

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
19 September 2019
BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: Dr. Dagmar Vitek, Chair 2019

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: 2215 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Trustees Present: Dr. Dagmar Vitek, Chair
Maureen M. Wilson, Vice-Chair
Carlton Christensen
La Vone Liddle
Neil Vickers, Ph.D.

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Director
Kris Larson, Construction Control Corporation (Left 1:08 pm, after Item 3.)

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Vitek called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. It was confirmed that the voice recorder was turned on, and no conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

3. Update on Construction and Budget from Construction Control Corporation:

Kris Larson, President of Construction Control Corporation, discussed the new facility's Budget Summary, accepted/rejected change orders, and some of the larger construction issues. The project remains within budget; around 97% of the project's budget has been expended and about \$512,000 remains unencumbered.

Subcontractors are slowly working on the punch list. One critical problem is mainly attributed to sealing the concrete floors before they were cleaned; they are unattractive and scratch easily. Hogan Construction has agreed to fund and install LVT flooring (luxury vinyl tile) over most of the concrete floor in the administration building and to also

provide a more durable flooring in the lab areas. Portions of the concrete floors in the other buildings are also unsightly, but we have decided to wait a year or two to see if natural wear helps to blend in these areas. We will pursue partial financial reimbursement for the concrete floors in Vehicle Storage 1 and 2. Delivery of the LVT is about 10 days out, so we will move into the new facility sometime in October.

Executive Director Faraji noted that the sumps in the car wash bays are not adequate for our needs. Hogan Construction has agreed to dig out and install larger wash basins, which should cost about \$20,000. If the cost estimate is above our reasonable expectations, we may hold off on fixing the sumps until a later date.

Different ideas about a grand opening/ribbon cutting were mentioned. Hogan Construction has agreed to provide a BBQ truck, and Design West has agreed to help, too. Executive Director Faraji will talk with staff to get more input.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the 15 August 2019 Monthly Board Meeting:

A copy of the pending minutes had been distributed to the Board Members for review prior to the meeting. Trustee Liddle made a motion to approve the 15 August 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as written; Trustee Vickers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Presentation of the August 2019 Financial Statements & Approval of Bills for Payment:

The Trustees had also received copies of August's Financial Statements prior to the Board Meeting. CFO Fairbanks reviewed the Financial Statements with the Board; all expenditures were presented, with special attention being paid to items over \$1,000 in addition to the out-of-the-ordinary expenditures and payments. Copies of the balance sheets, the credit card receipts for the credit card statements having a balance over \$1,000, and the General Fund's reconciled bank statement were also circulated. Trustee Liddle made a motion to adopt the August 2019 Financial Statements and approve August's bills for payment. This motion carried with all in favor after being seconded by Trustee Christensen.

6. Report on Attended & Reminder/Approval of Upcoming Training/Meetings:

- **American Chemical Society (ACS), 28 August 2019, San Diego, CA**

Executive Director Faraji was scheduled to attend and present at the ACS meetings on behalf of the District and AMCA; however, due to scheduling conflicts, he was not able to attend this meeting. Assistant Director White stepped up and agreed to fulfill this assignment. The ACS has more than 156,000 members worldwide, and it hosts one of the country's largest meetings. Over a thousand

different talks were being delivered in San Diego at the same time; rooms were merely partitioned with drapery, and the attendees were equipped with headsets tuned in to receive the presentation being delivered in their own specific location. Assistant Director White flew to San Diego, gave his presentation, listened to some of the speakers, and then returned home late that same evening. Pesticide applications made by mosquito abatements differ greatly from the much larger agricultural industry, and the highlight of this excursion was that more questions were being asked about our specific industry. Assistant Director White was able to provide an overview on surveillance, discuss pesticide application rates, and to also elaborate on invasive mosquito container habitats. AMCA is trying to broaden mosquito awareness, for we are a small industry that is losing several tools we have to help us fight mosquitoes. Collaborating with other industries will hopefully provide us with a stronger voice.

- **DSLASA, 12 September 2019, Ogden, UT**

This year, DSLASA is invoicing the Districts for larvicide usage as well as adulticide usage. Thus, as we did last year with the adulticides, we initially provided the larvicides and then DSLASA will invoice us for the larvicides we actually use this summer. Also, there has been a debate over purchasing a scissor-lift; the Mosquito Abatement District – Davis has found that renting a forklift has been too demanding on their personnel. SLCMAD's Trustees feel that this purchase is unnecessary; Executive Director Faraji has agreed to oversee all operations requiring a scissor-lift in 2020, which will postpone making a final decision to until a later date.

- **Society for Vector Ecology (SOVE), 22-26 September 2019, Puerto Rico**

Both Executive Director Faraji and Assistant Director White have been members of the Society for Vector Ecology for many years, and they have been invited to participate in this year's conference. Assistant Director White is doing a poster, and Executive Director Faraji is presenting a talk. This conference is an important opportunity to share ideas and innovations with other scientists and vector control specialists from national and international organizations. They will also be able to tour the CDC's Dengue Branch and the newly-created Vector Control Unit.

- **NWMVCA, 8-10 October 2019, Boise, ID**

Executive Director Faraji will be driving to the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control Association's conference in Idaho this year.

- **UMAA, 13-15 October 2019, Ruby's Inn, Bryce, UT**

UMAA's Annual Meeting will be held at Ruby's Inn this year. State-required annual trustee training will be provided at this conference, and all of the Trustees will be in attendance. Carpooling will be available, if anyone is interested.

7. Executive Director's Report:

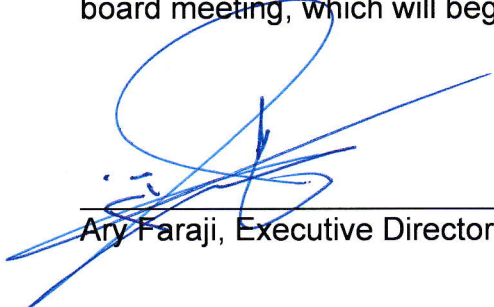
Moab, Utah recently discovered the presence of *Aedes aegypti* adult mosquitoes; in response, five of the District's employees worked several long days striving to extirpate this invasion. Executive Director Faraji and Assistant Director White expressed their challenges as they discussed their Moab experiences in detail. The Trustees were also updated on a few items, including: (1) When returning from Moab, Assistant Director White and Operations Supervisor Hardman experienced some minor damage when another car ran into their vehicle. An initial estimate to repair the District's truck is around \$1,400; the other driver's insurance will cover the repairs to our vehicle. (2) Travelers Insurance finally reimbursed the District \$3,485.52 for the small fender bender that occurred in June. The District paid for the repair, and ULGT had us reimbursed directly. (3) Surveillance indicates our District is below average for the number of mosquitoes recorded this year. The heavy spring rains appear to have affected other districts more than our District. (4) Our District has had around 50 positive mosquito pools for West Nile virus so far this year. Last year we had 26 positive pools, but we had 68 positive pools in 2017 and 65 positive pools in 2016. (5) The rabbit/tick study for the CDC is still ongoing. (6) The District hosted the Assistant Director from the Cayman Islands Mosquito Control Unit during the first two weeks of September. He was impressed with our facilities and appreciated learning about our mosquito control operations.

8. Probable Agenda Items for 24 October 2019 Monthly Board Meeting:

- Executive Director's Report
- Preliminary 2019 Budget Amendments
- Preliminary 2020 Budget

9. Adjournment:

Trustees Liddle and Vickers made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. A box lunch will be available before the 24 October 2019 regular monthly board meeting, which will begin at 12:30 p.m.



Ary Faraji, Executive Director

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Date



Dagmar Vitek, Chair 2019

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