MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# October 13, 2014

1**. ROLL CALL**

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

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Struthers seconded by Trustee Levy to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

The September report was not available. Attorney Masini advised the trustees that at the end of August the District had cash of $971,323. Since then the District has paid or will be paying bills totaling $63,657. In September, the District received $112,015 in tax receipts from the Collector. Therefore, the estimated amount of cash available as of today is $1,019,670.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Clarke-$26,631.29 –Adulticide & Harborage treatments September.;
2. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $1,153.80 (legal services $693.00/$460.80 reimbursement for payment of legal notice;
3. David Data, Inc. - 60.00 website maintenance;

Motion by Trustee Levy to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Trustee Winter. Roll call. Ayes: Struthers, Winter, Levy and Feder. Nays: None. Absent: Simonson. Motion passed.

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

None

7**. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Initial discussion and selection of date for adoption of 2014 tax levy ordinance**. Attorney Masini advised the trustees that they should adopt the tax levy at the November meeting. He said this year the District would have to publish a Truth In Taxation notice because they will be increasing the levy from the drastically reduced 2013 levy ($250,000). He also said that they have to keep in mind where they would like the levy to be in the following two years so they do not get stuck with a low “base year” levy amount as a result of the property tax cap law.

Trustee Levy said that she thought it might be a good idea to go to about $500,000 rather than all the way back to $560,000. She believes the $500,000 will be more in line with the typical year expenditures of the District. Trustee Struthers pointed out that as the real estate market picks up the value of new construction will begin to increase the amount of taxes collected. A brief discussion among the trustees about the typical amount of expenses then took place. The trustees asked Attorney Masini to send them expense data for the past six seasons.

The Trustees then briefly discussed a holiday party. Trustee Levy offered to host again and to order food from the same shop. All trustees were in favor of the suggestion. The event will take place on December 8.

8. **Clarke Report.** Mr. Balis distributed the monthly written report and discussed it with the trustees. The cold weather that the district experienced last week really slowed down mosquito activity. The first hard freeze will end the season.

In the past month, 2 human WNV cases were reported in Lake County but none in the District. A pre-hatch application was performed in some areas on October 9. During the season, 49 peopled called regarding standing water and 18 swimming pools were treated. Mr. Balis advised that the addition of a fourth catch basin treatment will cost approximately $30,000.00

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Struthers. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Barbara Struthers

Barbara Struthers, Secretary

Southlake Mosquito Abatement District