MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# August 8, 2016

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Larry Feder, Susan Levy, Tony Bilotti and Roger Simonson were present. District Attorney Robert Masini and George Balis of Clarke were also in attendance.

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Levy, seconded by Trustee Simonson to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Trustee Levy reviewed the July 2016 report with the Trustees. She stated that the District had $991,414.09 in all accounts as of July 31, 2016. Motion by Trustee Simonson to accept, as presented, the Treasurer’s Report for July 2016. Seconded by Trustee Feder. All in favor. Motion Passed.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Clarke - $61,905.08 – Fifth and final installment.
2. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $1,287.00 – Legal services.
3. Smith Accounting Services - $100.00-Accounting services.
4. David Data, Inc. - $708.00 for website maintenance and renewal of the two District domain names.
5. Clarke $31,697.41 – for harborage and adulticide treatments per 20 invoices from June 15 to August 5.

The Trustees discussed the charges from David Data for certain work. They also expressed a belief that the charges for the domain name renewals seemed high. There was also a general discussion about the availability and location of some of the information on the site. Following the discussion, the trustees decided to hold off until next month on addressing the David Data bill. They also asked Attorney Masini to send a letter to him requesting further information on the bill.

Following the discussion Trustee Levy moved that the Board pay all the bills as presented except for the David Data bill. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. Roll Call. Ayes: Levy, Feder, Simonson, Bilotti and Struthers. Nays: None. Motion passed.

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Update on discussions with the Lake County Health Department and Forest Preserve District for the treatment of areas on Lake County Forest Preserve District land by the SLMAD and possible action on any proposals. – President Struthers reported that she has had no success in scheduling a meeting with Chairman Lawlor.

Mr. Balis reported that in the past couple weeks three inspections had taken place in Prairie Wolf Slough. The first showed Culex breeding, the second showed only Aedes and the third, which took place today, only Aedes. Clarke has not recommended larvaciding to the Forest Preserve District (FPD) because no recent Culex breeding was found. Some inspections in other FPD properties were larviced after Culex found.

Trustees Levy and Struthers related that they had a discussion with a free-lance reporter on mosquito activity within FPD property and the District’s desire to perform larvaciding in historical breeding locations to knock down mosquito populations before breeding progresses. The FPD’s stated protocol is to only treat areas when a “significant health risk to people who use a preserve” is present. This has typically meant that treatment only takes place when actual breeding of mosquitoes with West Nile Virus is found. The trustees would like to try to prevent this condition from arising in known historical breeding areas but the FPD is not receptive to the offer of assistance.

Mr. Balis reported that so far this season 596 WNV positive mosquito samples have been recorded in Illinois, with 489 in Cook County and 29 in Lake County. The District has recorded 16 positives, 8 in Deerfield, 5 in Highland Park, 2 in Bannockburn and 1 in Riverwoods.

President Struthers reported that an e-mail inquiry was received about bringing into the District some parcels in Bannockburn west of the current property. A brief discussion was had but the trustee consensus was not at this time.

7**. NEW BUSINESS**

A. – None.

9. **Reports**

A. Clarke. – Mr. Balis distributed the written report and discussed it with the trustees. He reported that high nuisance counts have been found. The August catch basin treatment was completed a little early because of the heavy rain at the end of July.

President Struthers reported that a call was received that a Clarke truck damaged someone’s front lawn while servicing an area. Mr. Balis said the call was checked out and found to be inaccurate. Clarke’s trucks have a GPS recording feature and no truck was in the vicinity of the home at the reported time of the incident.

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Bilotti moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Feder. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake Mosquito Abatement District