MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# August 10, 2015

1**. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Larry Feder, Susan Levy, Roger Simonson and Tony Bilotti were present. District Attorney Robert Masini and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance. Also in attendance were Averia & Alain Leval, Trudie Scherrell and Kim Siegle all of the Highlands section of Highland Park.

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The four members of the public were all concerned about the mosquito situation in their neighborhood. They believe that the primary breeding location is Sleepy Hollow Park. Sleepy Hollow is a passive park with a great deal of vegetation and a large detention pond. Ms. Siegle called the City about her and her neighbor’s concerns. The City directed her to Mr. Balis. He spoke with her and invited her to attend the meeting.

Mr. Balis reported that Clarke is aware of the park and the great deal of harborage there. Clarke treats the detention pond area but the park is generally not near the roadway so that when adulticiding is performed in Section 1 the park probably does not receive much treatment.

The trustees discussed the situation with the residents and Mr. Balis. President Struthers inquired whether there was a way to effectively adulticide the area. Mr. Balis said that the best way was with an ATV.

After further discussion, Trustee Levy moved that the trail area within Sleepy Hollow Park be treated with an adulticide by an ATV. Seconded by Trustee Feder. Roll Call. Ayes: Feder, Levy, Simonson, Bilotti and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed. Mr. Balis said the treatment should take place on Tuesday or Wednesday evening if the weather conditions permit.

3**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 13, 2015 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson, seconded by Trustee Levy to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. Trustee Levy reviewed the July report with the Trustees. She concluded by pointing out that at the end of July the District has assets of $969,824.00 available. Motion by Trustee Bilotti to accept, as presented, the Treasurer’s Report for July 2015. Seconded by Trustee Feder. All in favor. Motion Passed.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $1,842.75 for legal services;
2. Clarke Mosquito Control - $53,136.84 – for adult control, harborage treatments and backpack strip applications (July 3-August 7)
3. Clarke Mosquito Control - $61,844.00 –5th and final contract installment.
4. David Data Inc. - $588.00 -Web site maintenance.
5. Smith Accounting Services - $100.00-Accounting services.
6. Barbara Struthers – $100.00-reimbursement for expenses for the Highwood Market Booth.
7. Village of Deerfield - $1,282.38 – reimbursement for the Village’s payment to third party vendor for the production of a mosquito information insert piece and the insertion with Village utility bills in June, July and August. $1,218.00 of this payment replaces the invoice from DataProse in that amount approved at the July meeting. The payment to DataProse was not paid when it was determined that the Village had already paid that invoice.

Trustee Levy had a question about the David Data bill which was answered when she reviewed the details.

Trustee Levy moved that the bills be paid as presented. Trustee Simonson seconded. Roll Call. Ayes: Levy, Struthers, Bilotti, Feder, and Simonson. Nays: None.

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Report on Highwood Market Booth - Trustee Feder reported that the evening went well. He thanked Trustee Bilotti for helping with the set up and the evening activity.

7**. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and Action Upon Renewal of Ne E&O and General Liability Insurance Policy. - Attorney Masini explained that he had received the application for the Directors & Officers and General Liability Policy. The coverage will be up for payment in September. Trustee Bilotti had a few questions about the coverage which were discussed with the other trustees and Mr. Masini. Trustee Bilotti also asked that a copy of the policy be sent to him.

8. **Reports**

A. Clarke. – Mr. Balis distributed the written report for July. He pointed out the following facts:

1. Over 5 inches of rain fell in certain areas of Lake County in July;

2. WNV positive mosquitoes were found in traps in DeerSpring Park on August 6 and other positive were found in Ryerson and Prairie Wolf.

Prairie Wolf is a Lake County Forest Preserve (LCFP) property and Mr. Balis said the LCFP uses its discretion as to whether to larvacide when positives are found. Ryerson is an Illinois Nature Preserve and there is more red tape to cut through to even larvacide.

Trustee Levy suggested it might be an appropriate time to speak with Ann Maine about the situation. Trustee Feder recounted for Trustee Bilotti the journey the District has had to go through to convince the LCFP that it had mosquitoes within its properties. President Struthers said she will likely see Commissioner Maine at the Deerfield Rotary Club on August 20. She will bring the matter up at that time.

Trustee Levy asked why it seemed so difficult to reduce the counts at Heller Nature Preserve. Mr Balis said the main reason is that untreated Prairie Wolf is very near and Heller also borders Lake Forest which does not have a regular control program.

Mr. Balis said that since the last report mosquito fish were applied to many different sites. He also reported that on August 4 the helicopter pool survey took place. Twenty one pools with potential problems were identified. They will be inspected from the ground. There were 15 standing water calls received in July. He said the municipalities were helpful with this issue. The new Highland Park City Manager, Ghida Neukirch is very aware of the District’s programs and she should be good to work when required.

In response to a question from Trustee Bilotti, Mr. Balis explained how the Ultra Low Volume spray attaches to a mosquito’s hair and works into the soft body tissue. Trustee Bilotti also asked about the detention area on the east side of Route 41, south of West Park Ave. Mr. Balis said the water moves well there because it is primarily overflow. When there is good water movement there is usually less breeding. Trustee Feder asked about the floodwater culex. Mr. Balis said they breed mainly in the areas where a larger pond has receded and the water begins to stagnate. Conditions in the area have been so wet that there has not been much breeding by this mosquito.

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Feder moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Roger Simonson

Roger Simonson, Secretary

Southlake Mosquito Abatement District