

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
August 13, 2018**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Larry Feder, Susan Levy and Roger Simonson were present. District Attorney LeeAnn L. Gurysh and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance. Trustee Tony Bilotti was absent.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 9, 2018 regular meeting. President Struthers requested that number 6 of the Bills be amended by adding Deerfield Farmer's Market after Riverwoods Plant Sale. Motion by Trustee Levy and seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 regular meeting with that correction. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The trustees reviewed the July 2018, treasurer's report.

The July 31, 2018 fund balance was \$891,516.21.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Levy moved to accept, as presented, the Treasurer's Report for July 2018. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$994.50 – Legal Services
2. Liberty Business Systems - \$150.00 – website maintenance
3. Clarke Mosquito Control - \$64,000.00- fifth contract installment
4. Clarke Mosquito Control - \$82,048.26– adult and barrier treatments
5. Smith Accounting - \$100.00 – July Treasurer Reports

6. Barbara Struthers - \$150.00 – reimbursement for student help at Highwood Market
7. Anthony Bilotti - \$41.50 – reimbursement for business cards
8. Chicago Tribune - \$373.78 – publication of annual financial report
9. AMCA - \$375.00 – ratification of prior payment of annual dues

Following the discussion Trustee Levy moved that the Board authorize payment of all the bills. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. Roll Call. Ayes: Simonson, Feder, Levy and Struthers. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Bilotti. Motion passed.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Status of appointment of new Board member. – No one heard anything about a new appointment. Dan Rubin was to write a letter to the county board to state his interest in serving on the district board. President Struthers stated that Carol Calabresa was acting chairman and that hopefully Mr. Rubin would send the letter to her.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. President Struthers stated that the IEPA was supposed to send her publications that they use but she had not received anything. President Struthers stated that the board should stick with the commercial suppliers it currently uses as Illinois is undermanned and anything the state would send would have to be produced by the district. President Struthers did say that the IEPA site showed some good things such as door hangers.

8. **REPORTS**

A. Clarke – Mr. Balis distributed the written report and discussed it with the trustees. Mr. Balis stated that while the district had a very wet June, there was a very dry July which causes a quick transition to a large population of culex mosquitos. Mr. Balis stated that there have been 14 WNV positive mosquitos found in the district (6 in Deerfield, 6 in Highland Park and 2 in Bannockburn). He stated that since the district had more traps, there will be more positives.

Trustee Simonson stated that there had not been any human positives for WNV. Trustee Levy stated that it takes longer to propagate in humans and people sometimes ignore the symptoms. Trustee Simonson asked how the doctors test and Trustee Levy stated they use a blood test and possibly a spinal tap if needed.

Mr. Balis said the brood predictions are low and the numbers significantly dropped after the last treatment. No further adult treatments were suggested at that time due to the current low numbers.

Mr. Balis then described the mosquito testing process. He stated that only 50 per sample can be tested. Each sample has 2 tests; a rapid test and then the PCR test. The rapid test may come back negative but the PCR will come back positive. Mr. Balis also stated that he went out to the area where the positives had come from (Deer Spring Park) and found no standing water or breeding areas. Trustee

Simonson asked if the tests are only for WNV and Mr. Balis said yes because the likelihood of other diseases are so low, the cost for those tests would outweigh any benefits of those tests.

Mr. Balis stated that he had spoken with members of the public who had complained in the past about mosquito issues and they had no complaints since the treatments. Trustee Feder said there had been no call-ins and that he was happy that the villages were sending out notifications of when treatments were scheduled. President Struthers stated that most calls from the public deal with asking about the products used in the treatments.

B. Trustee Reports. Trustee Simonson discussed the presentation that Mr. Balis gave to the Riverwoods board regarding the treatments done in their area. Trustee Simonson said that all the board was present but very little public. Mr. Balis had about 15 minutes for questions and answers and President Struthers left information to provide to newcomers to the area.

Trustee Levy also stated that she was extremely pleased with the website company the district was using. President Struthers concurred with Trustee Levy

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District