MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# April 11, 2016

1**. ROLL CALL**

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

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular meeting. Trustee Feder pointed out that at the top of page 2 under Section 5 he also asked that his disappointment be reported to the AMCA. Motion by Trustee Levy, seconded by Trustee Feder to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular meeting as amended by Trustee Feder. All in favor. Motion passed.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Trustee Levy reviewed the March, 2016 report with the Trustees. Motion by Trustee Bilotti to accept, as presented, the Treasurer’s Report for March, 2016. Seconded by Trustee Feder. All in favor. Motion Passed.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Clarke - $61,905.08 – First contract installment.
2. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $1,345.50 – Legal services.
3. David Data Inc. - $120.00 -Web site maintenance.
4. Smith Accounting Services - $130.00-Accounting services.
5. Allen Wayne Ltd. - $6,520.00 – the total price of the matter approved at the March meeting providing for the purchase of public education materials for District grade school children as well as more trifold information pieces.

President Struthers distributed information showing the number of brochures needed for Deerfield and Bannockburn schools’ second graders and K through 5 for District 112. She complimented Trustee Bilotti on his success in getting District 112 to agree to work with the District to get this information to its students. She reported that she received ok’s from Holy Cross School and the Deerfield and Bannockburn Schools to conduct a class on mosquitoes and to use the District provided educational material. She also asked if the other trustees thought more cartoon brochures, beyond the 100 at Deerfield Village Hall should be ordered for the Farmer’s Market circuit. The consensus was not at this time.

Trustee Bilotti reported, to the amazement of all, that he got District 112 to agree to distribute materials to students K through 5. Trustee Levy asked whether the materials would be part of a teaching session. Trustee Bilotti said that he did not discuss the matter directly, but the District 112 curriculum developer said the information would be discussed in class.

The trustees and Mr. Balis then discussed the most recent information on the Zika virus. Trustee Struthers said it is becoming clear that the virus lives on in the human bloodstream for 2 plus months. Ten cases have been reported in Illinois.

Trustee Levy suggested that if the rapidly evolving Zika information becomes clearer by the end of May the trustees might want to have a one page information sheet prepared. It could be delivered to the schools before summer break and be available for distribution at summer events.

Trustee Feder asked Mr. Balis if the Lake County Health Department was taking any new action in light of the Zika situation. Mr. Balis said the Department was not doing anything new. He said that while the ades agypti is not typically found in the upper Midwest, eggs could arrive by a vessel from a county with an outbreak and then if conditions were favorable the mosquitoes could hatch and spread. The other factor of concern is that the virus can pass from human to mosquito and back to human. Zika presents a more rapid transmission situation than most mosquito borne diseases.

Following the discussion Trustee Levy moved that the bills be paid as presented. Trustee Feder seconded. Roll Call. Ayes: Levy, Struthers, Feder and Bilotti. Absent: Trustee Simonson. Nays: None.

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Status on informational materials being produced for elementary school children. - Discussed above under Bills.

B. Contact with Lake County Forest Preserve Board. – President Struthers and Trustee Levy had not made contact with Commissioner Maine.

7**. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Report from Clarke regarding locations and cost for treatments in Prairie Wolf and Cahokia Flatwoods discussion and possible action on the matter. Mr. Balis advised the trustees that there are approximately 435 acres in Prairie Wolf Slough on both the north and south sides of Illinois Route 22. To larvacide and inspect this entire area for those portions within the District it will cost about $18,000 for the season. He also reported that there are approximately 220 acres in the Cahokia Flatwoods. Mr. Balis said that this area could be larvacided and inspected for $12,000 for the season. He discussed the matter with the trustees. It was determined that the section of Prairie Wolf located primarily on the north side of Route 22 is not in the District. Consequently, the total cost to treat both areas is between $20,000 and $30,000 for the season. Mr. Balis will determine exactly the area and cost.

Trustee Feder asked whether the District should get further data on the current status of breeding by disease carrying mosquitoes in the area and what additional treatments might accomplish. Trustee Levy’s opinion was that the District’s actions have proven successful in keeping WNV and other diseases under control and out of the District. Trustee Bilotti’s opinion was that the fair comparison was the performance of SLMAD on controlling disease compared with other districts. He also asked about treatment within Park District properties. Mr. Balis said that larvaciding, as necessary, is performed within Park District properties. Adulticiding is from the public streets as it is throughout most of the District.

Following the discussion Trustee Levy moved that the District hire Clarke at a cost not to exceed $30,000 to larvacide and inspect breeding areas detailed by Mr. Balis within the Cahokia Flatwoods and the Prairie Wolf Slough if the District is able to obtain the permission of the Lake County Forest Preserve District to perform such operations on its properties. Seconded by Trustee Feder. Roll Call. Ayes: Levy, Struthers, Feder and Bilotti. Absent: Trustee Simonson. Nays: None.

8. **Reports**

A. Clarke. – Mr. Balis reported that the New Jersey traps will begin operations on May 16. The gravid traps begin operation on June 1. Woodland pool inspections have begun and should be completed by mid May. The first targeted inspections of the known breeding sites will take place the first week of May.

Trustee Levy asked if Mr. Balis could make himself available to speak to the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Mr. Balis will be available as needed.

Trustee Levy will not be able to attend the June meeting. Trustee Feder will also be unavailable that night. The trustees also discussed permanently changing the meeting location after the May meeting. The trustees are not happy with the new meeting room provided by the West Ridge Center. President Struthers thinks a good location can be obtained at the Deerfield Village Hall. She will check out the situation and advise the trustees. All the trustees expressed their agreement for the proposed move of the meeting location.

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert J. Masini

Attorney on behalf of Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake Mosquito Abatement District