

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

November 11, 2021

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees meeting was held on November 11, 2021 at the Mosquito Abatement District building at 1460 South Sandhill Dr., Washington City. Chair Jarett Waite convened the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Present:

Adrian Player, Springdale
Peter Mills, Leeds
Treasurer, Susan Lewis, Ex-Officio, Wash. Co. - Auditors
Office
Sean Amodt, SWMACD Manager
Karen Noffsinger, SWMACD Admin. Asst.
Kesler Hansen, SWMACD Asst. Manager
Bart Merrill, Enterprise
Jay Lee, Virgin
Chuck Hardy, La Verkin
Jarett Waite, Santa Clara
Derek Larsen, Ivins
Gary Chaves, Toquerville

Electronic (Google Meet):

Terry Bell, Rockville
Doneva Hecker, New Harmony

Excused:

Kevin Tervort, Hurricane
Hildale Representative
Apple Valley Representative
St. George Representative
Roger Bundy, Washington City
Adam Snow, Washington County

Item #1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Vice Chair Adrian Player.

Item #2: Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Adrian Player made a motion to approve the minutes for August 12, 2021, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #3: Budget Items

Susan explained the expenses through September 2021. The revenues look low, but this will catch up as the property taxes start coming in. The expenditures look good for this time of year. Jarett Waite mentioned that the Salary and Wages are only at 63% yet the District is ¾ of the way through the year and asked why it was under budget by so much. Sean explained that they couldn't find as many seasonals to hire this year as they had planned. They did add 2 Full-time employees at the beginning of the year which has been nice. The 2 new hires replaced the employee who retired last year and, in that transaction, the District saved some money as they were already seasonal employees. Chuck Hardy made a motion to approve the expenses through September 2021, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Susan Lewis presented the tentative budget for 2022 to the Board. Sean explained what line items would be going up and which would be going down. The District will be raising the Salary and Wages line item along with the Health Insurance, FICA, Retirement line items. They are anticipating higher wages for hiring seasonal employees. They would also like to hire 2 more Full-time employees. They have found some options to keep everyone busy through the winter season. They hope this will encourage people to come work Full-time for the District instead of relying on the Part-time seasonals. They are reducing the Unemployment line item as they don't anticipate needing more than \$5000 next year.

Susan explained the Capital Projects fund. In the next meeting, at the Public Hearing, they will discuss how much money will be transferred to that fund, so the District won't have too much money in the general fund. Jay Lee made a motion to approve the tentative budgets for 2022, Bart Merrill seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

The Public Hearing date set for December 9, 2021 to discuss the 2022 proposed budgets and the amendments to the 2021 budgets. Adrian Player made a motion to accept the public hearing date of December 9th, 2021 for the budgets, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #4: Policy and Action Items

Sean reviewed the Capital Facilities Plan for 2022. The plan is for the capital facilities budget. 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. Peter made a motion to approve the Capital Facilities plan for 2022, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean introduced Esme Cope, the Districts scholarship recipient for this year. She presented her project, "Spatiotemporal Distribution of Culex in Utah" to the Board. She gave a brief overview of her study. The project was to determine which Culex mosquitoes; pipiens, quinquefasciatus, or hybrids were here in Utah. Esme and her team determined that in Southern Utah only Culex quinquefasciatus were found. In Northern Utah, Culex quinquefasciatus were found as well as Culex pipiens and hybrids. She also presented at the UMAA annual conference. Adrian Player made a motion to approve the Scholarship for Esme Cope, Chuck Hardy seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #5: Manager's Report

Sean presented the end of year mosquito surveillance report. There were no West Nile positive tests this season. There were around 7000 more mosquitoes caught this year compared to last year. This was due to trapping in new areas and trapping those areas sooner. There were a lot more erythrothorax caught this year as well. More testing correlated with catching more mosquitoes. Treatments were almost identical to the year before. The District expects the storm drain treatments to double next year. They are working on getting a dedicated storm drain team for next season. Service calls were down this year. A lot of the calls were for flies and gnats.

The UMAA conference was good this year with a lot of good presentations. Sean had an opportunity to do a presentation about the Aedes aegypti that was found this year in Springdale. Jarett Waite and Adrian Player attended the UMAA meeting this year. They shared some of the highlights with the Board and explained how informative it was.

Item #6: Board Member Comments or Questions

None

Item #8: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Adrian Player, Chuck Hardy seconded the motion.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 9, 2021 at the Mosquito Abatement District office, at 4:00 pm.

Vice Chair Player dismissed the meeting at 4:55 pm.

Approved minutes signed by Executive Board Member:

Name: _____ Title: _____