

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
August 10, 2020**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Susan Levy, Roger Simonson and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis were also in attendance. The meeting was held, remotely via Microsoft Teams.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present nor had any questions or comment been received.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Bilotti and seconded by Trustee Rubin to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for July 2020 was reviewed by Trustee Levy. She reported that the District had \$752,136.50 in cash as of July 31. Trustee Levy also reported that CD 47007993 matured. Since the interest rate to renew the CD was about the same as the Prime Savings Account interest rate she moved the funds to the Prime Savings Account. Trustee Simonson moved that the report from Treasurer Levy be accepted as presented. Trustee Bilotti seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,127.50 – Legal Services
2. Smith Accounting Services - \$100.00 – Accounting Services.
3. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management \$66,000.00 – Fifth contract installment.
4. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management \$16,127.14 – adulticiding and other services between July 20 and July 31, 2020.
5. Liberty Business Systems & Networks, Inc. \$400.00 – Maintenance of website and social media for July and August.

6. AMCA \$725.00 – Membership renewal for 5 trustees.
7. West Insurance \$9812.00 – General liability and trustees’ errors and omissions.

Trustee Levy raised the point of whether the insurance cost might be reduced by increasing the deductibles or eliminating certain of the coverages. Attorney Masini was directed to look into this matter.

Trustee Levy moved that the bills be paid as presented. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. Roll Call. Ayes: Rubin, Bilotti, Levy, Simonson and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed.

6. **Reports**

A. **Clarke Report** –Mr. Balis had sent the written report to the trustees prior to the meeting. He said that following a historically wet May the weather has been very dry. Consequently, Clarke has been focusing on Culex habitats since there are fewer nuisance mosquitoes around. WNV positive mosquitoes have been found in Riverwoods and Highland Park within the District and in four other municipalities in Lake County.

He mentioned that because the symptoms of WNV are similar to some of the COVID-19 symptoms in Miami, FL several WNV cases were initially misdiagnosed as COVID-19.

He discussed the aduenticiding applications performed over the past month. He said the Culex increase was seen in the Deerspring Park trap but no WNV was found. Ryerson was allowing WNV inspection during this week.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a Zoom membership.** – The trustees discussed possibility of getting a Zoom account since it appears that the meetings will continue remotely for the foreseeable future. The result of the discussion was that the trustees would not use a public Zoom account at this time. Trustee Struthers will talk with Matt Weiss at Deerfield. The next meeting will be conducted in the same manner as tonight’s meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District