

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
12 June 2025
BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: Amanda Barth, Chair

Time: 5:14 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 (Attended virtually during Items 2 – 4)
Dr. Shireen Mooers
Van Turner

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO
Steven Rowley, CPA, Partner, K&C Certified Public Accountants
(Attended Item 2)
Nathaniel Corry, CPA, Audit Manager, K&C Certified Public
Accountants (Attended Item 2)

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Vickers called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. No conflicts of interest were declared. Trustee Barth arrived a few minutes later and conducted the meeting thereafter.

2. Presentation, Discussion, and Approval of Audit for Year Ending 31 December 2024:

Steven Rowley, Partner, and Nathaniel Corry, Audit Manager, of K&C Certified Public Accountants, were welcomed by the Board of Trustees. Steve Rowley briefly covered how auditors designed the audit by understanding the District's internal controls, testing the adequacy of these controls, looking for changes from prior years, conducting fraud inquiries, reading the minutes, verifying balances with outside sources,

and many other activities that allow them to determine a reasonable level of assurance that the records reflect a true picture of the District's financial position. Their approach was "Trust, but verify". He jumped right in by discussing the Audit Opinions on page one. They state that, in their opinion and in all material respects, the financial statements fairly present the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. He then mentioned the different sections of the Independent Auditor's Report and further discussed the results of the financial audit. In addition to the District receiving an unmodified clean report, which is the highest and best opinion possible, he explained that the District had successfully complied with Utah's budget, fund balance, fraud risk assessment, and tax levy revenue recognition requirements. Also, no internal control weaknesses were discovered and there were no findings concerning internal controls.

Steve Rowley and Nathaniel Corry answered a few questions about the audit, and then Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the audit for the year ending 31 December 2024, as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Turner and carried with a unanimous vote. Steve Rowley and Nathaniel Corry were thanked for their report, and then they left the meeting.

3. Approval of the 22 May 2025 Minutes of the Board of Trustees:

The pending minutes of May's regular Board Meeting had been distributed to the Board Members previously, and no modifications were necessary. Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the 22 May 2025 Minutes of the Board of Trustees; the motion was seconded by Trustee Vickers and passed. Trustee Barth abstained because she was not in attendance at May's Board Meeting.

4. Presentation of the May 2025 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

The Trustees had received copies of May's Financial Statements earlier in the week. CFO Fairbanks noted receiving a \$239,021.40 Redevelopment Agency payment, and \$645,538.15 was 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 Mooers made a motion to approve the May 2025 Financial Statements and bills for payment; Trustee Turner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

At 6:01 p.m., Trustees Mooers and Turner made and seconded a motion to recess the meeting in order to commence the Public Hearings. The motion was unanimously passed.

At 6:33 p.m., Trustee Vickers made a motion to reconvene the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District Governing Board Meeting. Trustee Mooers seconded the motion, and it carried with all in favor.

5. Discussion and Approval for Updates on Policies and Procedures Regarding Holidays:

This year, Juneteenth and July 24th fall on a Thursday. Utah has designated recognizing Juneteenth on the previous Monday if the 19th of June falls on a Tuesday – Friday of that week, and the holiday is observed on the following Monday if June 19th falls on Saturday or Sunday. However, the federal holiday occurs exactly on the 19th of June. Executive Director Faraji explained the challenge of running operations when these holidays occur during the middle of the week. He asked the Trustees to modify the Policies and Procedures to add under 3. HOLIDAY LEAVE, B. WEEKEND HOLIDAYS: “During the active mosquito season, if a holiday occurs on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, then the Executive Director shall determine if the holiday will be observed on a Monday or Friday, whichever is less obtrusive on operations.” After some discussion, Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve adding this modification to the Policies and Procedures. His motion carried unanimously after being seconded by Trustee Turner. (Trustee Escamilla was no longer in attendance.)

6. Construction Update:

This month's board packet contained reports from MHTN Architects and our owner's representative, MOCA. The construction is moving smoothly, except for cutting the asphalt on the west side of Vehicle Storage One to work on the sewer lines. Concrete is being poured on the larval bioassay vaults, the walls have been erected, work has begun on the roof of the laboratory, and Eckman will begin work on the hangar next week.

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

- **International Forum for Surveillance and Control of Mosquitoes and Vector-borne Disease, 25-30 May 2025, Xi'An, Shanxi, China**

Executive Director Faraji attended and delivered one of the keynote talks at this conference, and the association will reimburse the District for either his hotel or registration, whichever is more expensive. He was able to network with several

persons from China and India who are interested in working with us and observing our operations. One Chinese professor is even interested in doing a sabbatical here.

- **EntSoc Interim Board Meeting, 24-26 June 2025, Portland, OR**

Executive Director Faraji will be attending this interim board meeting of the Entomological Society of America in preparation of the conference scheduled for this coming November. He is the current President of the Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Section of the Association.

8. Executive Director's Report:

The following items were discussed: 1) This month's Director's Report includes a Salt Lake Tribune article written by Jose Davila featuring our fish program and other urban field operations. 2) We have completed our annual registry filing with the Lieutenant Governor's Office. 3) All of the newly-hired seasonal employees are now working. 4) We accomplished our first aerial application this week and had great efficacy. This application was tied in with some trials we will be conducting this summer comparing/testing Dibrom and a new adulticide, ReMoa Tri. ReMoa Tri is the world's first mosquito space spray based on a bacterium. It is a novel combination of three active ingredients (abamectin, fenprothrin, and C8910 fatty acid blend) We collected droplets dyed with a fluorescent dye tracer to determine droplet size, droplet density, and how many droplets actually land on a mosquito. We plan on conducting similar trials nearly every week this summer, rotating between Dibrom and ReMoa Tri. Trustee Vickers is also helping with his monitoring station; we are hoping to obtain some valuable data which may alter our field operations. 5) We received a service request about a serious black fly problem in Emigration Canyon. They are extremely pestiferous in their adult stage and considered a major nuisance. As larvae, they are filter feeders that require running water rather than stagnant water like mosquitoes. Although Emigration Canyon is not within our taxing jurisdiction, we decided to treat that location because there was an abundance of black fly larvae in the stream and we did not want this nuisance to infiltrate Salt Lake City. In the future, we may wish to revisit annexing Emigration Canyon into our District and the challenges this complex action will create.

9. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Amended Budget:

The Amended Budgets were presented during the Budget Hearing, and the Trustees had no further questions or comments. The 2025 Amended Budget was passed unanimously after a motion to approve the budget was made by Trustee Vickers and seconded by Trustee Mooers.

10. Discussion and Approval of Resolution for 2025 Certified Tax Rate and 2026 Proposed Budget:

By law, the certified tax rate must be set in June of each year. Trustee Mooers made a motion that the following resolution be adopted: "Be it resolved that a certified tax rate of 0.000159 for the year 2025 be adopted to meet the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District property tax budget revenue requirements of \$8,399,729 The trustees also voted to accept a higher tax rate for additional revenues, should an adjustment be made through State and County authorities." This motion was seconded by Trustee Turner, and it carried with all in favor.

A motion to approve the 2026 Proposed Budget, as presented today by CFO Fairbanks, passed unanimously after being made and seconded by Trustees Mooers and Vickers, respectively.

11. Probable Agenda Items for 17 July 2025 Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m.:

- Executive Director's Report
- Construction Updates
- Personnel Updates
- Surveillance Updates
- Research Updates
- Website Update

12. Public Comment:

No public was present.

13. Adjournment:

Trustees Mooers and Turner made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.; the motion passed unanimously.

Ary Faraji, Executive Director

Date

Amanda Barth, Chair 2025

Date