

MMAD Board Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021

Board members present: Tim Graham, Chace Gholson, and Mike Binyon

Absent: Sarah Stock, Jeanette Kopell

Others present: Michele Rehbein, Michael Carlson, Shanon Amsberry

Meeting opened at 5:40 p.m.

- Discussed the bite complaint from May 14.
- Tim Graham would like to see the meeting minutes, agenda, and manager's report before the next meeting so everyone can be on the same page and see any Old Business since there are several past meeting minutes which haven't been officially approved yet. Tim will talk with Jeanette Kopell about getting all the past minutes together for the next meeting.
- Went over remaining March, April, and May bills – no issues with any. Mike Binyon made a motion to approve manager's report and bills, Chace seconds the motion. All in favor and bills approved.
- Discussion about moving the district under the county. Ask Sarah Stock to bring Chris Baird in one meeting to discuss in further detail the advantages and disadvantages of MMAD being moved under the county. Mike Binyon said the idea of this could very well have been a reaction to over three years ago.
 - Tim said there are some advantages to being under the county but as a special district, MMAD has more flexibility and has special authorities that counties don't have. MMAD can also ask for a tax increase as a special district and on our own where the tax increase only affects those living within MMAD's district boundary.
 - There could be situations where only parts of the county could pay taxes for MMAD if moved under the county, but need to look into this further.
 - If MMAD went under the county, the city may be even less inclined to cooperate and the city/city residents is where most of the issue with mosquitoes are.
 - Mike said one issue he is concerned with is if there is a possibility of a lawsuit or settle a claim – we don't have a lawyer. Tim said the UASD (Utah Association of Special Districts) may cover to an extent. Talk with LeGrand Bitter from UASD and see what the organization has that could address any issues like that if they arise.
 - Tim said we could ask for the funds to get better equipment and facility. We need to revisit the lease on the building and see if there is a better place we can use. Keep some of the infrastructure at the old sewer treatment plant and use for mosquito abatement. But there may be space at the sewer plant wherever their property is. Shanon said he spoke with them last year, they said solar panels may be going up, so may not have room for us.
 - Discussion of being under the county and our funds, but the county could always take funds and move it to another department if needed or if they see we aren't spending it right away.
 - Chace said the funding would need the legalities behind it saying funds cannot be used for anything except mosquito abatement. Tim said the commission may be reluctant to do because they do like to push money around between departments.

- Mike brought up that three years ago, MMAD didn't have enough manpower and we had volunteers helping get the work done. Issue of insurance and being covered because of being volunteers. Tim said there are ways to address these and get them insured. Mike said at that time we didn't have enough time to get that addressed.
 - David brought up a raise again, but the county wouldn't do much better.
- David had an allergic reaction to the Johnson grass. He was out for a couple days. Tim said if it is an allergic reaction, his health insurance should cover that. Or Mike said workman's comp could cover that. Chace said we need to fill out an incident report to cover us and if in the case that he does go to the doctor, workman's comp will cover that.
- David's past accident from 2019 with workman's comp is settled.
- Tim said worth considering and getting more information on both sides of pros and cons of moving special service district under the county. Have Chris Baird come speak with us. Tim will speak with LeGrand Bitter about what the UASD does and doesn't do. And discuss any other issues we may have, including how to address the ever-increasing need for ever-increasing salaries and the lack of applicants to fill in.
- Drone – Michele said see how this season goes, maybe even how the next couple seasons go and if we will really need a drone. Michele spoke with Ary from SLCMAD about it and he also recommended to see how these next couple seasons go and if we have a true need for it or not. Instead of spending a large amount of money on purchasing a drone and using it once or twice a year and then it sits around the remainder of the year.
- Chace brought up another point of having the county take over – county and city have done joint operations in the past, but both have at times backed out of their agreements. If they do join, we would need legal binding and concrete agreements on things.
- Tim said it may be worth approaching the city to see what they think they could do and other information for us. Chace said issues with city manager currently and city employees not knowing what is going on. Carly (Assistant City Manager) is very approachable and may be someone to consider talking with in the future. Tim said we could maybe speak with Emily Niehaus too.
- Shanon said it may be better for us having our own board vs going through county.
- Tax increase – Michele spoke with Chris about this and MMAD should be okay not asking for a tax increase this year. Especially with the high water fund and the final payment of the loan paid off in 2022, we should be in pretty good shape for now.
- Move the July 5 board meeting to Monday, July 12 and combine July and August meetings and not have an August meeting. Chace made a motion, Mike seconds, all in favor.
 - Next meeting: at the MMAD office at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12.
- Michele - Garmin Glo devices – purchase three devices. Connects through Bluetooth on work phones. Works with ArcGIS and the Collector App, upload data to the collector app and connect to ArcGIS for data. Good for tracking of pesticides and can also do waypoints. Chace said could be helpful safety-wise, to see where everyone is. Chace says this is also helpful because it shows exactly where we are going, in case we have a complaint then we know where we treated, where we went and can show it on the map.
- Michele waiting on approval for business credit card, then can purchase new laptop, desk chairs, etc.
 - New laptop – Michele wants to purchase one that is good for large datasets, GIS software, other.

- Michele wants MMAD to get a logo. Get t-shirts and hats for MMAD staff. Give them a sense of pride for working together, uniform, and belonging to something. Chace said stickers. Michele said Sean Amodt from SWMAD may have went through a graphic designer for their logo or get a local artist to create logo. Chace suggested the marketing directing. Tim suggested a contest with the school to see who creates the best logo.
- Michael would like to change the name “abatement” but Tim said we do abate mosquitoes and that seems to make the most sense compared to saying “control” or “authority”.
- Went briefly over email that Sarah Stock sent the board about moving the district under the county with some information from Chris Baird and a link. But Tim will find out what other issue was that he was thinking of and bring it up to us next time.
- Tim mentioned the last item on agenda should be listed as “Board member reports” – add this as last item on every agenda so we can talk about other things instead of saying “other business” on agenda.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.