MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# April 13, 2015

1**. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Larry Feder. Trustees Barbara Struthers, Susan Levy and Roger Simonson were present. District Attorney Robert Masini, George Balis of Clarke and Donald Levy were also in attendance. Trustee Cosette Winter was absent.

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICIALS**

Attorney Masini advised the Board that statute requires that at the start of each calendar year the Board is to elect officers. The trustees briefly discussed the coming year and the fact that Trustee Feder anticipates leaving the Board after the May meeting. Trustee Feder seconded by Trustee Levy moved that the following slate of officers be elected: Barbara Struthers for President; Susan Levy for Treasurer and Roger Simonson for Secretary. Roll call. Ayes: Levy, Simonson, Struthers and Feder. Nays: None. Absent: Winter. The trustees agreed that the new officers would assume their offices at the May meeting. Trustee Feder and Struthers discussed making a stop at the First Bank of Highland Park to transfer check writing authority to Trustee Struthers.

4**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 9, 2015 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Levy, seconded by Trustee Struthers to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

5**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Trustee Levy reviewed the Treasurer’s report for March 2015 with the trustees. Trustee Levy pointed out that the District’s total fund balance at the end of March was $1,022,920.52. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Trustee Simonson, seconded by Trustee Struthers to approve and accept the Treasurer’s report for March as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

6**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $760.50 for legal services;
2. Clarke Mosquito Control - $61,844.00 – 1st contract installment.
3. Smith Accounting - $100.00 for March accounting services;
4. Trustee Barbara Struthers - $2,036.30 for reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the AMCA annual meeting.

Motion by Trustee Levy to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. Roll call. Ayes: Struthers, Levy, Feder and Simonson. Nays: None. Absent: Winter. Motion passed.

7**. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

8**. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of possible educational opportunities in Deerfield grade schools.

B. Discussion of distribution of informational brochures within the District in 2015. Possible action to expend funds for this purpose may be taken.

Trustee Struthers reported that she spoke with Mike Lubelfield; superintendent of District 109. He said he will do anything to get science into the schools. Trustee Struthers had returned from the AMCA meeting with several publications from the Fairfax County, Virginia people that are directed to grade school children. She said the school district librarian reviewed them and she is waiting for a response on the appropriate reading level for the books. Trustee Struthers said she is also working to get a better price than the $950.00 for 100 books. The expectation is that District 109, Holy Cross and Bannockburn would receive the books at an appropriate, to be determined grade level. The books were distributed to the trustees for review during the discussion.

The Trustees also discussed the distribution of the tri-fold brochure via the local Landmark publication in Highwood and Highland Park. This will be done in late June-early July. The brochure will go out in the Deerfield water bills and in the Riverwoods monthly newsletter.

9. **Clarke Report**

A. Clarke Report on 2015 season activities.

Mr. Balis said that the woodland pool inspections are beginning. One trap host site is definitely going to have to move. He will send out a note regarding which sections need a new trap host.

B. Report from trustees on AMCA annual meeting activities.

Trustee Struthers submitted a written report on the activities at the AMCA annual meeting. She talked about the reality of the spread of dengue and chikungunya. In the U.S. they are mostly being spread by travel related human movement rather than the movement of the mosquito. These diseases are anticipated to be in northern Illinois in 10-15 years. She discussed IN2CARE a Dutch made biological control devise. She also discussed the sterilization programs which have shown promise in smaller areas.

Trustee Simonson reported that the Farm Bill, with MAD friendly language appears to be good for passage by Congress this year.

10. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Levy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Barbara Struthers

Barbara Struthers, Secretary

Southlake Mosquito Abatement District