

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TULARE  
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT, HELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE DISTRICT,  
MEFFORD FIELD, TULARE, CALIFORNIA ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2019, AT THE  
HOUR OF 1:00 P.M. OF SAID DAY**

Present at the meeting called at 1:00 p.m. at the place above designated were: Charlie Pitigliano, presiding, Pat Nunes, Robert Clark, Chuck Mayer, Stan Creelman, and Robert Uchita . Also present at the Board Meeting were John Avila, District Manager, Michelle Dempsey, Operations Director, and Chad M. Lew, counsel for the District.

**Agenda Item No. 1:** Citizen Comments.

Charlie Pitigliano opened the floor to citizen comments, but there were no comments from the public.

**Agenda Item No. 2:** Review Minutes of June 11, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2019, were presented to the board in writing and reviewed. Upon a motion made by Pat Nunes, seconded by, Chuck Mayer, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2019, were approved as presented.

**Agenda Item No. 3:** Additions / Approval of Agenda.

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Agenda Item No. 4:** Payment of Check Number 5809 - 5848, Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTPS) from Union Bank to the IRS for Social Security, Medicare and Federal Tax Payments, Union Bank Charges and Credits, and Claim Number 21913 a Transfer of Funds from Tulare County Fund #778 to the District's Union Bank Account ending in 4408.

The board members reviewed the District's Union Bank checking account, check numbers 5808 5848, the electronic fund transfers (EFTPS) for payment of Social Security, Medicare and Federal Tax Payments to the IRS, the electronic debit payments from the District's Union Bank account, and claim number 21913 a transfer of funds from the District's Tulare County fund #778 to the District's account with Union Bank, account ending in 4408, in the sum of \$300,000.00. Upon a motion duly made by Robert Clark, seconded by Stan Creelman, and unanimously carried, the Union Bank checking account, check numbers 5809 - 5848, the electronic fund transfers (EFTPS) for payment of Social Security, Medicare and Federal Tax Payments to the IRS, and the electronic debit payments from the District's Union Bank checking account, and claim number 21913 a transfer of funds from the District's Tulare County fund #778 to the District's account with Union Bank, account ending in 4408, in the sum of \$300,000.00. were approved.

**Agenda Item No. 5:** Surveillance Summary - Michelle Dempsey.

Michelle reviewed with the board her summary of the mosquito activity and trapping within the District. She advised that this year the District has received numerous service calls for mosquito issues and this is in line with what other neighboring districts are also seeing this year. As of July 5, 2019, the District has trapped 40 female and 3 male Aegypti mosquitos within the District, and at this same time last year there were no Aegypt mosquitos trapped.

**Agenda Item No. 6:** CalPers 2020 Health Insurance Rates.

John advised the board that CalPers is proposing a 2% premium increase for the health insurance premium.

**Agenda Item No. 7:** Tulare Union High School Area Mosquito Issues & WALs Test Trial.

John advised that the District is observing heavy mosquito trapping in and around Tulare Union High School. As a result of these high trappings, the District in coordination with Valent BioScience will conduct a sample trial of WALs for Zika Vector Management in this area.

**Agenda Item No. 8:** North Oaks Neighborhood Mosquito Issue & Resident Informational Meeting.

John advised that the District received numerous calls and complaints about mosquitos from residents of Oaks Estates Mobile Home Park, so the District responded and discovered that the source of the mosquito issues was an overgrown ponding basin located within the mobile home park. The District attempted to treat the basin, but efforts were hindered by the overgrown trees and vegetation surrounding the ponding basin. The manager of the mobile home park is now attempting to get the overgrown trees and vegetation addressed so that the District can more effectively treat the ponding basin moving forward. John also advised that he conducted an informational meeting for the residents of the mobile home park to educate them about mosquitos and prevention.

**Agenda Item No. 9:** Bids and Availability of One Ton.

John advised the board that he has received two bids for a new one ton truck. The first bid was from Will Tiesiera Ford in the amount of \$36,627.81, and a second bid from Winner Chevrolet in the amount of \$32,829.41. John advised he is awaiting the receipt of a third bid from Merle Stone Chevrolet.

**Agenda Item No. 10:** District Flow Chart.

John reviewed with the board the newly designed District flow chart after the creation of the mechanic/field technician position.

**Agenda Item No. 11:** 2020 Sexual Harassment Prevention Requirements for Current Staff.

John advised the board that the District needs to provide sexual harassment prevention training for all staff, and that he is working on lining up the training for the District staff.

**Agenda Item No. 12:** Manager's Report.

- a) SDRMA Insured Vehicle Values - John provided the board with the SDRMA's Vehicle Inventory Program that notes the District's insured vehicle coverage and values.
- b) Tulare County Fair September 11 - 15: John advised the board that the District has secured booth rental and would participate at the 2019 Tulare County Fair to provide awareness and education related to mosquitos.
- c) West Nile Virus, 20 Years Later - John provided each board member with an article entitled West Nile Virus, 20 Years Later, published in the Public Health Landscape, for their review and consideration.

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**Agenda Item No. 13:** Meeting Adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the board, upon a motion duly made by Chuck Mayer, seconded by Robert Uchita, and unanimously carried, the special meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

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