

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

February 9, 2023

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees meeting was held on February 9, 2023, at the Mosquito Abatement District building at 1460 South Sandhill Dr., Washington City. Chair Jarett Waite convened the meeting at 4:01 pm.

Present:

Jarett Waite, Santa Clara
Michael Evenson, Rockville
Margaret Osaski, Apple Valley
Treasurer, Susana Arias, Ex-Officio, Wash. Co. - Auditors
Office
Bret Henderson, Washington City

Excused:

Bart Merrill, Enterprise
Dave Sanders, Hurricane
Mike Scott, Ivins
Jay Lee, Virgin
Shawn Guzman, St. George
Terrill Musser, Hildale
Victor Iverson, Washington County

Electronic (Google Meet):

Doneva Hecker, New Harmony
Jack Burns, Springdale
Peter Mills, Leeds
Chuck Hardy, La Verkin
Gary Chaves, Toquerville

Administration:

Sean Amodt, SWMACD District Admin
Kesler Hansen, SWMACD Operations Admin
Karen Noffsinger, SWMACD Office & HR Admin

Item #1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chair Jarett Waite.

Item #2: Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Chuck Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes for December 8, 2022, Michael Evenson seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #3: Annual Nominations and Election of Board Members

The Board voted for this year's Board officers. Jarret Waite from Santa Clara will continue as Chair. Chuck Hardy from La Verkin will continue as Vice Chair. Gary Chaves from Toquerville will continue as Secretary. Susana Arias from the Washington County Auditor's Office will continue as Treasurer.

Item #5: Budget Items

Susana explained the authorization of expenses through December 2022. \$100,000 of excess funds was transferred to the Capital Facilities fund for future use on capital projects. Hinton Burdick will be starting the full financial audit for 2022. Doneva Hecker made a motion to approve the expenses through December 2022, Jarett Waite seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #6: Policy and Action Items

Mayor Kress Staheli from Washington City came in to present the Washington Community Reinvestment Agency project. Mayor Staheli introduced Freeport West, which is a privately owned company and has been in business since 1963. They

develop, lease, and manage their own commercial real estate, and they don't typically sell off their properties. Freeport West is asking for the District's cooperation to help fund this project by using Tax Increment Funding (TIF). The ask is for a 20- year term, the split is 75% back to the CRA and the 25% remaining will be retained by the District. After a year, it will start to create some revenue, then as it builds out, it creates more revenue. The current tax revenue on this is almost zero. The District will get 25% of the tax value until it is fully funded or 20 years. After 20 years, the District will get the full taxing value plus any addition activity that it spurs. If this project doesn't get the cooperation of the taxing agencies, it will remain undeveloped, and the District will only receive the \$.04 per year in revenue that is being received currently. District Administration believes that this TIF was done correctly and is confident in supporting this project. Michael Evenson made a motion to approve the Washington CRA, Bret Henderson seconded the motion. All in attendance votes "Aye".

The Board discussed and approved the Board meeting compensation increase. The Board has not had an increase in the attendance compensation in 17 years. The amount was raised from \$30.00 per meeting attendance to \$35.00. Doneva Hecker made a motion to approve the Board compensation increase from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per meeting attended, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance votes "Aye".

The Board discussed and approved the pesticide order. Sean explained that some of the purchases will happen early in the year because the vendors offer discounts if orders are placed early. If something is needed later in the season, an order will be placed at that time. The order is for \$27,416.04, the budget for pesticides is set at \$35,000. The extra \$7,500 will be for any extra pesticides at the end of the season that might be needed or if an emergency arises. Gary Chaves made a motion to approve the pesticide purchase of \$27,416.04, Doneva Hecker seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

The Board discussed and approved a vehicle purchase. Sean explained that having a commuter vehicle would be helpful for travelling to and from conferences, running errands in town, or whatever other uses. The commuter vehicle will have a higher gas mileage than the work trucks. Bret Henderson made a motion to approve the purchase of a commuter vehicle up to \$30,000, Jarett Waite seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #7: Manager's Report

Sean presented the State of the District report. Financially the District is doing well. A little bit of fogging was done last year with a lot of acres covered. More traps have been built and 10 more are being added this year. There were 0 positive West Nile Virus pools last year. Karen is doing some HR training and getting certified in HR. The annual conference will be up in Snowbird in October. In 2024, Southwest Mosquito Abatement will be the host District and will get to choose where the conference will be. The District attended the West Central conference. There were about 100 people in attendance from all over the country.

Item #8: Board Member Comments or Questions

None

Item #8: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Bret Henderson, Michael Evenson seconded the motion.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 11, 2023, at the Mosquito Abatement District office, at 4:00 pm.

Chair Waite dismissed the meeting at 5:08 pm.

Approved minutes signed by Executive Board Member:

Name: _____ Title: _____