

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES**

September 11, 2023

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Brent Ross. Trustees Brent Ross, Camilla Dadey, Stuart Hochwert present. Trustees Roger Simonson and Erin Kasdin were absent. District Attorney LeeAnn L. Gurysh was in attendance along with George Balis of Clarke. Riverwoods Trustee Andrew Eastmond and Sue Davis of Deerfield were present as members of the community. The meeting was held at the Deerfield Village Hall in the Police Conference Room.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Eastmond said he was there to learn more about the treatment process. Ms. Davis said she was new to the area as wondered if there was a no spray list in the District. Mr. Balis stated that the District does not have a no spray list as it would have to cover 4 or 5 houses on either side as well and those residents may want the spraying. He did remind the Board that there are notification for those who sign up to know when sprayings occur so they can take their own actions.

3. **MINUTES**

The trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 14, 2023 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Dadey to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Trustee Hochwert. Ayes: Ross, Dadey and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: Simonson and Kasdin. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee Dadey stated that as of August 31, 2023, there was a total of \$908,512.35 held by the District. Trustee Hochwert moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by President Ross. Ayes: Ross, Dadey and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: Simonson and Kasdin. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

Trustee Dadey reviewed the following bills with the Trustees:

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| 1. Liberty Computer Centre | \$200.00 | Website/Facebook Maintenance for 8/23 |
| 2. Gurysh Law, LLC | \$1,113.75 | Legal Services for 8/23 |

3. Clarke Environmental	\$10,112.88	Adult Treatments
4. Smith Accounting	\$100.00	Accounting for 8/23
5. West Insurance	\$18,287.00	Liability insurance

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

6. **REPORTS**

Mr. Balis stated that the District was still in a slight drought. There has been an increase in West Nile Virus cases and there was one human death in Illinois. He stated the expected brood from the August 14 rain did not happen. He said treatments have only been considered this year if about 50 found in traps. Spraying again is done more for disease prevention than nuisance. The hard frost that typically occurs in November will end the West Nile Virus threat.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Social Media. This will be tabled until the next meeting as Trustee Kasdin was going to look into that.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Long Term Planning of the District. Trustee Dadey put together some information comparing the District to other mosquito abatement districts in the nearby areas. It showed that the District was capable and competent for the task at hand. She discussed that per capita, compared to the North Shore District, the District was spending more. Mr. Balis pointed out that per capita was not the proper comparison as the North Shore area was more heavily populated. He said square mileage of the Districts was the more accepted method of comparison which would put the District at the same level as the other Districts. President Ross said this was a good starting point to review to see if budget changes in the future could be made. The trustees were encouraged to reach out to the communities to see what their thoughts and concerns were.

B. Annual Levy Ordinance. Attorney Gurysh went over the draft ordinance to be passed at the next meeting. President Ross asked how the levy was determined in relation to the appropriation amount. Attorney Gurysh stated she would check to see if this was a ratio or just a past determination by the board that could be adjusted.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Hochwert moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Dadey. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District