made a motion to postpone the approval of the 19 December 2024 Public Hearing Minutes of the 2025 Proposed Tax Increase Hearing until February's Regular Board Meeting after revisions are made, per request. Her motion carried unanimously after being seconded by Trustee Escamilla.

6. Presentation of the December 2024 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

The Trustees had received copies of December's Financial Statements earlier in the week. CFO Fairbanks noted receiving six payments, including the \$149,687.00 partial payment from the Utah Department of Corrections for mosquito abatement services. Interest income of \$73,389.94 was distributed between the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund, and \$334,339.27 had been expended from the General Fund. 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 December 2024 Financial Statements and bills for payment; Trustee Turner seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

7. Discussion and Approval of Aerial Mosquito Control Contract:

Vector Disease Control International (VDCI) was the only company that responded to the Davis-Salt Lake Aerial Spray Authority's Request for Proposals. VDCI has been providing aerial services to DSLASA for many years. Because they had not requested a price increase since before 2014, we were pleased that their new proposal included modest price increases. Adulticide applications rose from \$0.80 to \$0.85 per acre, and larvicide applications moved from \$6 to \$8 per acre. Trustees Turner and Vickers currently represent our District on DSLASA's Board of Trustees. VDCI's new contract was approved by DSLASA's Trustees, and Executive Director Faraji asked the District's Trustees to also provide their approval. Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the VDCI contract as presented; the motion received a unanimous vote after being seconded by Trustee Vickers.

8. Update on Construction:

The Trustees were invited to the Ground Breaking, which will be held at 11:30 a.m. prior to February's Regular Board Meeting on 27 February 2025. Eckman Construction, our General Contractor, will provide the Trustees with shovels, hard hats, etc. The construction meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. They were also invited to participate in the construction meetings which are held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Assistant Director White provided the Board with an update on the construction: Ground work has commenced; heavy equipment has been moved onsite, weeds have been removed, and the ground is being leveled. Temporary fencing is being installed. Soil sampling for landscaping suitability will begin next week; the majority of the landscaping will utilize native plants. Appropriate road

base will also be delivered. Trenching for underground utilities, plumbing, sewage, electrical work, etc. will begin soon. Because Eckman had difficulty securing electricity to their trailer, they will reimburse the District \$150 per month for power. We are still waiting on Enbridge Gas to provide a work order number. Salt Lake City is still insisting that the District provide two street lights on the west side of 2200 West in front of our property.

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

- **MVCA California, 27-29 Jan 2025, Oakland, CA**

No one will be attending the MVCA conference this year.

- **Michigan MCA, 5-6 Feb 2025, Traverse City, MI**

Executive Director Faraji will be the Keynote Speaker for the Michigan MCA Conference in February.

- **West Central MVCA, 19-20 Feb 2025, Jackson, WY**

The annual RaPH VEC meeting will also be held during this conference.

- **American MCA, 3-7 Mar 2025, Puerto Rico**

The Trustees were invited to attend the AMCA conference this year.

- **New Jersey MCA, 19-21 Mar 2025, Atlantic City, NJ**

Executive Director Faraji will present on some projects/accomplishments our District has conducted since he left New Jersey in 2014.

- **EntSoc Pacific Branch, 30 Mar to 2 Apr 2025, SLC, UT**

The ESA-PAB meetings are being held in Salt Lake City this year.

- **PacVec, 2-4 Apr 2025, Davis, CA**

Nate Byers from the District will attend/present at this conference.

- **AMCA Washington Days, 12-14 May 2025, Washington DC**

Trustee Escamilla was encouraged to participate in this event, and she will try to add it to her schedule.

10. Executive Director's Report:

The full Director's Report was included in the Board Packet. In addition, Executive Director Faraji discussed the following items: 1) We have submitted an

application for an NIH SBIR grant with Banfield Biologics on a new larvicide formulation. 2) A few seasonals who were off at the end of the year have returned on a part-time basis to help take care of the mosquito colonies and to work on a few projects. 3) Laboratory Director Bibbs will be working with six students from the University of Utah's Science Research Initiative (SRI) 4) Nothing has been established with renting space to Nature's Bakery, and they may decide to go another direction. Two women actually stopped by to obtain permission for about 15 people to park on our property on 17 January 2025. They were instructed to please park on the east side of our parking lot.

11. Probable Agenda Items for 27 February 2025 Board Meeting, 12:30 a.m.:

- Executive Director's Report
- Construction Updates
- Personnel Updates
- Grant Updates
- Policy and Procedures – ACA Modification

12. Public Comment:

No public was present.

13. Adjournment:

Trustees Mooers and Vickers made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m., which passed unanimously.

Ary Faraji, Executive Director

Date

Amanda Barth, Chair 2025

Date