

**MINUTES OF THE  
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT  
18 June 2020  
ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING**

**Presiding:** Maureen M. Wilson / La Vone Liddle, Chairs

**Time:** 5:04 p.m.

**Place:** 2215 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

**Trustees Present:** Maureen M. Wilson, Chair (Attended Remotely until 6:04 p.m., leaving after Item 10.)  
La Vone Liddle, Chair (Joined Remotely at 5:15 p.m. for item 5)  
Neil Vickers, Ph.D., Vice-Chair (Attended Remotely)  
Carlton Christensen (Attended Remotely)  
Van Turner (Attended Remotely)  
Dr. Dagmar Vitek (Attended Remotely)

**Others Present:** Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director (Joined at 5:15 p.m. for Item 5)  
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Director  
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO

**1. Roll Call:**

Trustee Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. The voice recorder was on, and no conflicts of interest were declared. Assistant Director White explained that Executive Director Faraji and Trustee Liddle were still participating in the DSLASA (Davis-Salt Lake Aerial Spray Authority) board meeting, and he asked if member changes to the Board could be postponed until they are able to join our meeting.

**2. Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**3. Board Member Updates and Oath of Office:**

The Salt Lake City Council Members interviewed Van Turner on 16 June 2020, and he was approved to become our newest board member. Trustee Turner took the Oath of Office at 5:13 p.m., and he will physically sign the Oath of Office at a later date.

**4. Approval of the 21 May 2020 Minutes of the May Monthly Board Meeting:**

The Trustees had received a copy of May's Monthly Board Meeting Minutes prior to the Board Meeting, and all modifications had been completed. Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the 21 May 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; Trustee Vickers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Trustee Liddle had not yet joined the meeting.)

**5. Presentation of the May 2020 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:**

Copies of May's Financial Statements had been disseminated previously. CFO Fairbanks reviewed the Financial Statements with the Board; all expenditures were presented, with special attention being paid to items over \$1,000 and any out-of-the-ordinary expenditures and receipts. Copies of the balance sheets had also been included in the Board Packet. A motion to approve the May 2020 Financial Statements and May's bills for payment was made by Trustee Liddle. After being seconded by Trustee Vitek, the motion carried with all in favor.

**6. Passing of the Gavel and Board Elections:**

When Trustee Wilson's term ended in December of 2019, she graciously agreed to remain on the Board and serve as Chair until a new trustee was appointed. Executive Director Faraji reminded the Board that the Board Bylaws stipulate the Vice-Chair automatically ascends to the office of Chair at the end of the Chair's term. And, in anticipation of Trustee Liddle relieving Trustee Wilson as Chair once the Salt Lake City Council appointed a new board member, the Board selected Trustee Vickers to become the Board's Vice-Chair. Trustee Liddle will now fill the remainder of Trustee Wilson's term, plus, at her discretion, continue to serve as Chair next year as well. Trustee Christensen made the motion officially making Trustee Liddle the Chair and Trustee Vickers the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District. Trustee Turner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Trustee Liddle took over the responsibility of chairing the remainder of the meeting.

**7. Resolution Acknowledging the Exemplary Service of Trustee Wilson:**

Trustee Wilson has been the longest-serving board member the District has had; she began her first term in 1995, and her professional input has been invaluable. She is a

Fish Biologist for the Utah Reclamation Mitigation & Conservation Commission; she has been a tremendous mentor and has shared her expertise with us as well as the State of Utah. The Board unanimously passed a resolution acknowledging Trustee Wilson's exemplary service with a motion made by Trustee Christensen and seconded by Trustee Vickers. She was also presented with a plaque recognizing her service and her dedication to protecting public health and enhancing the quality of life for residents of Salt Lake City. Our deepest gratitude for everything she has done for us was expressed, and we look forward to seeing her at future meetings and invite her to come back and visit us often.

**8. Updates on Refinancing 2018 Series Bonds:**

On Thursday, 11 June 2020, three final bids were received from underwriting firms interested in purchasing our refunding bonds, Series 2020. The Board had initially made the decision to refinance the 2018 Series Bonds with an estimated interest rate of 2.20%, and we were pleasantly surprised that the winning bid came in at 1.73%. Thus, the refunding was even more beneficial than anticipated, for it resulted in a 21.2% overall savings with a net present value of \$1,728,470 and will provide an approximate average savings of \$110,000 per year. The winning bid was submitted by Piper Sandler.

**9. Report on Attended and Reminder/Approval of Upcoming Training/Meetings:**

- **DSLASA, 18 June 2020 (Electronic)**

DSLASA's Board Meeting was held this afternoon. The Board welcomed a new board member from MAD-Davis, the 2019 financial compilation was presented, the heaters have been repaired, and the megadoors have been serviced. The Ogden Airport is paving the area in front of our hangar and plans to charge DSLASA for this service. The cost to be split between MAD-Davis and our District is \$13,000 for the initial phase and \$18,000 for phase two. Executive Director Faraji will review the cost provisions to see if this area is included in the lease. If it appears that the Airport owns this property, this expense will be contested.

**10. Executive Director's Report:**

The Board Members were given a few updates, which included the following: 1) We have been lucky because colder temperatures have accompanied the rain and kept the number of mosquitoes down. But water is continuing to accumulate in the duck clubs, which could be quite troublesome. 2) An email was received from a Millcreek resident making a lot of false and uninformed accusations in regards to mosquito control. Executive Director Faraji spoke with the Manager of South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District (SSLVMAD), Brian Hougaard, about the incident and emailed Millcreek's Mayor and SSLVMAD Board Member concerning the unfounded claims. 3) Representatives of the North Point Duck Club are irate because the tracked and ATV vehicles leave tracks and are disrupting the habitat. We are sensitive to their concerns and are trying to be minimally invasive. We have agreed to only have our Rural Field Supervisor, Quinten Salt, and

Operations Supervisor, Jason Hardman, treat this property. We spent a week treating the area on foot, and aerial treatments will be conducted, when practical. We'll also use drone applications when we can, but the drone is limited because it only utilizes granule pesticides and doesn't do well in windy conditions or when treating only the water edges. We are trying to leave the land as pristine as possible, but the situation could escalate. Executive Director Faraji wanted the Board to be aware of the situation in case additional action needs to be taken 4) Two employees who worked for us last summer have filed unemployment claims. We have had a hearing on one of the claims, and the final ruling said we must pay the claim because it's unreasonable for us to expect someone to report for work when the commute is from St. George. The second claimant resides in Provo; we have had employees commuting from Provo, so we may win that judgement. 5) We are preparing to begin working in the molecular lab. The Intermountain Medical Center appreciates the use of our extractor machine. IMC has purchased a new machine for our use, and it should be delivered sometime in July. 6) We are thinking about repairing the car wash sumps by purchasing vaults from Harper Construction. Then, we'll have our Maintenance Operator, Francisco Hernandez, do the work on one of them and see how it goes before proceeding to the other two. 7) After Tuesday's rain storm, we discovered another leak in the administration building in the laundry room and in the adjoining hall. The source of the leak was not discovered when they inspected today, but the contractors are returning tomorrow to look into it again. We're worried about the building's warranty: we have contacted Construction Control Corporation to see what our options are. Hogan Construction will also be notified about the leak. 8) Phase II of the environmental study on the old facility has been completed, but we have not received any results. However, a good sign is that Salt Lake City requested our W-9 last week. 9) There has been no further information from Barr Engineering Company about the environmental monitoring on the old, old mosquito abatement site.

On a motion made by Trustee Vickers, seconded by Trustee Vitek, and unanimously passed, the current meeting was recessed at 6:04 p.m. in order to begin the public hearing. Trustee Wilson left the meeting at this time.

**11. Discussion and Approval of 2020 Amended Budget:**

The Public Hearing was held from 6:06 p.m. until 7:11 p.m., and then the regular Board Meeting was reconvened at 7:12 p.m. No further discussion on the 2020 Amended Budget was necessary, and it was approved unanimously after a motion to adopt the 2020 Amended Budget was made by Trustee Vickers and seconded by Trustee Vitek.

**12. Discussion and Approval of Resolution for 2020 Certified Tax Rate and 2021 Proposed Budget:**

Trustee Christensen made a motion to adopt the 2020 Certified Tax Rate of 0.000122 to meet the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District property tax budget revenue requirements of \$3,684,128. The motion also included adopting a higher tax rate for additional revenue, should an adjustment be made through State and County authorities, and to approve the 2021 Proposed Budget as modified with the additional

\$100,000 feasibility study included. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vitek and carried unanimously.

**13. Probable Agenda Items for 16 July 2020 Board Meeting:**

- Executive Director's Report
- Surveillance / Facility Updates

**14. Adjournment:**

Trustees Turner and Vickers made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The 16 July 2020 Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., and we anticipate this meeting will be held electronically.



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Ary Faraji, Executive Director

22 JUN 2020  
Date



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La Vone Liddle, Chair 2020

7/22/2020  
Date