

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES
September 9, 2019**

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Roger Simonson and Dan Rubin were present. District Attorney LeeAnn L. Gurysh and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance. Trustees Tony Bilotti and Susan Levy were absent.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of public present.

3. **MINUTES**

The Trustees then reviewed the minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Rubin and seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Trustee President Struthers stated that although the checking account showed it was in arrears, the savings account would fund if necessary. She also pointed out that approximately \$260,000.00 would be coming in through property taxes shortly. The trustees reviewed the August 2019, treasurer's report. The report showed that \$638,573.27 was in the District's accounts at the end of August. Motion by Trustee Simonson and seconded by Trustee Rubin to accept, as presented, the August 2019 Treasurer's Report. All in favor. Motion passed.

President Struthers then noted that the net assets sheet at the beginning of the report showed a May 1, 2019 balance and questioned if that was a typo. She stated that this should be checked and the report can be reaffirmed at the October meeting.

5. **BILLS**

The Trustees considered the following bills:

1. Grach, Masini, Hazan & Gurysh, LLP - \$840.50 – Legal Services.
2. Liberty Business Systems - \$225.00 – Website Maintenance
3. Smith Accounting Services - \$100.00 – Accounting Services.
4. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management \$16,169.55 for adulticiding and harborage treatments from August 9, 2019 through September 10, 2019.

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

6. **Reports**

- A. **Clarke Report** – Mr. Balis stated that July ended on a wet streak and there was culex influx. August had approximately 1.5 inches of rain which is usually substantial but Clarke is not seeing a huge number of mosquitoes. Mr. Balis stated that there have been 18 mosquitoes that tested positive for West Nile in Lake County. There have been 3 human cases, 2 in Cook County and 1 in Kankakee. Cook County has 85% of the positive mosquitoes found.

Mr. Balis stated that last year the District spent \$280,000.00 on adulticide treatments whereas this year there has only been \$74,000.00 spent. He thinks this could be environmental changes or the polar vortex affecting the amount of eggs that remained after the winter. Mr. Balis stated that the numbers in Cook County are similar to 2018 whereas Lake County is significantly lower and they had the same cold weather. Trustee Rubin asked if there was any sort of investigation that was being completed as to this change and Mr. Balis stated that the CDC is looking into the matter, especially due to the higher than normal number of Eastern Equine Encephalitis that occurred this year. Mr. Balis stated that Lake County does not have the type of mosquito that carries that disease, even though Lake County has the plants that attract those mosquitoes. Mr. Balis stated that EEE is much more fatal than West Nile.

Mr. Balis stated that the first hard frost (28 degrees) tends to happen in November so there is still time for mosquitoes to be a problem. President Struthers stated that the District should keep the social media posts updated to let residents know not to get complacent.

Mr. Balis also stated that 20 of the 28 problems pools have been cleaned up. The reporting process for these issues, including ordinance violation notices, continues.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Trustee Simonson talked about the arts and crafts fair in Riverwoods and that Clarke sprayed the park prior as a donation, which was greatly appreciated. The trustees were also happy with the Facebook page and social media notifications for the residents.

B. President Struthers discussed the insurance policy for the District and thought the 15% commission seemed higher than normal. She asked that Attorney Masini check with the insurance company to be sure that this was typical.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Trustee Simonson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Rubin. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake
Mosquito Abatement District