

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE MACON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT  
JUNE 18, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District was called to order by Tom McQuiston on June 18, 2020, at the office of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District at 3755 Cundiff Road, Decatur, Illinois 62526. Trustees present were, Carol Carlton (via telephone), Tom McQuiston and Susan Kretsinger. Also present were Attorney Ross J. Munsterman, and Director Jason Probus. Absent was Dr. Robert Groesch and Sue Phillips. Tom McQuiston presided over the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During public comments, none.

The meeting was opened and a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Carol Carlton, seconded by Susan Kretsinger, and unanimously approved.

There was a motion made to approve the checks by Susan Kretsinger, seconded by Carol Carlton, and unanimously approved.

DURING OLD BUSINESS, Jason Probus informed the Board that the IMRF accelerated payment issue is still pending. This matter was discussed in detail at the May Board Meeting. IMRF has a subdivision that specializes in the review of matters of this nature, and they recently requested additional documentation which Jason provided with the assistance of May, Cocagne and King accounting firm.

DURING NEW BUSINESS, Jason Probus informed the Board that approval of the tax levy and budget ordinances for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be on the agenda at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The levy will be reduced for the second consecutive year based on the District's current financial standing. In response to a question from Susan

Kretsinger, Jason stated that the proposed budget should have enough room to cover any IMRF liability for the issue discussed during Old Business.

Jason also informed the Board that he was contacted by a Warrensburg resident to see if the District could perform mosquito abatement services at her residence due to an issue with her neighbor's pool. Warrensburg is currently not within the District and receives mosquito abatement services via a shared equipment agreement with Forsyth. Jason spoke to the Mayor of Warrensburg and was invited to attend the Village Board Meeting in July to talk about the District and a potential agreement for mosquito abatement services. Jason prepared a draft agreement which would be similar to the current agreement the District has with the Macon County Health Department. In response to a question from Tom McQuiston, Jason stated that he did not anticipate needing to hire additional staff to take on the additional responsibility of supplying services to Warrensburg. Any services would be provided on an as-needed basis and would be paid for directly by the Village. The Board agreed that Jason should attend the Village Board Meeting in July and report back to the Board prior to entering any formal agreements.

DURING DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS, Jason Probus informed the Board that District crews began work during the third week of May. The recent lack of rain has reduced the number of mosquito treatments performed. About 6,000 catch basins were treated within the District this week during the first of two scheduled larvicide treatments.

Jason has been distributing Fortress Max repellent to residents upon request. So far, 260 residents have received a bag of Fortress Max, and 160 of those residents had never received a bag before. Jason credited the District's increased social media presence for the increased engagement from the public.

Mosquito Control Awareness Week is next week, and Jason will have a display set up at Rock Springs. For this event, Jason acquired two new mosquito education graphics. These graphics were acquired using the advertising budget normally reserved for a four-week billboard campaign, but Jason felt that the graphics were a better use of the money since they can be reused for many years to come.

The District has been trapping an invasive species of mosquito, the *Aedes albopictus*, and providing those samples to the University of Illinois for testing of various communicable diseases. MMAD is the only District in the State with a robust network of traps geared toward the capture of these mosquitoes. Surveillance is an important step because they could pose problems not only in vector control but in abatement procedures due to their daytime activity.

The Generac generator was recently serviced by a licensed electrician who discovered an issue with the bearings on a pulley. This will be repaired once the parts arrive.

Finally, Jason informed the Board that the District has trapped 16,854 mosquitoes so far this year, tested 5,435 of those mosquitoes for West Nile, and had 0 positive tests.

DURING TRUSTEE COMMENTS, none.

DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, none.

Subsequently, a motion was made by Carol Carlton, seconded by Susan Kretsinger, and unanimously approved for adjournment.

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Secretary