

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
March 8, 2021**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:51 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 Zoom.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson and seconded by Trustee Levy to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for February 2021 was reviewed by Trustee Levy. Trustee Levy reported that the District's fund balance as of the end of February was \$864,073.53. Trustee Simonson moved that the report from Treasurer Levy be accepted as presented. Trustee Rubin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,687.75 – Legal Services.
2. Smith Accounting Services - \$75.00 – Accounting Services for February 2021.
3. Liberty Business Systems & Networks, Inc. - \$300.00 – Maintenance of website and social media for two months.
4. Barbara Struthers - \$379.00 – reimbursement for AMCA Virtual Conference registration.
5. Dan Rubin - \$149.90 – reimbursement for Annual Zoom Meeting capability sign-up for the Board.

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

6. **REPORTS**

Trustees Simonson and Struthers both participated in the AMCA virtual annual conference programs. Both expressed much satisfaction with the ability to access presentations at any time.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and adoption of the Tentative Annual Budget and Appropriation for the 2021 fiscal year. – The trustees reviewed the draft of the proposed Tentative Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance which provided for an appropriation of \$693,000. This is the same appropriation as the past several years. After a brief discussion trustee Levy moved to adopt the Tentative Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance with the appropriation of \$693,000. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor, motion passed.

Attorney Masini pointed out that the public hearing on the actual ordinance will take place before the May meeting.

B. Discussion of and possible action with respect to any public health education activities for the coming season and also possible purchase of materials for said activities. President Struthers announced that Deerfield has not decided whether the farmer's market will be held. Also, if the Deerfield market is held, no decision has been made on whether community booths will be permitted. Trustee Bilotti announced that Highwood is planning to hold its market starting in mid-July after the work in the park it is held in is completed.

The Trustees briefly discussed which mosquito/public health booklets to order.

Trustee Rubin mentioned a link to a radio show he listened to concerning consolidation of small units of government. He suggested to the trustees that maybe the District should develop and disseminate a bit of information into the public sphere about the public health services the District provides to counter the message that the District's services are duplicative of other governments. He thought it would be good if the District could develop a tagline that would focus on the health and safety benefits its services provide. This information could be released through sites like PATCH and the local municipalities' newsletters.

The trustees then had a discussion about the County Board's plan to dissolve the Lake Bluff District and how this might affect the Southlake District in the future. The trustees all said it is important for the public to be aware of the connection that the CDC has with mosquito control measures to protect the public health.

The trustees agreed to work on ideas for a tagline, outreach to local officials and to work to get information into local newsletters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District