

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
August 14, 2023**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by President Brent Ross. Trustees Brent Ross, Camilla Dadey, Stuart Hochwert and Erin Kasdin present. Trustee Roger Simonson was absent. District Attorney LeeAnn L. Gurysh was in attendance along with George Balis of Clarke. Tony Bilotti and Riverwoods Mayor Kris Ford were present as members of the community. The meeting was held at the Deerfield Village Hall in the Police Conference Room.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Ford stated that she wanted the Board to know of her support of the purpose of the District and the job that Clarke did and she was there to learn more about the process.

3. **MINUTES**

The trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 10, 2023 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Dadey to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Trustee Hochwert. Ayes: Ross, Dadey, Hochwert and Kasdin. Nays: None. Absent: Simonson. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee Dadey stated that as of July 31, 2023, there was a total of \$980,844.32 held by the District. President Ross stated that the budget was kept the same for this fiscal year but if we continue the surplus, that may change in the future. Trustee Kasdin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Hochwert. Ayes: Ross, Dadey, Hochwert and Kasdin. Nays: None. Absent: Simonson. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

Trustee Dadey reviewed the following bills with the Trustees:

1. Liberty Computer Centre	\$200.00	Website/Facebook Maintenance for 7/23
2. Gurysh Law, LLC	\$967.50	Legal Services for 7/23
3. Clarke Environmental	\$70,450.00	Fifth Installment Payment
4. Clarke Environmental	\$11,768.65	Adult Treatments
5. Smith Accounting	\$200.00	Accounting for 6/23 and 7/23
6. Daily Herald	\$324.30	Publishing of Budget

7. Daily Herald \$113.85 Publishing of Annual Financial Report

Trustee Hochwert moved that the bills be paid as presented. Trustee Kasdin seconded. Ayes: Ross, Dadey, Hochwert and Kasdin. Nays: None. Absent: Simonson. Motion passed.

6. **REPORTS**

Mr. Balis stated that we had a wet July but the area is still in a drought. There have been more floodwater mosquitos, which are nuisance mosquitos. He stated that August is when you typically see the onset of West Nile Virus. Traps are checked 3 times per week. If the numbers are higher than 30 during each check, that is an annoyance and no additional treatments are done. Typically there has to be more than 50 for treatments to be done. There have been 51 positive mosquitos in Lake County, 15 of which were in the District. He said there would be a treatment in Riverwoods of the streets and driveways of participating residents. Mr. Balis said that the season typically ends in the middle of September.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Attorney Gurysh provided a letter of authorization needed to remove the current trustees on the bank accounts and add Trustee Ross and Dadey. The letter was signed and copies were given to both Trustees to take to the bank.

B. President Ross stated that he wanted the Trustees to review the current performance of the District and look at the efficiency and financials specifically. He also wanted the Trustees to review the intensity and size of the District versus the treatments that are provided. He would like the Trustees to compare with other districts/municipalities to see what they do. Trustee Kasdin said she would like more communication with the residents and community involvement overall. Trustees were to review these things for the next meeting to continue the discussion.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Hochwert moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Dadey. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District