

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

December 8, 2022

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees meeting was held on November 10, 2022, at the Mosquito Abatement District building at 1460 South Sandhill Dr., Washington City. Chair Jarett Waite convened the meeting at 4:07 pm.

Present:

Jarett Waite, Santa Clara
Bart Merrill, Enterprise
Dave Sanders, Hurricane
Mike Scott, Ivins
Peter Mills, Leeds Bret Henderson, Washington City
Jay Lee, Virgin
Michael Evenson, Rockville
Margaret Osaski, Apple Valley

Excused:

Jack Burns, Springdale
Chuck Hardy, La Verkin
Shawn Guzman, St. George
Treasurer, Susana Arias, Ex-Officio, Wash. Co. - Auditors Office
Doneva Hecker, New Harmony

Electronic (Google Meet):

Adam Snow, Washington County
Terrill Musser, Hildale
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 4:07 pm by Chair Jarett Waite.

Item #2: Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Jay Lee made a motion to approve the minutes for August 11, 2022, Michael Evenson seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #3: Budget Items

In Susana's absence, Sean reviewed the expenses through September. It was a light month for expenses, and everything was pretty standard. Dave Sanders made a motion to approve the expenses through September, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

The proposed general budget and capital facilities budget were reviewed. In the discussion, Sean explained how the Administration comes up with the projected tax revenue amounts. The estimated tax revenues for this next year will be roughly \$852,030. This is a growth rate increase of \$55,542.00 from last year. The Salary & Wages line item, along with a few others, was raised up in order to possibly hire a couple more Full-time employees next year. Karen explained that the green lines on the 2023 supplementary budget spreadsheet are all items where the budget went up and the red lines are where the budget went down. Bart Merrill made a motion to approve the 2023 tentative budgets as presented, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean explained the 2023 Capital Facilities budget. In the next meeting, at the Public Hearing, the Administration will discuss how much money will be transferred to that fund, so the District won't have excess money in the general fund. Mike Scott made a motion to approve the 2023 Capital Facilities budget, Terrill Musser seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

The Public Hearing date for the 2023 proposed budgets and the amendments to the 2022 budgets was proposed for December 8, 2022. Peter Mills made a motion to accept the public hearing date of December 8th, 2022, for the budgets, Mike Scott seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #4: Policy and Action Items

Sean explained what pesticides the District needs to order. There is around \$14,000 left in the pesticide budget this year. The idea is to spend the rest of the budget this year as costs are going up next year 5% - 8% on the low range, some are going up higher. The Operations Admin would normally have an order put together to approve, but they were sick for the past week. Sean explained that this item will need to be postponed and put on the December Board meeting agenda for further discussion and approval. Bret Henderson made a motion to table the pesticide order discussion until December, Dave Sanders seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean reviewed the Capital Facilities Plan for 2023. The 10-year plan is to save up for a new building, whether the District purchases an existing one or buys property and builds a new building. In the 5-year plan, there is a whole list of projects. Some of the items have already been completed. Jay Lee made a motion to approve the Capital Facilities plan for 2023, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

An update on the St. George CDA – Tech Ridge was given. District Administrators were able to get a meeting with the developer to answer many of the questions that the City could not answer. After the meeting with the developer, it is evidently clear that the best path forward for the District is to help them quickly develop the project in order to increase the taxable revenue of this area to bring the District more income than it is currently getting. Administration was told that the District is only receiving around \$80 a year off this property now, but they will be making 25% of the increased taxable value on the amended CDA instead of zero percent.

Item #5: Manager's Report

Sean presented the end-of-season surveillance report. Less mosquitoes were collected this year than last year which indicates that the larviciding efforts were more successful. In those adult collections, it was interesting to note that the *Aedes aegypti* have increased every year for the past 3 years, but those have all come in different locations. It was good to highlight once again that there were no WNV positive pools detected. There was one St. Louis Encephalitis positive pool but that was short lived. Service calls were up from 44 last year to 57 this year but most of those were due to the *Aedes aegypti* outbreak in Harrisburg.

Bart Merrill shared how much he enjoyed attending the UMAA conference and encouraged others to go. Sean said that the District did some presentations that other Districts enjoyed. The GIS mapping system the District uses was presented with Sunrise Engineering. They highlighted the way they prioritize the areas to be more efficient with treatments. Also, Erin Flores from SUU, our scholarship student for this last year, did her presentation on mosquitoes in high elevations in Iron County.

Item #6: 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: _____