

**BOX ELDER MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEETING MINUTES**

Time: August 4, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Place: Box Elder Mosquito Abatement District
115 South 1050 West, Brigham City, Utah 84302

Trustees	Cory Bennion	Boyd Bingham	Jacob Bodily	Linda Bourne
Present	Debbie Brantner	Tim Heyder	Melanie Hunsaker	
	Thomas Jensen	Tamara Miner	Travis Nelson	Kelly Nokes
	Drew Sorensen	Nic Tree		

Others present: Tyson Packer – Director, Jon Nelson – Assistant Director, Seth Anderson – Field Supervisor, Janet Karren – Administrative Assistant

1. Board Chair Travis Nelson called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
2. Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. A motion was made to accept the agenda.
Motion: Linda Second: Debbie No discussion Vote: Unanimous
4. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 02, 2026, meeting.
Motion: Jacob Second: Tim No discussion Vote: Unanimous
5. Tamara Miner reported on the financial statements. A motion was made to accept the financial statements and ratify the bills.
Motion: Jacob Second: Kelly No discussion Vote: Unanimous
6. Public Comment: None

New board member Drew Sorensen was introduced and welcomed.

7. The temperature in the chemical shed has been above that recommended for the pesticides the District stores and uses. These products are expensive. BTI contains bacteria, and extreme heat and cold can destroy the spores. To maintain the quality and effectiveness of the product, Tyson proposed that a stand-alone air conditioning unit be purchased to keep the shed at appropriate temperatures during the summer.

A motion was made to approve \$3,000, then amended to \$5,000, for a new heat pump to cool the pesticide shed. Some of the money can be used for installation if needed.

Motion: Jacob Amendment: Nic Second: Nic Vote: Unanimous

Discussion: Is money in the budget? Jacob recommended installing a heat pump. It would be smaller, less expensive, and should be effective for what is needed.

8. The annual UMAA and UASD fall conferences are coming up. Trustees were asked to review an RSVP sheet to make sure all information is correct so Janet can make travel arrangements.

9. Director's Report: Tyson touched on several subjects.

- Weather: The current season has been very dry. The winter was very mild, resulting in an increase in culex mosquitoes. One human case was reported in June, and a horse was reported this week. 11 traps have tested positive for WNV so far this season.

Boyd asked how employees plan to reduce mosquito populations at the Box Elder County Fair. Tyson and Jon have plans in place to suitably spray the area well in advance.

- Equipment:

- There have been many repairs to ATVs, trucks, winches, and tires. They are done in-house and are keeping employees busy. Special concern is being given to seasonal employees in regard to keeping them hydrated and safe while working in the hot weather.
- The District has purchased a new backup drone and extra spreading system in case the primary drone is rendered inoperable. It is being used extensively with very favorable results.

- Administrative:

- Certified tax rate has been set. No tax increase was requested.
- The 2027 Tentative Budget will be presented at the next board meeting in October. Tyson, in advance of the budget hearing, presented a short preview of a planned request to consider adding an additional one-time increase to full-time employee salaries to help with the rising cost of health insurance. Employees of the District have not received health insurance benefits through the District since 2005. Since this topic was only part of the Director's Report and not an item on the agenda, no discussion could be made.

10. A motion was made to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

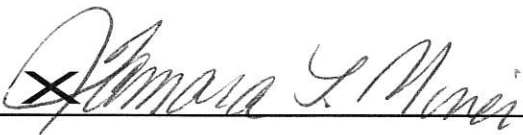
Motion: Tim

Second: Linda

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Next Meeting: October 6, 2026, at 7 p.m.


Board Member