

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
July 13, 2020**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Susan Levy, Roger Simonson and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini was also in attendance. George Balis of Clarke participated by phone. The meeting was held, as noticed at 725 Juneberry Road, Riverwoods, IL in the backyard of Trustee Simonson.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of public present.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Rubin and seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. The trustees then reviewed the minutes of the June 8, 2020 public hearing on the Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance. Motion by Trustee Bilotti, seconded by Trustee Rubin to approve the public hearing minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's reports from May and June 2020 were reviewed by Trustee Levy. She reported that the District had \$827,288.90 in cash as of June 30. Trustee Simonson moved that the reports 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 – Fourth contract installment.
4. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management \$20,151.50 – aduaticiding and other services between June 8 and July 6, 2020.

Trustee Simonson moved that the bills be paid as presented. Seconded by Trustee Rubin. 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 before the meeting. Mr. Balis reported that as a result of the hot weather and because things have dried up quite a bit in the past month Clarke has started inspecting known Culex breeding sites. No WNV mosquitoes have been found in the District. The only reported find in Lake County was in Hawthorn Woods. The past month only 7 people reached out via the portal to report standing water issues. Two “quality of life” contacts were made via the portal.. Within the District the higher count/high nuisance areas were Riverwoods, Bannockburn, Del Mar Woods and the southwest side of Deerfield.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion and action on additional abatement measures for the Village of Riverwoods.** – Trustee Simonson reported that as the area has dried out over the past month the nuisance level issues have dropped considerably. The trustees then discussed the possibility of making canisters of Altosid available to the residents of Riverwoods at District expense for the treatment of standing water situations. The cost was discussed and determined to not be particularly great. However, there were some concerns about such an action. Trustee Levy summarized her concerns as a two pronged problem. First, she felt great reluctance in providing chemicals, directly to individuals, when those chemicals are otherwise available in the regular marketplace at a reasonable price. Her worry was that if someone was provided chemicals by the District and then used them improperly, the District might have some liability in the matter. She would like all activities to be performed by the professionals hired by the District. Secondly, she thought it is better to provide the District residents with information on what can be done to reduce mosquito population, including the use of a larvacide on standing water and providing them information on where such larvacides can be obtained.

The trustees discussed the issue and decided that since the standing water problem has diminished over the past month it was not necessary to do anything at this time.

President Struthers advised that she had a brief conversation with State Senator Julie Morrison, who suggested they should sit down and talk sometime about Senator Morrison’s proposed legislation.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Rubin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District