

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
March 18, 2024**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Brent Ross. Trustees Brent Ross, Camilla Dadey, Erin Kasdin and Stuart Hochwert present. District Attorney LeeAnn L. Gurysh was in attendance along with George Balis of Clarke. Riverwoods Mayor Kris Ford, NSMAD Executive Director Mark Clifton and Lake County Board Member Paras Parekh were present as members of the community. The meeting was held at the Deerfield Village Hall.

2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Trustee Hochwert made a motion that Brent Ross remain President, Camilla Dadey remain Treasurer and Erin Kasdin be appointed Secretary of the District. President Ross seconded the motion. Ayes: Ross, Dadey, Kasdin and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Ford stated she was working with the county board for a replacement for Trustee Roger Simonson who resigned. Mr. Parekh stated that the county board was looking for ways to save taxpayer money and was looking at consolidating some districts and boards for that reason and were open to suggestions from the District if that was a possibility. President Ross said that the taxpayer average for the District was \$21 per year and that the District did not operate on a nuisance basis but on a health concern basis. Trustee Hochwert said that the District is proactive and not reactive and is effective.

4. **MINUTES**

The trustees reviewed the minutes of the October 23, 2023 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Dadey to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Trustee Hochwert. Ayes: Ross, Dadey, Kasdin and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee Dadey stated the following amounts were held by the District from October 2023 through February 2024:

- October 2023: \$1,097,470.46
- November 2023: \$1,132,463.56
- December 2023: \$1,143,143.14

- January 2024: \$1,144,687.79
- February 2024: \$1,146,443.72

Trustee Hochwert moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Trustee Kasdin. Ayes: Ross, Dadey, Kasdin and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion passed

6. **BILLS**

Trustee Dadey reviewed the following bills with the Trustees:

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| 1. Gurysh Law, LLC  | 3/18/2024 | 1147   | \$2,183.25 | Legal Services |
| from 10/2023 to 3/2024  |           |        |            |                |
| 2. Smith Accounting   | 3/18/2024 | 2024-4 | \$500.00   | Accounting     |
| Services for September Treasurer's Report (11/2/2023 through 2/29/2024)   |           |        |            |                |
| 3. Liberty Computer Center  | 12/1/2023 | 12259  | \$550.00   | Monthly        |
| Website and Facebook Maintenance for November and December and Annual Renewal for Website Hosting for 2024 (\$150.00) |           |        |            |                |
| 4. Liberty Computer Center  | 1/1/2024  | 12297  | \$200.00   | Monthly        |
| Website and Facebook Maintenance for January  |           |        |            |                |
| 5. Liberty Computer Center  | 2/1/2024  | 12321  | \$200.00   | Monthly        |
| Website and Facebook Maintenance for February   |           |        |            |                |
| 6. Liberty Computer Center  | 3/1/2024  | 12339  | \$200.00   | Monthly        |
| Website and Facebook Maintenance for March  |           |        |            |                |

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

7. **REPORTS**

None

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Mark Clifton provided a legislative update that could possibly affect abatement districts. Senate Bill 2938 would allow districts to annex areas that should be covered by their services by a vote of the county board rather than a percentage of community voters that would be needed. HB 5050 would allow county boards to dissolve districts without voter approval. Senate Bill 3342 discusses pesticides treatments limits within 200 feet of the right of way the mosquito abatement districts are trying to get a carve out for their services if approved.

B. Trustee Kasdin said there has been initial work to complete an RFP for a communications coordinator for the District that would assist with public awareness and education as well as website and Facebook profiles. Mr. Clifton said the national association was working on a similar plan and that maybe the District should look into that. Trustee Hochwert then asking Mr. Clifton who they used for their website and Facebook work and was told an employee did contract out for some of that work and that maybe the trustees should talk to him. Trustee Dadey wanted the communication to be in line with other districts since we all have the same goal. President Ross stated that he was going to meet with Highland Park Director of Finance to discuss the District's tax amounts and levy.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Hochwert moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Dadey. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Kasdin, Secretary  
Southlake Mosquito Abatement District