

**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 December 8, 2022, 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
Bart Merrill, Enterprise
Dave Sanders, Hurricane
Mike Scott, Ivins
Peter Mills, Leeds
Jay Lee, Virgin
Michael Evenson, Rockville
Margaret Osaski, Apple Valley
Chuck Hardy, La Verkin
Shawn Guzman, St. George
Treasurer, Susana Arias, Ex-Officio, Wash. Co. - Auditors
Office
Gary Chaves, Toquerville
Bret Henderson, Washington City

Electronic (Google Meet):

Adam Snow, Washington County
Terrill Musser, Hildale
Doneva Hecker, New Harmony

Excused:

Jack Burns, Springdale

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: Public Hearing

Dave Sanders made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2022 budget amendments, Chuck Hardy seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye". There was no public comment. Jay Lee made a motion to close the hearing for the 2022 budget amendments, Gary Chaves seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Shawn Guzman made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2023 proposed budget, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye". There was no public comment. Michael Evenson made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2023 proposed budget, Gary Chaves seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #3: Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Mike Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for November 10, 2022, Bart Merrill seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #4: Budget Items

Susana Arias reviewed the expenses through October. She stated that there are no concerns with our current expenses, and it looks like we are on track to finish out the year well under budget. Bret Henderson made a motion to approve the expenses through October, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Susana Arias reviewed the 2022 amended budget with the Board. She explained that an amendment to the budget is done every year because the District doesn't receive the property taxes for the year until December. She was able to get a glimpse at what the property taxes are going to be, and it looks like they will be closer to what was received for 2021 so the property taxes were amended to \$850,000 to reflect that change. Currently, the District has received \$736,414 in revenue. Because there is a limit to how much revenue the District can have in the general fund, \$100,000 will be moved to the Capital Facilities fund which will be used for building maintenance or purchasing a new building in the future. Jarett Waite asked about the equipment revenue that showed up in September. Sean explained that it was an insurance reimbursement for a truck accident. Chair Jarett Waite asked for a motion to approve the 2022 amended budget. Jay Lee made a motion to approve the 2022 budget amendments as presented, Bart Merrill seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Susana Arias presented the 2023 proposed budget. The estimated tax revenues for next year total will be roughly \$852,030. The certified tax rate for 2022 was used as the base amount. In the discussion, Sean explained the reasons for any budget line-item adjustments from last year. A full audit has been planned for this year and that has been added into the budget. Sean explained that the District will follow the County for Full-time employee cost of living increase of 4% - 6% depending on need for next year and a \$500 year-end bonus for Full-time employees and \$250 for Part-time employees for this year. Shawn Guzman made a motion to approve the 2023 proposed budget with the cost-of-living increase and bonus, Dave Sanders seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Susana Arias discussed the 2023 proposed capital facility budget. The money in that fund will be used to repair and update things in our current building or buy/build a new building in the future. Jay Lee made a motion to approve the 2023 proposed capital facility budget, Terrill Musser seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #5: Policy and Action Items

Jarett Waite presented the 2023 Board meeting schedule. As usual, the meetings are on the second Thursday at 4:00 pm every 3 months starting in February with a budget meeting in December. It was stated that there are no conflicts with the dates at this time. Dave Sanders made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2023, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean Amodt discussed the purchase of a new vehicle. The District is starting to shift to smaller trucks with longer beds. Chevy may not be making the trucks that the District wants with just 2 doors and a small door in the back. They may look into a Ford Ranger since they are closer to what the District needs. The District is able to either order from the manufacturer or buy off the lot now. Chuck Hardy made a motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle up to \$35,000, Mike Scott seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean Amodt presented the pesticide purchase that the District wants to make before the end of the year. There is \$15,800 left in the budget for pesticide purchases. The District will purchase the pesticides now before the price goes up by 5% - 8% next year. Bart Merrill made a motion to approve the pesticide purchase, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #6: Manager's Report

Sean presented the mosquito distribution chart. This chart represents all the mosquitoes caught this year in our traps. There were zero positive West Nile Virus pools. There was 1 positive SLE pool. We caught a total of 34,658 mosquitoes. Total mosquito numbers have dropped roughly 3,500 from last year. 18,048 were Culex erythrothorax, which is a mosquito that can carry West Nile Virus, but they are not the main carrier. Their habits are also different from other species of mosquitoes. They don't like to feed on humans as much and you would need to be in the swamp to get bit. They do not like to travel far. 5,882 mosquitoes were Culex tarsalis, the main carrier of West Nile Virus. Aedes aegypti was found again this year. This is the third year in a row of finding Aedes aegypti in Washington County: 2020 they were

found in St. George, 2021 they were found in Springdale and this year they were found in Harrisburg. There were no recurrences of them found in St. George or Springdale in 2022

Item #7: Board Member Comments or Questions

None

Item #8: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Mills, Margaret Osaski seconded the motion.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 8, 2022, 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: _____

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