

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

August 8, 2024

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees meeting was held on August 8, 2024, at the Mosquito Abatement District building at 1460 South Sandhill Dr., Washington City. Chair Jarett Waite convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Present:

Jarett Waite, Santa Clara
Bart Merrill, Enterprise
Jay Lee, Virgin
Todd Sands, Toquerville
Darren Prince, La Verkin
Nanette Billings, Hurricane

Terrill Musser, Hildale
Victor Iverson, Washington County
Karen Noffsinger, SWMACD Office & HR Admin
Mike Scott, Ivins
Peter Mills, Leeds
Doneva Hecker, New Harmony
Bret Henderson, Washington City
Jay Sandberg, St. George

Electronic (Google Meet):

Jenna Vizcardo, Apple Valley
Michael Evenson, Rockville

Administration:

Sean Amodt, SWMACD District Admin
Kesler Hansen, SWMACD Operations Admin

Excused:

Pat Campbell, Springdale

Item #1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Jarett Waite.

Item #2: Budget Items

Sean reviewed the expenses through June, and everything looks great for this time of year. At this point in the year, the District could have 50% of the budget spent, but currently it has only spent 33%. The budget is well below where it should be and there are no major expenses expected for the rest of the year. Darren Prince made a motion to approve the expenses through June 2024, Michael Evenson seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #3: Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes from the May 9th meeting were reviewed. Nanette Billings made a motion to approve the minutes for May 9th, 2024, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #4: Policy and Action Items

Sean presented the updates made to the Pesticide Discharge Management Plan (PDMP). This document allows the District to discharge pesticides (including biologicals) into the waters of Utah. There were only a few changes made. The name of one full-time employee was removed and the Full-time, non-benefited Mosquito Surveillance Tech position was added to the list. The years that *Aedes aegypti* has been found in Washington County was updated to include 2023. A new chemical, Sumilarv, which is another growth regulator, was added to the list of pesticide products. Nanette Billings made a motion to approve the updates made to the PDMP, Bart Merrill seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean presented the Memorandum of Understanding regarding mosquitofish (Gambusia) to the Board. The DWR has updated the MOU agreement, and it basically states that the District can use mosquitofish in any water that isn't at all linked to the Virgin River. This would be things such as ornamental ponds or bird baths in a yard. The cost of testing the fish for potential diseases is too high to justify use, so the District probably won't be doing this in the near future. There is a lot that goes into a fish program, and for this District, only a few hundred fish a year would probably be needed. The MOU will still be signed so that if any time in the future the District chooses to use mosquitofish, they will be able to. Jay Lee made a motion to approve the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, Darren Prince seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #5: Manager's Report

Sean presented the surveillance report. Testing is up to date. As of right now, there are zero (0) West Nile Virus positives. The first WNV positive in 2023 was on August 1st. The District was able to hire a full field crew this year. Around 40 traps are being set a week throughout the County. 27,543 mosquitoes have been trapped so far this year. This is about 9,000 more than last year at this time. Most of these are from the 3 new locations that have been producing a lot of mosquitoes. There hasn't been a lot of fogging done so far this season, mostly just spot fogging.

Sean told the Board about the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association annual conference that will be held October 28th – October 30th, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in St. George. On Monday, they will have a Board member training session. Board members are welcome to attend the live training given by some of the best in the state.

Item #6: Board Member Comments or Questions

None

Item #7: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Darren Prince, Michael Evenson seconded the motion.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 14th, 2024, at the Mosquito Abatement District office, at 4:00 pm.

Chair Waite dismissed the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Approved minutes signed by Executive Board Member:

Name: _____ Title: _____