

**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 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2020,  
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, Robert Clark, Stan Creelman, Pat Nunes, Robert Uchita, and Chuck Mayer. Also present at the Board Meeting were John Avila, District Manager, 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 September 8, 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2020, were presented to the board in writing and reviewed. Upon a motion made by Pat Nunes, seconded by, Robert Clark, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2020, were approved as presented.

**Agenda Item No. 3:** Payment of Check Number 6343 - 6377, 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 21919 Transfer of Funds from Tulare County Fund #778 to the District's Union Bank Account #\*\*\*\*\*4408.

The board members reviewed the District's Union Bank checking account, check numbers 6343 - 6377, 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 21919 which is a transfer of \$165,183.45 from the District's Tulare County Fund #778 to the District's Union Bank Account ending in 4408. Upon a motion duly made by Chuck Mayer, seconded by Robert Clark, and unanimously carried, the Union Bank checking account, check numbers 6343 - 6377, 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 checking account, and Claim Number 21919 which is a transfer of \$165,183.45 from the District's Tulare County Fund #778 to the District's Union Bank Account ending in 4408. were approved.

**Agenda Item No. 4:** September 15<sup>th</sup> Porterville City Council Meeting.

John advised the board that he attended the September 15, 2020, City Council meeting for the City of Porterville, and he answered questions from the council members related to mosquito prevention and also background on the Aedes Aegypti.

**Agenda Item No. 5:** Larvacide Oil.

John advised the board that the District ran out of larvacide oil, but the District has purchased enough larvacide oil to finish out this season.

**Agenda Item No. 6:** Employee “Fender-Bender” at TUHS Campus.

John advised the board that one of the District employees had a minor accident while on the Tulare Union High School campus. John was contacted by the other party that advised of the damage. John then turned over the claim to the District’s insurance provider to handle.

**Agenda Item No. 7:** District Activity to Date.

John reported to the board that the District was winding down the season, but had planned one last WALs treatment application. He further advised the District was preparing for the conversion to a new surveillance hardware for the upcoming season. As of October 16, 2020, the District has set 1253 traps, sent in 237 mosquito pools for testing, received 33 positive pool tests for West Nile Virus, and has sent in two dead birds for testing. The District has also fielded 782 service requests and had 584 service requests for the same period last year. John reported that there was one human death from West Nile Virus just outside of the District this season to date.

**Agenda Item No. 8:** Manager’s Impending Retirement.

John advised the board, and provided each board member with his letter of resignation, effective as of March 1, 2021. John advised that he has enjoyed his career with the District, but that his health required that he step away. He advised that he is flexible as to his end date and would do his best to help ease the transition.

Board Convened to Closed Session at 1:24 p.m.

**Agenda Item No. 9:** Public Employee Appointment (Government Code section 54957(b)(1))  
Title: General Manager

Board Re-Convened to Open Session at 1:31 p.m.


There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

**Agenda Item No. 10:** Manager’s Report.

- a) Visalia’s Recycled Trash Cans - John advised that the District received a letter that the trash cans will now be shredded and that progress on the shredding was underway.
- b) The Spread of Aedes Aegypti & Aedes Albopictus within California - John provided the board with a handout that identified the spread of the Aedes species of mosquitos throughout California.
- c) Holiday Luncheon & Covid - John advised that in light of the Covid pandemic, the District will be cancelling its annual holiday luncheon.
- d) Seasonal Layoffs - John advised that the District has laid off all but one seasonal employee now that the season is winding down with the cooler weather.
- e) Chickens - John advised that all of the sentinel chickens have tested positive for West Nile Virus.

**Agenda Item No. 10:** Meeting Adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the board, upon a motion duly made by Pat Nunes, seconded by Robert Uchita, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

  
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