

**MINUTES OF THE  
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT  
21 November 2024  
  
BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: Dr. Shireen Mooers, Chair

Time: 12:32 p.m.

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

Trustees Present: Dr. Shireen Mooers, Chair  
Amanda Barth, Vic-Chair  
Luz Escamilla (Attended virtually; joined the meeting during Item 3)  
Van Turner  
Neil Vickers, Ph.D.

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Director  
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO  
Chilton Hawk, Salt Lake City Resident  
Dorothy Owen, Salt Lake City Resident

**1. Roll Call:**

Trustee Mooers called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. No conflicts of interest were declared.

**2. Approval of the 17 October 2024 Minutes of the Board of Trustees:**

The pending minutes of October's regular Board Meeting had been distributed to the Board Members previously, and all modifications had been completed. Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the 17 October 2024 Minutes of the Board of Trustees; the motion was seconded by Trustee Barth and carried unanimously.

**3. Presentation of the October 2024 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:**

The Trustees had received copies of October's Financial Statements earlier in the week. CFO Fairbanks noted receiving payments from the following entities:

America Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) (\$1,625.00, Washington Conference Rebate) and University of Central Florida (\$2,652.00, AMCA Research Fund for grant work). Interest income of \$64,198.36 was distributed between the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund, \$309,285.25 had been expended from the General Fund. All expenditures were presented, with special attention being paid to items over \$1,000.00. Documentation for the payments was reviewed when the checks were signed, and the credit card statements, supporting invoices/receipts for all payments, and Balance Sheets were made available for review. Trustee Barth made a motion to approve the October 2024 Financial Statements and bills for payment; Trustee Turner seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

**4. Vehicle Insurance Policy:**

For the Board's information, Trustee Barth read the following Vehicle Insurance Policy that the Trustees authorized 17 October 2024:

"After discussing general liability, comprehensive, and collision insurance, the Board of Trustees compared these differing annual premiums with vehicular resale values and replacement costs. Whereas the annual budget includes committed reserves for vehicle replacement, it was evident that the cost of full coverage was not prudent once a vehicle's resale value / replacement cost declined significantly. Therefore, the following policy was decided:

Trustee Turner made a motion to carry full coverage (general liability, comprehensive, and collision insurance) on the vehicles for seven years of age and to reduce the insurance to general liability thereafter. Trustee Barth seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor." Trustee Barth made a motion to now implement this new policy; the motion received a unanimous vote after being seconded by Trustee Turner.

**5. Update on Construction:**

We have been working on the extra paperwork that Salt Lake City is requiring prior to approving the plans and issuing a permit. Salt Lake City is also requesting that we provide street lights on the west side of 2200 West in front of our property. We are pushing back on this request, for there is no sidewalk on the west side of the street and our neighbors to the north have not had to comply with this request. All of the street lighting on 2200 West is on the east side of the street.

**6. Update on Tax Increase Procedures:**

Executive Director Faraji recapped the procedures that have been undertaken so far for the truth in taxation process. The newspaper legal notices in the Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune have been scheduled to run one and two

weeks prior to the public hearing on 19 December 2024. The regular Board Meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m., and the public hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. In order to let the public know why the tax increase is necessary, Executive Director Faraji will provide the full presentation that was previously given to the Salt Lake City Council.

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

Executive Director Faraji briefly reviewed the following meetings:

- **Utah Mosquito Abatement Association, 28-30 October 2024, St. George, Utah**

This meeting provided the Trustees with an opportunity to obtain their required annual training and informed them about several different aspects of mosquito control. Trustees Barth, Mooers, and Vickers attended the UMAA meetings in October, and they reported that the meetings were very interesting and beneficial. Trustee Escamilla will complete her required training online, a few staff members also attended UMAA's meetings this year. We also had Dr. Rui-De Xue from Anastasia Mosquito Control District and Dr. Bradley Willenberg from the University of Central Florida visit the District and stay in our dormitories prior to the meetings.

- **University of Utah (Dr. Longino Bio/Ento Class), 5 November 2024, Salt Lake City, Utah**

Laboratory Director Chris Bibbs provided a presentation to Dr. Longino's Bio/Ento Class on 5 November 2024.

- **University of Utah (Dr. Benson Public Health Class), 6 November 2024, Salt Lake City, Utah**

Laboratory Director Bibbs provided a presentation to Dr. Benson's Public Health Class on 6 November 2024.

- **Utah Association of Special Districts, 6-8 November 2024, Layton, Utah**

Trustee Turner obtained his required training at the Utah Association of Special District's conference at the Davis Conference Center in Layton; Assistant Director White and CFO Fairbanks also attended the UASD convention in November.

- **Entomological Society of America (EntSoc), 10-13 November 2024, Phoenix, Arizona**

Trustee Vickers attended and presented on his data from the University of Utah at the EntSoc meetings. The District covered Trustee Barth's registration for this meeting, and she found it to be very informative. Unfortunately, at the

last minute, Executive Director Faraji was unable to attend the EntSoc meetings because of a medical emergency.

- **American Assoc. of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, 13-17 November 2024, New Orleans, Louisiana**

Assistant Director White and Molecular Biologist Byers attended this conference in November.

- **Illinois Mosquito and Vector Control Association, 21-22 November 2024, Springfield, Illinois**

Education Specialist Rehbein has been invited to attend and present at this conference, and they will cover her registration and hotel costs.

- **Louisiana Mosquito Control Association, 10-12 December 2024, New Orleans, Louisiana**

Executive Director Faraji has been asked to be the Keynote Speaker at Louisiana Mosquito Control Association's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in December.

#### **8. Executive Director's Report:**

The Director's Report, which included surveillance and control data, had been previously distributed to the Trustees. In addition, Executive Director Faraji discussed the following items: 1) The weather remained warmer this year, which meant that the mosquito season was prolonged and mosquitoes were active until the middle of October. As a result, Executive Director Faraji needed to contact the duck hunting clubs and negotiate access to these areas for a longer duration. 2) We still have a few seasonal employees who are completing projects and assisting with the mosquito colonies. All of the seasonal employees will have at least a one-month separation from their duties. 3) We had six individuals from Highway Patrol, the Department of Public Safety, stay in our dormitories during their training at Salt Lake International Airport for helicopter activity. 3) Dr. Rui-De Xue, Executive Director of the Anastasia Mosquito Control District in Florida, and Bradley Willenberg, professor in the Biomedical Sciences Department at University of Central Florida, toured the facility when they flew in for the UMAA conference. 4) Eric Ochomo, a Senior Research Officer at the Kenya Medical Research Institute, stayed in the dormitory and observed our operations for two days in November. 5) The DSLASA Board Meeting will be held Thursday, 12 December 2024. Assistant Director White will attend this meeting because Executive Director Faraji will be the keynote speaker for the Louisiana Mosquito Control Association's conference. Trustee Vickers will be unable to attend this meeting. Aerial services are going out to bid. 6) Nick Conlin, Princeton University, is visiting with us and staying in our dormitory this week because he is working on a project with Trustee Vickers. 7) Jason Richardson, Innovative Vector Control Consortium (IVCC) (specialized in bringing specialty products / methods / insecticides to the market globally, with an

emphasis on malaria) contacted us concerning an upcoming grant The IVCC has a call for proposals in regards to mosquitoes, malaria, and innovative methods. We are planning on submitting a proposal in collaboration with KEMRI in Kenya, UNLV, and St. Tammany, Louisiana.

**9. Probable Agenda Items for 19 December 2024 Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.:**

- Executive Director's Report
- Construction Updates
- Personnel Updates
- Grant Updates
- Projects / Research
- Surveillance/Control Updates
- Tax Increase Updates
- Budget Amendments

**10. Public Comment:**

Chilton Hawk and Dorothy Owen had asked for some clarifications during the board meeting, but they did not have any comments at this time. No other public was present.

**11. Adjournment:**

Trustees Vickers and Turner made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m., which passed unanimously. The next Board Meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on 19 December 2024. A light meal will be available prior to the meeting.

  
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Ary Faraji, Executive Director

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Dr. Shireen Mooers, Chair

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