

Board Meeting

Mosquito Abatement District – Davis

10 February 2022

The Board meeting was held at the Davis district facility in Kaysville and on Zoom.

Welcome at 6:02 pm by Board Chair George McEwan who joined by Zoom. Laretta Beesley, who was present, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present at the meeting were Gary Hatch, Manager, Shirley Cox, Clerk and Board members including: Richard Higginson – Bountiful; George McEwan – Centerville; Karece Thompson – Clearfield; Laretta Beesley – Clinton; Randy Elliott – Davis County Commission; Roger Child – Farmington; Anna (Tina) LePendou – Fruit Heights; Mike Blackham – Kaysville; Richard Allen – Layton; Joel Dills – South Weber; Nancy Smalling – Sunset; Jennifer Carver – Syracuse; Kelly Enquist – West Bountiful; Brad Lee - West Point and Matt Terry – Woods Cross. Excused from the meeting was Brian Horrocks – North Salt Lake.

No conflicts of interest declared

Board members George McEwan, Richard Allen, Jennifer Carver, Roger Child, Joel Dills, Randy Elliott, Nancy Smalling, Matt Terry, and Karece Thompson participated by Zoom.

MINUTES - OF 1/13/2022 TO BE APPROVED:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 1/13/22 Board meeting and Budget Hearing made by Tina Pendu. Laretta Beesley seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

Mike Blackham reports that everything is in order.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Laretta Beesley. The motion was seconded by Kelly Enquist. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Manager Hatch reviewed the Expense Detail Report and highlighted some of the expenses.

Motion to accept the financials and approve the payment of bills made by Richard Allen. Laretta Beesley seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

MOSQUITO REPORT:

West Nile Update & Encephalitis Surveillance

Supplies have been coming in better this year. All the plastics that were on back order came in. We only have the PCR Buffer Reagent and Eppendorf tubes left to receive. They are currently back ordered. The lab does have enough buffer reagent and Eppendorf tubes to begin the season. All other lab supplies have come in.

Mosquito Treatments, Spray Request, Surveillance, UAV Operation

We are having issues with our UPDES Permit from the Department of Environmental Quality. Our permit expired. It is a five-year permit. All the mosquito districts have filed for a new permit but the physician group out of Salt Lake is creating difficulty. The application of the district's permit renewal had to go through a public comment period. A group of people calling themselves "the Physicians Group" had comments sent in from all over the county and Canada. They have requested a public hearing.

The Department of Environmental Quality has not ever asked for a yearly report from mosquito abatement district and have not been doing the inspections they are required to do, but the physician group has filed a GRAMMA request for the yearly reports. The DEQ is now citing some of the districts for non-compliance and doing inspections where they are citing districts for things not known to be issues.

Davis Mosquito Abatement has modified our Pesticide Discharge Management Plan (PDMP). We will need to add a few things to it and notify the Department of Environmental Quality of the changes. They would also like the PDMP put on the district's web page.

The Tree Hole Program has started and consists of 2 seasonal employees who are getting the job done. The weather is very cooperative. The district is waiting for the report on dog heartworm cases. This helps us to focus on the area where those cases have been reported.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF FARMINGTON CITY AND THE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT – REPORT:

Attorney Felshaw King reviewed the agreement for the CRA from the Farmington RDA. He did not see any problem with the tax distribution agreement. All the signed documents for CRA 3 have been turned in to Farmington City.

2022 CHEMICAL BID ON STATE CONTRACT:

Chemical bids were due on February first. Manager Hatch highlighted chemicals in the 2022 estimated chemical budget with the 2022 actual chemical cost. Overall, chemical costs are down 3% from what was budgeted.

Motion to approve the State Contract Chemical Bids was made by Kelly Enquist. The motion was seconded by Mike Blackham. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

Manager Hatch reviewed with the Board the proposed legislation that could affect mosquito abatement districts.

HB 22 – Open and Public meetings Act Modifications

This bill 1) requires a public body to establish how a quorum is calculated for electronic meetings; 2) prohibits a public body from permitting a member to vote or take other action by proxy during an electronic meeting; and 3) requires all non-unanimous votes during an electronic meeting to be taken by roll call.

This bill would require a resolution by December 31, 2022 clarifying what a quorum is for electronic meetings. It also requires a roll call vote for everything that is not unanimous. This bill also states the district Board members cannot have a proxy vote during an electronic meeting.

UASD wants to amend the bill to say that there should be no proxy vote for any meeting.

HB 237 – Local Districts Modifications

This bill 1) requires a local district to make a tentative budget available to the public at least seven days before adopting the budget: a) at the local district's principal office during regular business hours; b) on the Utah Public Notice Website; and c) on the local district's website, if the local district has a website.

Changes can still be made after you post the budget before you adopt it.

HB 239 – Governmental Entity Budget Transparency

This bill: 1) defines terms; 2) requires certain state and local government entities to disclose and publicly post certain information relating to the government entities' budget.

If this bill passes, districts must incorporate in budget numbers the inflation modifier, the population served that has been removed, figure out why the budget is higher or lower than what is described in the inflation and the population served and then post this information.

HB 238 – State Holiday Modifications

This bill provides that Juneteenth National Freedom Day shall be observed on June 19th of each year as a holiday throughout the State.

HB 317 – Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments

This bill 1) clarifies that "motor vehicle" includes an off-highway vehicle in the context of prohibiting operation of a motor vehicle on the bed of a navigable lake; 2) makes technical and conforming changes.

All off-highway vehicles cannot drive in a lake bed. This amendment is disruptive to the work of mosquito abatement. It could impact all of the water being treated by mosquito abatement districts.

There is a need to clarify the intent of this bill and make sure that if needed, there can be exemptions.

EMPLOYEES:

Seasonal Employees

Letters have been sent out to all past employees inviting them back for this upcoming season. Job postings and internships have been posted on Handshake. Handshake is the system that all universities are using to make job postings and internships available to students. The district has received 3 resumes

for the lab/testing internship, 1 resume for the trap surveillance internship and 2 resumes for the UAV internship. Currently the internship interest is much stronger this year.

Board Chair George McEwan asked what the hourly rate was posted at for internship positions.

Manager Hatch stated that the internship positions start at \$14.00 an hour.

Night Time Sprayers

Letters have been sent out to all previous employees inviting them back for the upcoming season. Manager Hatch reached out to some past sprayers to see if they might be interested in coming back this year. Night time sprayers start at \$15.00 an hour. Manager Hatch is expecting a good return on night time sprayers but additionally would like to hire 4 more.

EQUIPMENT:

Maintenance

Maintenance is on schedule.

(2) 2020 Honda Rubicon and (1) 2019 Honda Rubicon – SOLD - Report

11 people came to the district office with cash in hand to purchase the ATV's.

2020 #149 – Sold for \$5,500

2020 #147 – Sold for \$5,400

2019 #142 – Sold for \$5,250

BOARD TRAVEL & MEETINGS 2022:

- a) UMAA Annual Meeting – October 23-25, 2022 – Park City
- b) MVCAC Annual Meeting – February 7-9, 2022 – Sacramento, CA
- c) AMCA Annual Meeting – February 28 – March 4, 2022 – Jacksonville, FL

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL LIST:

Board members going to AMCA this year will be Laretta Beesley, Tina LePendu, Commissioner Randy Elliott and Brian Horrocks.

The Board member list has been updated. Manager Hatch requested that Board members make sure all their information is correct on the list.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Tina LePendu updated the Board on the status of their hangar at the Ogden Airport.

ADJOURN:

Tina LePendu motioned to adjourn. The MAD-D Board meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

3/10/2022
Mike Blackham, Treasurer

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Shirley Cox, Clerk