

**Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**December 9, 2021**

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees meeting was held on December 9, 2021 at the Mosquito Abatement District building at 1460 South Sandhill Dr., Washington City. Vice Chair Adrian Player convened the meeting at 4:06 pm.

**Present:**

Adrian Player, Springdale  
Adam Snow, Washington County  
Treasurer, Susana Arias, Ex-Officio, Wash. Co. - Auditors  
Office  
Sean Amodt, SWMACD District Admin.  
Kesler Hansen, SWMACD Operations Admin.  
Karen Noffsinger, SWMACD Office & HR Admin.  
Chuck Hardy, La Verkin  
Bart Merrill, Enterprise  
Peter Mills, Leeds

**Electronic (Google Meet):**

Terry Bell, Rockville  
Doneva Hecker, New Harmony  
Gary Chaves, Toquerville

**Excused:**

Kevin Tervort, Hurricane  
Jarett Waite, Santa Clara  
Jay Lee, Virgin  
Roger Bundy, Washington City  
Derek Larsen, Ivins

**Item #1: Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Vice Chair Adrian Player. Roll call was taken.

**Item #2: Public Hearing**

Vice Chair Adrian Player opened the public hearing for the 2021 budget amendments. Bart made a motion to open the public meeting for the 2021 budget amendments, Chuck Hardy seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye". There were no public for comment. Vice Chair Adrian Player closed the public hearing. Gary Chaves made a motion to close the 2021 budget amendments, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Vice Chair Adrian Player opened the public hearing for the 2022 proposed budget. Chuck Hardy made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2022 proposed budget, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye". There were no public for comment. Chuck Hardy made a motion to close the public meeting for the 2022 proposed budget, Bart Merrill seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

**Item #3: Approval of Minutes**

The draft minutes from the November 11, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Peter Mills made a motion to approve the minutes for November 11, 2021, Gary Chaves seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

**Item #4: Budget Items**

Susana Arias reviewed the expenses through October. She stated that there are no concerns with the current expenses, and it looks like the District is on track to finish out the year in good shape. Sean Amodt explained that the revenues for October only show \$86.00. The September check was lost in the mail so the September and October revenues were both deposited in November. Adam Snow made a motion to approve the expenses through October, Bart Merrill seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean reviewed the 2021 amended budgets with the Board. The District moved over \$102,000 to the Capital Facilities fund. Susana Arias explained that this is usually done so the District does not have too much money in the General Fund at the end of the year. Adam Snow made a motion to approve the 2021 budget amendments as presented, Peter Mills seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Susana Arias presented the 2022 proposed budget. The estimated tax revenues for next year will be roughly \$798,000. In the discussion, Administration went through each line item and explained the reasons for any adjustments from last year. As far as increases for salary and wages, the District will match what Washington County is doing for their employees, which is a 6% cost of living raise for Full-time employees. Administration will also give each Full-time employee a "Fiscal Responsibility Bonus" of \$1000.00. Peter Mills made a motion to approve the 2022 proposed budget as presented, Bart Merrill seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Susana Arias presented 2022 proposed capital facility budget. The money in that fund will be used to repair and update things in the current building or saved up to buy/build a new building in the future. No money was moved out of that fund this year. Adam Snow made a motion to approve the 2022 proposed capital facility budget, Chuck Hardy seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

#### **Item #5: Policy and Action Items**

Adrian Player presented the 2022 Board meeting schedule. There are no conflicts at this time. Bart Merrill made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2022, Adam Snow seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

#### **Item #6: Manager's Report:**

Sean Amodt presented the mosquito distribution chart. This chart represents all the mosquitoes caught this year in the traps. There were 0 positive West Nile Virus and SLE tests this year. Salt Lake area had a lot of positive cases this year. The District caught a total of 38,200 mosquitoes. 21,263 were Culex erythrothorax, which is a carrier of West Nile Virus, but they are not the main carrier. Also, their habits are different. They don't like to feed on humans as much and you would need to be in the swamp to get bit. They do not like to travel far. 8,368 mosquitoes were Culex tarsalis. This number was down for this year.

St. George had the most mosquitoes with 19,108. Washington came in second with 11,999. Hurricane's numbers dropped down a lot. Kesler Hansen focused on the problem area in Hurricane this season which helped keep those numbers down. New Harmony had a lot of mosquitoes because there are 3 trapping locations there now that produced a lot of mosquitoes at the beginning of the season.

Adam Snow asked if the Technician's go into people's back yards to find mosquitoes? Sean explained that surveillance normally starts with a phone call. The Mosquito Surveillance Tech's go to the location and set a trap. Then they walk through with their dippers and look for water and larvae. They will continue to trap the area to find out what species are there so they can determine the kind of treatment it needs. Adam then asked if the District needed permission to treat in someone's yard. Sean explained that by law, the Mosquito Surveillance Tech's are allowed to access the property without the property owner's permission, but they almost always talk to the owner to get permission. There have only been a couple of cases where a property owner has said they do not want Mosquito Abatement on the property, and the District has respected those wishes. But, if there is ever an issue with mosquitoes or a case of West Nile Virus in the area, they will access their property to look for potential breeding areas, with or without permission, if it comes to that. For the most part, people do not have an issue with the Tech's accessing their property because they don't want a mosquito problem.

Sean took a minute to recognize the Board members for all they do for the District. There will be some turn over on the Board next year as some people were not reappointed. Kevin Tervort from Hurricane will not be returning next year. He has been on the SWMACD Board for the last 8 to 10 years. The staff appreciates all he has done for them over the years.

#### **Item #7: Board Member Comments or Questions**

Gary Chaves wanted to thank Sean and the staff for the outstanding job they've done this year. Adam Snow also gave his appreciation.

**Item #8: Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Chuck Hardy, Peter Mills seconded the motion.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 10, 2022 at the Mosquito Abatement District office, at 4:00 pm.

Vice Chair Player dismissed the meeting at 5:04 pm.

**Approved minutes signed by Executive Board Member:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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