

**Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**February 10, 2022**

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees meeting was held on February 10, 2022 at the Mosquito Abatement building at 1460 South Sandhill Dr., Washington City. Chair Jarett Waite convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

**Present:**

Mike Scott, Ivins

Jay Lee, Virgin

Bart Merrill, Enterprise

Bret Henderson, Washington City

Dave Sanders, Hurricane

Charles Hardy, La Verkin

Jarett Waite, Santa Clara

Jack Burns, Springdale

Peter Mills, Leeds

Gary Chaves, Toquerville

**Excused:**

Treasurer, Susana Arias, Ex-Officio, Wash. Co. -  
Auditors Office

Terry Bell, Rockville

**Google Meet:**

Doneva Hecker, New Harmony

Adam Snow, Washington County

**Item #1: Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Roll call was taken for those present and online.

**Item #2: Approval of Minutes**

Charles Hardy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 9, 2021, and Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

**Item #3: Annual Nominations and Election of Board Officers**

The floor was opened for the nomination of Board Officers, beginning with nominations for Chair. Jarett Waite was nominated. Motion was made by Gary Chaves to approve Jarett Waite as Chair, seconded by Doneva Hecker. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Nominations were opened for Vice Chair. Charles Hardy was nominated. Motion was made by Gary Chaves to approve Chuck Hardy as Vice Chair, seconded by Bart Merrill. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Nominations were opened for nominations for Secretary. Gary Chaves was nominated. Motion was made by Charles Hardy to approve Gary Chaves as Secretary, seconded by Doneva Hecker. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Nominations were opened for Treasurer. Susana Arias was nominated as Treasurer. Motion was made by Jay Lee to approve Susana Arias as Treasurer, seconded by Doneva Hecker. All in attendance voted "Aye".

**Item #4: Budget Items**

Sean Amoldt explained the authorization of expenses through December 2021 in Susana's absence. The expenses looked good for the year. He explained about the RDA (redevelopment area) needed as a pass-through expense for accounting purposes. Hinton Burdick is starting the Approved Upon Procedures (AUP) audit for 2021 and should be done by our next Board meeting. Bart Merrill made a motion to

approve the expenses through December 2021, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

#### **Item #5: Policy and Action Items**

The Board the approval of the pesticide order. Sean explained that the things being approved for these purchases are already in the budget, but because of the amount, Administration usually brings it to the Board to give them an idea of what is being purchased. The pesticide order for this season is \$26,584.40. The pesticide budget is set at \$35,000. This provides a buffer just in case of an emergency. The pricing of pesticides is all set through the state bid. Some vendors will give a discount or an extra box or bag of product if you order early. There is still an extra pallet of product from last year to begin this season. Motion was made by Jay Lee to approve the pesticide order, seconded by Jarett Waite. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean Amodt presented the surplus list to the Board. New computers were purchased at the end of the year and the old computers were added to the list. A new projector was purchased and the old projector was added to the list. The Honda ATV is not working, and neither is the London fogger, which has been sitting in the shop collecting dust. There is an auction site that works with Government entities, and they might be able to sell the stuff easier than the District can, so Administration will be looking into it. Motion was made by Dave Sanders to approve the surplus list, seconded by Bret Henderson. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean Amodt presented the truck purchase. Over the last 6 or 7 years, Administration has been rotating out the old vehicles and getting a newer fleet which has reduced the cost of maintenance on the vehicles. Stephen Wade normally offers a fleet option. No one is getting a fleet discount anymore. Administration is looking at a standard Chevy Colorado work truck with the extended cab and longer bed. The cost will be around \$33,520. The District asked approval for \$35,000 just in case there is anything else that needs to be added before they order. Motion was made by Jarett Waite to approve the purchase of a new truck for up to \$35,000, seconded by Jay Lee. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean Amodt explained the District's need for two additional Full-time employees. It has been very difficult to find seasonal employees especially with the wage average going up. Administration is looking at ways they can adjust what they do at the District so they can round out the team and not have to rely on seasonals as much. The main concern was what the Full-time employees would do during the winter. There is still larvae out there, just not a lot. They are cutting trails and creating source access which gives them plenty of things to do during the off season. Administration is also making some plans with the Flood Control Board to help them with hand cutting in the waterways where they can't take heavy machinery. Right now, the District has it in the budget to hire more people. Administration will hire one now and another when the season gets started. Full-time hires will have a grace period before receiving any benefits to make sure that they plan on working with the District long term. Administration will also try to hire a couple seasonal employees for the peak part of the summer season. Motion was made by Bret Henderson to hire on 2 new Full-time employees, seconded by Dave Sanders. All in attendance voted "Aye".

#### **Item #6: Manager's Report**

Sean presented the State of the District report. This is the annual report that helps the District answer 3 questions: Where are they now? What has been improved? And where are they going? The District

finished renovations in the lab, ID office and Sean's office. Those rooms got new paint and floors. They want to upgrade the garage doors for this year. They bought new floor mats for the trucks and added some extra shelves in the back to hold rakes and shovels. They purchased some new tools for cutting trails and clearing reeds. The District only used 5.31 gallons of adulticide this last season. The GIS system that they have is still working great and they have made some more improvements. 10 additional bucket traps were built for some of the new trapping spots they have found. *Aedes aegypti*, an invasive species to the area, was found in Springdale last season. The Mosquito Surveillance Techs will continue to monitor the area to make sure they don't reestablish. There were 0 positive WNV and SLE found this season. The Southwest Mosquito ID book is going through further updating, as it's been about 10 years or more since any updates have been made. The District is still working with the DSU museum to collect specimens. The District website is being updated for a better look and to incorporate more transparency. The Mosquitoes of Utah book is being updated as well.

**Item #6: Board Member Comments or Questions**

None

**Item #7: Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Jay Lee, seconded by Mike Scott.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 12, 2022 at the Mosquito Abatement Building, at 4:00 pm.

Chair Waite dismissed the meeting at 5:00 pm.

**Approved minutes signed by Executive Board Member:**

Name:  Title: Treasurer