MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

SOUTHLAKE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

**MINUTES**

# May 9, 2016

1**. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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. Mark Pfister and Michael Adam of the Lake County Health Department were also in attendance.

2**. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

3**. MINUTES**

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

4**. TREASURER’S REPORT**

Trustee Levy reviewed the April, 2016 report with the Trustees. She also reported that she had talked with Helen at First Bank of Highland Park. She moved $300,000 into a one year CD at the bank to get a better return at 1.06%. Motion by Trustee Feder to accept, as presented, the Treasurer’s Report for April, 2016. Seconded by Trustee Bilotti. All in favor. Motion Passed.

5**. BILLS**

The Trustees then considered the following bills:

1. Clarke - $61,905.08 – Second contract installment.
2. Diver, Grach, Quade & Masini, LLP - $1,704.74 – Legal services of $1,628.25, $25.00 reimbursement for a payment to Highwood Chamber of Commerce and $51.49 reimbursement for a payment to the Chicago Tribune.
3. Smith Accounting Services - $150.00-Accounting services.

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

6**. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Status on informational materials being produced for elementary school children. President Struthers advised that she is meeting with the second grade teacher at Kipling School to discuss what will be covered in class during the educational program. No meetings have been set with Bannockburn or Holy Cross Schools. Trustee Feder said he would contact Holy Cross. President Struthers said that the materials will be mailed to the schools on the 18th or within a couple days thereafter. In Deerfield and Bannockburn, the deliveries are to the schools, in Highland Park the delivery will be to the District 112 office.

B. Discussion of contact with Lake County Forest Preserve Board regarding certain treatments proposed by SLMAD; and

C. Discussion of/with representative of the Lake County Health Department regarding larvaciding on Forest Preserve District land. – The trustees greeted Mr. Adam and Mr. Pfister. Trustee Levy explained that a few years ago when the trustees first contacted the Forest Preserve District (FPD) with an offer to do some inspections and larvacide within the FPD, the FPD advised that it did not have mosquitoes. Then after a few years, the FPD allowed Clarke to add some mosquito traps. The current issue with the FPD is that the Prairie Wolf Slough and Cahokia Flatwoods are in proximity to residences within the MAD. Additionally, a great number of people use the trails in Prairie Wolf. In the past, in the traps that are near these two areas, breeding of WNV mosquitoes has been regularly found. The MAD is offering to provide, at its expense, inspection of known breeding pools and larvacide treatment of them. The FPD did not want to accept the offer and told the trustees to discuss the matter with the Health Department.

Trustee Levy stressed that it is the MAD’s goal to prevent disease and, if possible, not to react to the presence of disease. Prevention through surveillance and larvaciding reduces the need for emergency adulticiding treatments. She said it is fine with the trustees if the Health Department wants to take credit for the program that is being offered at the MAD’s expense. So the question is whether the Health Department will support the proposal before the FPD Board.

Mr. Balis pointed out that since 2010, Clarke has put out traps throughout various FPD properties.

Mr. Adam, senior biologist, said the Health Department does promote a Fight the Bite educational program and some larvaciding. Mr. Pfister, Director of Prevention, said the Health Department runs 25 different disease prevention programs. Potential programs are looked at from a public health point of view.

Trustee Levy pointed out that the MAD makes decisions from a public health perspective rather than nuisance annoyance.

Mr. Adam stressed that the Department understands and appreciates that mosquitoes are a disease vector; however, the Department’s decisions are data driven, which is why it has the surveillance program. He also said that in the Zika program just recommended by the IDPH, it’s highlighted that Zika carriers are more of a container based problem than an open pool problem.

Trustee Levy asked just what data the Department was looking for. She stressed that Clarke has years of data that show that certain pools are always WNV positive year after year. Trustee Struthers said that the District is trying to prevent disease from spreading from the known breeding locations.

Mr. Balis said that Clarke knows which pools always breed Culex. The way everyone happens to be here tonight stems from the discussion among the trustees of the best way to cut down the incidence of disease mosquitoes appearing. The consensus was that the best way to do this was to deliver early larvacide treatments to known breeding locations and cut down the population. Currently, when Clarke checks a trap in the FPD, if culex mosquitoes are found, it asks, and maybe gets the approval, to treat with larvacide. At that point the disease carriers are already out there. The MAD would most like to treat the pools at the south edge of Prairie Wolf because they are known breeders, and they are near residences and areas where people use the trails. If an inspection program existed now, identification and control of problems could take place and data gathered and necessary treatment delivered.

Trustee Struthers stated that the worst thing for the protection of public health is not knowing what is the state of the situation. Trustee Bilotti stressed that the MAD’s last resort is spraying.

Mr. Pfister said last week the Department recommended more surveillance and traps on FPD properties. One of the problems is that the Department’s program is funded by the State’s used tire tax, and recently the State cut $25,000 from the Department’s program.

Trustee Levy asked Mr. Adam and Mr. Pfister if they would ask the FPD for permission for the MAD to do the job it suggested tonight. The MAD will “take care” of the service and pay for it because it is considered that important for the public health of the residents of the MAD. Mr. Pfister said that he and Mr. Adam would discuss the details of the proposed program with Mr. Balis and assess the situation. If the program fits within the FPD’s policies, they will act as mediators with the FPD.

Trustee Bilotti said the trustees and Mr. Balis are available to answer any environmental concerns expressed by the FPD commissioners. Trustee Feder pointed out the issues of concern for the public health in the recent Zika virus editorial in the Chicago Tribune. Trustee Struthers said that the mayors of Deerfield and Riverwoods would be happy to send letters of support to the FPD Board. Mr. Pfister explained that the buy-in for such a program was necessary first by the staff and then from the FPD Board. Mr. Balis said one thing to keep in mind is that the winter and spring weather is likely to have created conditions ripe for WNV during the summer.

At 8:35 p.m., Mr. Pfister and Mr. Adam left the meeting.

7**. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Attorney Masini presented a draft Ordinance which followed the content of the tentative Ordinance adopted in March, with an appropriation of $693,000. He pointed out to the trustees that the total appropriation is similar to the appropriation in the last few years. He also commented that no one appeared for the public hearing on the ordinance, which was scheduled immediately before the meeting. The trustees briefly commented that they were in favor of the proposed appropriation. Trustee Feder then moved to adopt the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the May 1, 2016 fiscal year, as presented, with an appropriation of $693,000. Trustee Bilotti seconded. Roll call: Ayes: Levy, Struthers, Feder, Simonson and Bilotti. Nays: None. Motion approved.

8. **Reports**

A. Clarke. – Trustee Bilotti said that the appearance at the Riverwoods Arbor Day event went well. Trustee Feder and Mr. Balis also attended. The weather forced the event inside; however, there was a good deal of give and take between the residents and the trustees.

Trustee Feder asked that the recent Chicago Tribune editorial on the public health effort against the Zika virus and the May 16, 2016 Time magazine article on the Zika virus be included with tonight’s minutes. The trustees had a brief discussion about the Zika virus and other diseases carried and spread by insects.

1. Clarke Report. – Mr. Balis advised that the woodland pool inspections in

Riverwoods will begin as soon as the weather warms. The larvaciding of the pools will also begin when the weather gets warmer.

9. **Adjournment**.

Trustee Feder moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Trustee Simonson. 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