

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
23 January 2020
BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: Maureen M. Wilson, Chair 2020

Time: 12:30 p.m.

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

Trustees Present: Maureen M. Wilson, Chair
La Vone Liddle, Vice-Chair
Carlton Christensen (left the meeting at 1:45 p.m., after Item 9)
Neil Vickers, Ph.D.
Dr. Dagmar Vitek

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Director
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO
Van Turner, Salt Lake City Resident

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. It was confirmed that the voice recorder was turned on, and no conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Public Comment:

Van Turner discussed an article by Soren Simonsen, the Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission, about the balance between nature's open space and new Inland Port development.

3. Approval of the 19 December 2019 Minutes of December Monthly Board Meeting:

Minutes of December's Monthly Board Meeting had been disseminated for review previously. Trustees Liddle and Wilson had commented on the minutes, and all recommended revisions had been made. Trustee Liddle made a motion to approve the

19 December 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; Trustee Vickers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the 19 December 2019 Public Hearing Minutes of the 2019 Budget Amendments and 2020 Proposed Budget:

Trustee Liddle made a motion to approve the 19 December 2019 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Trustee Christensen, and it carried unanimously.

5. Presentation of the December 2019 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

Copies of December's Financial Statements had been distributed to the Trustees 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 and any out-of-the-ordinary expenditures and payments. Copies of the balance sheets, a folder containing documentation for every payment, and the General Fund's reconciled bank statement were also circulated. Trustee Vickers made a motion to adopt the December 2019 Financial Statements and to approve December's bills for payment. After being seconded by Trustee Christensen, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and Approval of 2020 ESRI GIS Renewal Contract:

In the past, the ESRI GIS renewal contract has been brought before the Board for approval. However, the ESRI GIS contract fee has actually been included and already approved with the annual budget. Because this expense is a routine quote and is essential to operating the District, this will be the last time the ESRI GIS expense will be presented to the Board for separate approval. The Board was unanimously in agreement with this approach. Trustee Liddle made a motion to approve the ESRI GIS contract; the motion was seconded by Trustee Vickers, and it passed with all in favor.

7. Discussion and Approval of 2020 Board Calendar:

A revised calendar of dates was given to the Trustees. The only modification from the previous calendar was to move the 16 April 2020 meeting to 23 April 2020. Trustee Liddle made a motion to approve the revised Board Calendar. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote.

8. Board Member Appointments Update:

Van Turner submitted his application to Salt Lake City, and the City Council should calendar his interview on the 4th or 11th of February. Trustee Christensen is also up for

reappointment; in the past, submitting another application has not been required, but this may change moving forward. As a side note, Trustee Vickers has not yet received his Certificate of Appointment from Salt Lake City.

9. Discussion on Five-Year Plan and Tax Increase:

Executive Director Faraji had prepared a short presentation covering several of the reasons why he was recommending the District pursue a tax increase. The Certified Tax Rate restricts the District from receiving additional funding except for new growth; current legislation does not address inflation, which necessitates revisiting tax increases approximately every 5 years. We have put off filling several positions because of funding. However, increasing staff has become more urgent due to the demands of our new facility and the additional services which the Prison relocation and Inland Port development will require. Strict procedures must be followed, including notifying the Salt Lake City Council about our plans to increase taxes. (However, we are not required to obtain permission from the Salt Lake City Council Members in order to pursue this tax increase.)

10. Report on Attended and Reminder/Approval of Upcoming Training/Meetings:

- **FL Fly In, 14-16 January 2020, Ft Myers, FL**

Attendance at this conference was canceled because there were simply too many things demanding attention at the District.

- **Cayman Islands *Aedes aegypti* Extermination Committee, 27-30 January 2020, Grand Cayman**

The initial visit to the Cayman Islands has finally been organized, and the mosquito experts will be able to see what they are dealing with. This is exciting because no mosquito eradication work has been done on the islands since the 1950s. Airfare and hotel reservations will be provided by the Grand Cayman Mosquito Control Unit.

- **PacVec, 18-20 February 2020, UC Riverside, CA**

Utah has successfully lobbied to be partnered with UC Riverside and UC Davis, and we have coordinated a training grant with the University of Utah. Our intern, Aurelie Kapusta, will be presenting in February; we will be covering her costs with the grant money we will receive once all of the testing has been completed.

- **CDC Vector Week 2020, 25-28 February 2020, Ft. Collins, CO**

The CDC Vector Week 2020 is a new symposium program put together by CDC's Division of Vector-Borne Diseases. Executive Director Faraji has been invited to join

a few of the higher-ranking CDC personnel at this symposium; he will be presenting and moderating a session.

- **WCMVCA, 2-4 March 2020, Grand Junction, CO**

Executive Director Faraji is currently the President of the WCMVCA, and he has committed to attending this meeting. However, he has been unimpressed with the agenda covered during the recent conferences, and he has decided to look at this year's agenda and allow the staff to decide if they want to attend this meeting.

- **DSLASA, 12 March 2020, Kaysville, UT**

This is just a reminder that the next DSLASA Board Meeting will be held in March at the MAD-Davis facility. Gary Hatch will be the Executive Director of DSLASA during 2020-2021.

- **AMCA, 16-20 March 2020, Portland, OR**

Trustees Vitek, Liddle, and Vickers are planning on attending the AMCA conference this year. Executive Director Faraji is currently the President Elect of AMCA, and he will be taking over as President next year.

- **AMCA Washington Conference, 11-13 May 2020, Washington, D.C.**

Please note this conference date on your calendars.

11. Executive Director's Report:

The Board Members were given a few updates, which included the following: 1) Assistant Director White will be running the next Board Meeting because Executive Director Faraji will be attending PacVec in California with our Trainee. 2) The bulk of the moving from and cleaning the old facility has been completed. We will soon be ready for an appraisal; we may be able to avoid realtor fees if the two neighbors who have indicated an interest in buying the property have not had a change of heart. 3) The heating system in the new facility is working better now, but the lab wing is still cold and its airflow is noisy. 4) The high humidity problem in the insectary still needs to be resolved. The issue seems to be getting worse, and we will need a permanent fix from our architects. 5) Five of the faulty pumps that control the heat in the pesticide storage building have been replaced, but now two are leaking again. 6) The projector screen is warped, and the supplier has agreed to replace it. 7) A semi-truck caused some damage to the landscape when it ran over our lawn. Fortunately, the incident was captured on video, and the responsible party (Swift Transportation) has agreed to cover the cost of repairing the damage. 8) The north gate is working, but the south gate has been functioning sporadically. 9) The generator is not automatically turning on during a power failure; we had a glycol leak, but it has now been fixed. 10) We are continuing to purchase what we need to get the new site ready for the upcoming mosquito season.

Funds to purchase these additional items will be taken from the Capital Projects Fund. 11) Spartan Mosquito has been promoting a product that we fear may be a persuasive gimmick. We have been conducting some research aimed at evaluating the efficacy of the Spartan Mosquito claims. It's our goal to put scientific data together and produce an official report. We are collaborating with other Districts and academia to get this accomplished. 12) Senator Fillmore is promoting a bill (SB 64) that requires notification prior to making a pesticide application. LeGrand Bitter, the Executive Director of Utah Association of Special Districts, and Ryan Lusty, the Manager of Magna Mosquito Abatement District as well as our representative to UASD, have been working with Senator Fillmore to make the bill less onerous. 13) After providing janitorial services to the District for the past twenty-eight years, Michael Summa has decided to fold his business. We will be hiring new custodial services. 14) AMCA has hired Dave Brown, the former Manager of Sac-Yolo Mosquito Vector Control District in CA, as its new Technical Advisor, and he is excited about generating some new practices and making changes to the Association.

12. Probable Agenda Items for 20 February 2020 Board Meeting:

- Facility Updates
- Tax Increase Outline
- Board Member Appointment Update
- Executive Director's Report

13. Adjournment:

Trustees Liddle and Vickers made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. A box lunch will be available before the 20 February 2020 regular monthly board meeting, which will begin at 12:30 p.m.



Gregory White, Assistant Director

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Maureen Wilson, Chair 2020

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