

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
June 10, 2019**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Roger Simonson , Dan Rubin, Susan Levy and Tony Bilotti were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of public present.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 13, 2019 regular meeting and the May 13 public hearing on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Motion by Trustee Bilotti and seconded by Trustee Levy to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion by Trustee Bilotti, seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 public hearing. All in favor motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The trustees reviewed the May 2019, treasurer's report. The report showed that \$638,814 were in the District's accounts at the end of May.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Simonson moved to accept, as presented, the Treasurer's Report for May 2019. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor Motion passed.

Trustee Levy suggested that the form of the report be revised. She suggested that under Disbursements two descriptions of the work performed by Clarke be used to create the total amount spent on Operational Expenses. The trustees briefly discussed this and agreed to use two subheadings under Operational Expenses. One subheading will be "Core Services, Basic Contractual Services including Larvaciding, Trap Surveillance and Education". The second heading will be "Surveillance Driven Adult Mosquito Control Services".

Trustee Levy then moved to accept the Annual Financial Report as presented with the revision of the operational expenses into the subheading discussed by the trustees. Seconded by Trustee Rubin. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$881.50 – Legal Services.
2. Liberty Business Systems - \$200.00 – Website Maintenance
3. Smith Accounting Services - \$100.00 – Accounting Services.
4. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management - \$65,536.00 – Third Contract Installment.
5. Barbara Struthers - \$100.00 – Reimbursement for payment to assistants at Riverwoods event.

Following a brief discussion Trustee Bilotti moved that the bills be paid as presented. Seconded by Trustee Levy. Roll Call. Ayes: Simonson, Bilotti, Rubin, Levy and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and possible action on social media outlets for District information.- Trustee Rubin reported to the trustees on his activity to get the social media accounts started up. It was agreed that @SLMosquito would be used as a twitter handle. Trustee Rubin said he would like to get a banner with the social media addresses that could be used at public events.

President Struthers sent information regarding the District's program to Highland Park for inclusion in the City's newsletter. She also is getting a short video on protection from mosquitoes from the University of Florida. This video can be used without charge on the District's web site.

Trustee Bilotti reported that he had been asked by Highland Park, Highwood and the Highland Park District for Spanish language brochures. Trustee Levy expressed concerns about the cost of such brochures and whether they are effective in getting the message out. Trustee Rubin suggested that a Spanish language brochure be added to the website.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Balis distributed a written report. He said that the wet and cool weather has reduced issues with nuisance mosquitoes and also helped make the larval treatments more effective. All the rain would have resulted in 12 different mosquito broods but the cool weather prevented the activity. No WNV mosquitoes have been found yet in Lake County and no human cases in Illinois.

The trustees and Mr. Balis discussed the character of the land changes at, and the treatment of the now closed Highland Park Country Club.

Mr. Balis advised that the auto dialer notification system will end at the end of 2019. It is anticipated that the new portal which will notify by text messaging will be more effective. He said that currently the hang up rates is about 90% on the notification calls.

Trustee Simonson asked about the best treatment for ticks. Mr. Balis said ticks are repelled by a 20% Deet or another effective active ingredient that is at or above the 20% level. Either clothes or bare skin may be sprayed for up to 2 or 3 hours of protection. A company, Insect Shield.com will treat your favorite outdoor clothes with permethrin.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Simonson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District