MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# July 11, 2016

1. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Barbara Struthers. Trustees Larry Feder, and Roger Simonson were present. District Attorney Robert Masini was also in attendance. Trustees Bilotti and Levy were absent, but Trustee Levy had previously advised that she would be arriving late.

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3**. MINUTES**

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 9, 2016 public hearing on the annual budget and appropriation ordinance. Motion by Trustee Simonson, seconded by Trustee Feder to approve the public hearing minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 9, 2016 regular meeting. Motion by Trustee Simonson, seconded by Trustee Feder to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 regular meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

The trustees passed on the Treasurer’s Report and Bills until Trustee Levy’s arrival.

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Status on the distribution of educational informational materials to District elementary school children. – It was related by Trustee Feder that the educational materials were distributed to students in grades 1-8 in District 112, Highwood and Highland Park. President Struthers reported that the materials were distributed to the 2nd and 3rd graders in Bannockburn (District 106) and at Holy Cross (private) and to all 2nd graders in Deerfield (District 109).

Trustee Simonson distributed a report by Consumer Reports on insect repellents and an article on a new mosquito trap developed by Microsoft and currently being tested in Texas. The repellent article stressed a higher deet percentage indicates a longer duration of effectiveness.

At 8:05 p.m. Trustee Levy arrived.

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Trustee Levy reviewed the May and June 2016 reports with the Trustees. Motion by Trustee Simonson to accept, as presented, the Treasurer’s Reports for May and June 2016. Seconded by Trustee Levy. All in favor. Motion Passed.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Clarke - $61,905.08 – third contract installment (June) and $61,905.08 fourth contract (July).
2. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $2,897.19 – Legal services of $2,788.50, $66.00 reimbursement for a payment to the U.S. Postal Service and $42.69 reimbursement for a payment to the Chicago Tribune.
3. Smith Accounting Services - $200.00-Accounting services for two months.
4. Barbara Struthers - $250.00 reimbursement for costs for helpers at educational events.
5. AMCA - $325.00 dues for all five trustees.
6. Chicago Tribune - $274.47 – publication of Annual Budget & Appropriation Notice.
7. David Data, Inc. - $510.00-several months of web site maintenance
8. Allen Wayne Ltd. - $1,054.00 – payment for printing of informational brochures.
9. Clarke $18,570.01 – for harborage and adulticide treatments per 12 invoices from June 20 and July 6.

Trustee Simonson asked about the size of the David Data bill. It was clarified that it covered services over several months.

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

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

B. Status of the discussions with the Lake County Health Department for the treatment of areas on Lake County Forest Preserve District land by the SLMAD and possible action on any proposals. – Mr. Balis had arrived at 8:12 pm. He began the discussion by reporting on his recent contacts with the Forest Preserve District. On July 7 Mr. Balis met with Mike Adam at the Prairie Wolf Slough. Clarke had previously found a WNV positive in Highland Park near the Slough. During their visit, extensive breeding was found in the south end of the Slough near Deerfield High School. Clarke is presently growing the larva to determine the type of mosquito. The Health Department has Clarke going out to the area during the week of July 18 for an inspection.

Mr. Balis also reported that two positive WNV mosquito samples were found today near Deerspring Park.

The trustees expressed their frustration with the Forest Preserve District’s refusal to permit additional larvaciding at SLMAD’s expense. Trustee Levy commented that WNV has been found early this year and SLMAD is ready and willing to larvacide to reduce the emergence of WNV positive mosquitoes, which should also reduce the need for more extensive adult treatments. However, the Forest Preserve refuses to cooperate. The trustees expressed particular disappointment that when they spoke to the Forest Preserve District Board members the president of the Board had commented that the SLMAD wanted the Forest Preserve District to allowing spraying for Zika virus. This statement was completely contrary to the SLMAD’s requests for Forest Preserve District cooperation.

Mr. Balis advised the trustees that because of the recent WNV positive sample Clarke would be recommending to the Forest Preserve District that larvaciding should be done

7**. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Review and Approval of Annual Financial Report. – Trustee Levy reviewed the District’s Annual Financial Report with the trustees. For the May 1, 2015-April 30, 2016 year the District spent $486,012 for all operations and administrative expenses. The amount of money on hand at the end of the years was $962,400.00. Trustee Simonson moved to accept the report as presented. Trustee Feder seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

8. **Reports**

A. Clarke. – Mr. Balis distributed the monthly written report. He again mentioned that WNV is appearing early this year. He also reported that no local transmission of Zika virus has yet been reported in the continental United States. He also said that the EPA and the repellent manufacturers are working together to create a standardization schedule for the time of effectiveness of repellents and to affix it to the containers purchased by consumers.

President Struthers requested that Clarke check the ditch behind Caruso High School along Deerfield Road for breeding.

B. Report from Trustees. – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

9. **Adjournment**.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Simonson, Secretary of Southlake Mosquito Abatement District