

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
September 14, 2020**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Susan Levy, Roger Simonson and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis were also in attendance. The meeting was held, remotely via Microsoft Teams.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present nor had any questions or comments been received.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the August 10, 2020 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson and seconded by Trustee Levy to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for August 2020 was reviewed by Trustee Levy. She reported that the District had \$698,042.11 in cash as of August 31, 2020. Trustee Bilotti moved that the report from Treasurer Levy be accepted as presented. Trustee Simonson seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee Levy then reviewed the Annual Financial Report with the trustees. This Report had previously been reviewed but not accepted and approved by the trustees. Trustee Levy moved that the Annual Financial Report for the period May 1, 2019 to April 30 2020 be accepted as presented. Trustee Bilotti seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,293.75 – Legal Services of \$1,014.75 and \$279.00 reimbursement for payment to Tribune Media.
2. Smith Accounting Services - \$100.00 –Accounting Services.
3. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management \$46,361.79– aduenticiding and other services between August 10 and September 4, 2020.

4. Liberty Business Systems & Networks, Inc. \$200.00 – Maintenance of website and social media for September.

The trustees noted that the West Insurance Agency bill of \$9,812.00 approved for payment in August has been paid. Attorney Masini checked into the deductible question that had been raised and Trustee Levy authorized no change.

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

6. **Reports**

- A. Clarke Report –Mr. Balis had sent the written report to the trustees prior to the meeting. He reviewed the report with the trustees. He mentioned that August was very dry and so there was a great deal of culex breeding to address. Throughout the District, there were many breeding pockets and positive WNV mosquitoes found in traps. Much larvaciding was done and a fair amount of adult control was targeted by section to address the culex population.

Trustee Struthers brought up the limited control measures permitted at Ryerson. Mr. Balis mentioned that the Lake County Health Department requests permission to take action from the State of Illinois Nature Preserves when inspections reveal WNV but the State is very slow in getting back to the Health Department.

Trustee Rubin mentioned he was bitten quite a bit while walking in Daniel Wright Woods Preserve. Mr. Balis said it was probably not mosquitoes but oak mites.

Trustee Bilotti asked where were the County hot spots. Mr. Balis said the southeast part of Lake County and the northeast part of Cook County. There have been many fewer WNV positives in northern Lake County this year.

Trustee Struthers asked if the trustees wanted to have a holiday dinner this year. Following a brief discussion it was decided that they would try to have a dinner.

Attorney Masini advised the trustees that he had received an FOIA request from Mr. Moscher for the most recent contract with Clarke. He responded to the request.

Trustee Rubin asked about reimbursements to the trustees for their cancelled airline trips to Portland, Oregon for the AMCA annual conference. Trustee Levy thinks reimbursement should be made and the trustees should be allowed to use any credits with the airlines they received, since the reality is very unlikely that the trustees will be able to ever use those credits.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District