MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# September 15, 2015

1**. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees, Susan Levy, and Tony Bilotti were present. Trustees Simonson and Feder were 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 August 10, 2015 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Levy, seconded by Trustee Bilotti to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. Trustee Levy reviewed the August report with the Trustees. She mentioned that so far in September the District had received over $89,000 in tax receipts. Motion by Trustee Bilotti to accept, as presented, the Treasurer’s Report for August 2015. Seconded by Trustee Struthers. All in favor. Motion Passed.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $2,148.90 ($1930.50 legal services and a $218.40 reimbursement for a payment to the Chicago Tribune for a legal publication);
2. Clarke Mosquito Control - $25,996.92 – for adult control, harborage treatments and backpack strip applications (August 10-September 14)
3. David Data Inc. - $240.00 -Web site maintenance.
4. Smith Accounting Services - $100.00-Accounting services.

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

Trustee Bilotti inquired as to why the number of treatments were higher than usual in August. Mr. Balis replied that the first half of the month was wetter than normal and then, with the heat that was experienced, more quality of life treatments were made. He also explained that the “barrier strip applications” were pre-scheduled backpack treatments that were done on foot. A “harborage truck treatment” was done in the streets and driveways of the Oakwood Subdivision area of Riverwoods. This area, in the far southwest section of Riverwoods is so low and close to the river, it is always a problem area.

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Trustee Levy reported that she and Trustee Struthers met with Forest Preserve District Chair Ann Maine. They discussed the possibility of the SLMAD doing more work in certain forest preserves. Specifically, the trustees asked if early season larvaciding could be done within Prairie Wolf. Several populated areas are directly affected by the broods from Prairie Wolf.

Ms. Maine asked if SLMAD could provide data on where the District adulticides so she could show the Board members how little adulticiding is actually done. Mr. Balis will provide.

President Struthers also asked Mr. Balis for information on the droplet size of the chemicals used in adulticiding.

7**. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Initial Discussion of Tax Levy Ordinance. - A brief discussion was had about when to adopt the levy ordinance. The trustees asked that the matter be on the October agenda.

8. **Reports**

A. Clarke. – Mr. Balis distributed the written report for August. He pointed out the following facts:

1. He said 50 positive WNV samples have been found in Lake County, 17 within the District (5 in Highland Park, 5 in Deerfield, 3 in Bannockburn, 4 in Riverwoods);

2. Two reported human cases, one each in Waukegan and Round Lake Beach. More treatments performed in SLMAD as a result of greater number of WNV positives;

3. Clarke has retreated with larvacide the catch basins in an area where a band of positives were found.

Trustee Levy asked about the WNV counts in neighboring Northbrook and Glencoe. Mr. Balis said those villages have significantly higher counts.

Trustee Bilotti asked about intergovernmental cooperation in cleaning drainage areas. Mr. Balis said Clarke does communicate with the municipalities when problem situations are found.

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Roger Simonson

District Attorney Masini on behalf of Roger Simonson, Secretary

Southlake Mosquito Abatement District