

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
September 13, 2021**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers who was participating remotely by phone. Trustees Tony Bilotti, Roger Simonson, Susan Levy, and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney Robert J. Masini and George Balis were also in attendance.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

3. **MINUTES**

The trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Bilotti, seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for August 2021 was reviewed by Trustee Levy. Trustee Levy reported that the District's fund balance as of the end of July was \$737,965.90. Trustee Simonson moved that the report from Treasurer Levy be accepted as presented. Trustee Bilotti seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **BILLS**

Trustee Rubin moved that the trustees ratify the payment of all the bills reviewed and approved for payment at the August meeting. Seconded by Trustee Levy. Roll Call. Ayes: Rubin, Bilotti, Struthers, Levy and Simonson. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Trustee Levy reviewed the following bills with the Trustees:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$1,053.50 –Legal Services
2. Smith Accounting Services - \$100.00 – Accounting Services for August 2021.
3. Clarke Environmental - \$62,488.92–for adult treatments.
4. Liberty Computer Centre - \$175.00 – September web site maintenance.

5. West Insurance Agency - \$10,151.00 premium for general liability and Directors and Officers liability coverage.

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

6. **REPORTS**

Mr. Balis distributed the written report and reviewed it with the trustees. The low rainfall over the past couple months has seen increased numbers of Culex mosquitoes. Many WNV positive mosquitoes have been found in the Thorngate trap. Clarke will spray in advance of the Deerfield Harvest Festival next week. Thus far this season the District has spent \$111,000 on adult control compared with \$94,600.00 in 2020. The numbers found in traps have dropped significantly in the past couple of weeks.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Distribution of Educational Materials. –Trustee Bilotti told the trustees he delivered materials to the Highwood and Highland Park libraries. The trustees discussed further distribution and inventory of different items.

- B. Tax Levy Ordinance to be voted on in October. - Attorney Masini told the trustees that the Tax Levy Ordinance will be on the October Agenda. The amount should be very similar to the present year.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District