

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

November 9, 2023

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees meeting was held on November 9, 2023, at the Mosquito Abatement District building at 1460 South Sandhill Dr., Washington City. Chair Jarett Waite convened the meeting at 4:06 pm.

Present:

Jarett Waite, Santa Clara
Bret Henderson, Washington City
Mike Scott, Ivins
Shawn Guzman, St. George
Chuck Hardy, La Verkin
Jay Lee, Virgin
Doneva Hecker, New Harmony

Electronic (Google Meet):

Jack Burns, Springdale
Peter Mills, Leeds
Michael Evenson, Rockville

Excused:

Bart Merrill, Enterprise
Dave Sanders, Hurricane

Item #1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Chair Jarett Waite.

Item #2: Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes from the meeting in August were reviewed. Chuck Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes for August 10, 2023, Doneva Hecker seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #5: Policy and Action Items

Jarett explained that the St. George CDA interlocal agreement discussion was being moved up on the agenda to give the representatives from the City of St. George enough time to review and answer questions about the Tech Ridge CDA. Chad Thomas introduced himself as the Economic Development Director for the City of St. George. He explained that the Tech Ridge project is a 350-acre site and that the proposed assessed value is \$1.1 billion with 1 million sqft of class A office space. The proposed job creation will be 4700 office jobs and up to 6000 jobs total. After the discussion, the District concluded that the best path forward is for them to quickly develop the project to increase the taxable revenue of this area. This will bring in more income than the District is currently getting. Mike Scott made the motion to approve Jarett Waite to sign the interlocal agreement for the St. George CDA- Tech Ridge, Bret Henderson seconded the motion. Doneva Hecker voted "Nay", everyone else in attendance voted "Aye".

Terrill Musser, Hildale

Lincoln Wood, Apple Valley

Victor Iverson, Washington County

Gary Chaves, Toquerville

Administration:

Sean Amodt, SWMACD District Admin

Kesler Hansen, SWMACD Operations Admin

Karen Noffsinger, SWMACD Office & HR Admin

Public:

Robert Myers, City of St. George

Brad Buhanan, Tech Ridge

Issac Barlow, Tech Ridge

Trevor Coombs, City of St. George

Chad Thomas, City of St. George

Item #3: Budget Items

Karen Noffsinger explained the expenses through September. The expenses look good. The District is well under budget for this time of year. Jay Lee made a motion to approve the expenses through September, Doneva Hecker seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

The proposed general budget was reviewed. The estimated tax revenues for next year come from the certified tax rate this year plus estimated revenues coming from past years. The estimated revenue will be \$917,000. The Salary & Wage line item was bumped up along with a few others so that the Administration can hire a couple more Full-time employees next year. Sean Amodt explained the green lines on the 2024 preliminary budget spreadsheet that went up in expenses and the red lines that went down in order to match the estimated revenues. Shawn Guzman made a motion to approve the 2024 preliminary budget, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Sean Amodt reviewed the proposed Capital Facilities budget. The \$30,000 in interest from the PTIF Capital Facilities fund that the District anticipates they will get for revenue in 2024 was added to the budget. When they amend the general budget each year, anything that is left over for that year gets rolled into the Capital Facilities fund. That money will be used in the future for a new building or to buy an existing building. Bret Henderson made a motion to approve the 2024 Capital Facilities budget, Jay Lee seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

The Public Hearing date for the 2024 proposed budgets and the amendments to the 2023 budgets was proposed for December 14, 2023. Shawn Guzman made a motion to accept the public hearing date of December 14th, 2023, for the budgets, Doneva Hecker seconded the motion. All in attendance voted "Aye".

Item #5: Policy and Action Items

Sean Amodt reviewed the 2024 Capital Facilities plan. The plan will stay the same as last year. The District is saving money for a potential new building in the future as well as having a list of smaller projects that could be done to increase the value of the property in the interim.

Item #5: Manager's Report

Sean Amodt presented the end-of-season surveillance report. There were 33326 mosquitoes caught this season. 597 pools were tested. There were 15 positive West Nile Virus pools this year and 3 St. Louis Encephalitis pools. There was 1 human case of West Nile and a few horses reported in the County. The human case was from the Sunriver area. This area did have a positive WNV pool 2 weeks prior to the positive case going to the hospital, but the investigation by the Health Department couldn't determine where they may have contracted it. There was an increase in larvicide treatments done but adulticide fogging was down this year. There were 107 service requests, which is double what was reported last year. Most of these calls were regarding the invasive *Aedes aegypti* which showed up in over 5 different locations this year: Middleton, Santa Clara, Shadow Mountain, Panorama, and St. George downtown areas. We believe that the *aegypti* were most likely brought in through mulch and potting soil sold at local nurseries. Then, these areas got hit by big rainstorms in early September.

Sean Amodt also shared his presentation "The Great *Aedes aegypti* Invasion of 2023" that he presented at the UMAA annual conference. Sean performed 184 total service request related inspections. *Aedes aegypti* were found on 47 unique properties.

He also shared some other things that the District worked on this year. We have been experimenting with a product called NaturaSolve that gets rid of algae in ponds and troughs. In the areas where this was used, the treatments for larvae have gone down. He is still experimenting with this product to determine if less algae equals less mosquito larvae in these areas. Kesler 3-D printed parts to make a handheld fogger, which was used for the *aegypti* invasion.

Item #6: Board Member Comments or Questions

None

Item #7: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay Lee, Shawn Guzman seconded the motion.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 14, 2023, at the Mosquito Abatement District office, at 4:00 pm.

Chair Waite dismissed the meeting at 5:25 pm.

Approved minutes signed by Executive Board Member:

Name:  Title: chair

APPROVED