

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
October 30, 2023**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Brent Ross. Trustees Brent Ross, Roger Simonson, Erin Kasdin and Stuart Hochwert present. Trustees Camilla Dadey was absent. District Attorney LeeAnn L. Gurysh was in attendance along with George Balis of Clarke. Riverwoods Mayor Kris Ford and Louise Simonson were present as members of the community. The meeting was held at the Deerfield Village Hall in the Police Conference Room.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Ford stated she was just there to give her continued support of the District and what it does for the communities.

3. **MINUTES**

The trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 11, 2023 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Hochwert to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by President Ross. Ayes: Ross, Simonson, Kasdin and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: Dadey. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Ross stated that as of September 30, 2023, there was a total of \$995,894.25 held by the District. Trustee Hochwert moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Trustee Kasdin. Ayes: Ross, Simonson, Kasdin and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: Dadey. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

President Ross reviewed the following bills with the Trustees:

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| 1. Liberty Computer Centre | \$200.00 | Website/Facebook Maintenance for 9/23 |
| 2. Gurysh Law, LLC | \$ \$978.75 | Legal Services for 9/23 |
| 3. Smith Accounting | \$100.00 | Accounting for 8/23 |
| 4. Liberty Computer Centre | \$500.00 | 10/23 maintenance and domain renewal |

Trustee Kasdin moved that the bills be paid as presented. Trustee Hochwert seconded. Ayes: Ross, Simonson, Kasdin and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: Dadey. Motion passed.

6. **REPORTS**

Mr. Balis stated that there was the first human case of West Nile Virus in Lake County last month. He said the year is winding down and the end of mosquito activity happens after the first hard frost at twenty-eight degrees. There was no adult control done. He talked about the discussion at the last meeting regarding the amount spent by the district in comparison to other mosquito abatement entities and that the District should look at the tax dollars spent and not the overall amount as the population and land area are vastly different.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Trustee Kasdin asked that the report that Trustee Dadey provided at the last meeting. There was a discussion about other districts and Lake Forest not having a district for some time and a possible collaboration with other districts. Trustees discussed that community outreach should be the priority for the District including a webpage upgrade. Trustees Kasdin and Hochwert decided to work together over the break to put together an RFP for a website designer and community liaison. There was also a discussion to reach out to the council members of communities who have doubts about the District to describe what is being done and discuss the small tax implications of the District in comparison to the benefits received.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Annual Levy Ordinance. Attorney Gurysh went over ordinance with the Trustees. President Ross stated that the District needs to be aware of the surplus and how that looks to the community. After discussion, it was determined that the levy would be reduced by fifteen percent. Trustee Hochwert moved to pass the ordinance with the reduction as discussed. Trustee Kasdin seconded the motion. Ayes: Ross, Simonson, Kasdin and Hochwert. Nays: None. Absent: Dadey. Motion passed.

B. The Trustees discussed the meeting schedule for 2024. It was determined that the meeting time would be moved to 6:30 for future meetings and the first meeting would be March 11, 2024.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Kasdin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Hochwert. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Ross, President of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District