

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY  
2023, 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, Craig Smith, Tony Nunes, Robert Uchita and Chuck Mayer. Stan Creelman was absent from the meeting. Also present at the Board Meeting were Michelle Dempsey, General Manager, Jacob Davis, Operations Director, Sheri Davis, Administrative Assistant, 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:** Discussion on FEMA/CalOES Public Assistance Program and Emergency State Funding.

Michelle updated and informed the board of the process of the District's application for assistance from FEMA/CalOES as a result of the impacts from the atmospheric river and flooding. They have a meeting set with case manager next week to discuss the application.

**Agenda Item No. 3:** Discussion, Consideration and Potential Action to Purchase Equipment Needed for Tulare Flood Basin Mosquito Outbreak.

Michelle and Jacob provided the board with the challenges the District is confronted with in the treatment and control of mosquito breeding from the Tulare Lake. They explained that a majority of the marshy shoreline of the Tulare Lake within the District's boundaries simply were not accessible for treatment with the District's truck mounted equipment in that many of the roads were now flooded and inaccessible. In addition, most of the marshy shoreline of the Tulare Lake is too soft for the District vehicles to access and treat. Michelle and Jacob presented various options for treatment of this area, which included aerial spraying and the purchase of new equipment and vehicles to access these areas. There was some discussion related to the costs of aerial spraying with cost estimates of approximately \$70,000.00, per week, for application costs and chemical costs. Jacob and Michelle advised that the other options would be to treat the marshy shoreline areas within the District by Argo and/or air boat. Jacob reported that there is a private individual locally that has an airboat for sale currently. After some extended discussion, upon a motion duly made by Tony Nunes, seconded by Craig Smith, and unanimously carried, the board approved and authorized the purchase of an Argo, pursuant to quote 11821, in an amount not to exceed \$35,500.00, and authorized the general manger to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase. Upon a motion duly made by Tony Nunes, seconded by Craig Smith, and unanimously carried, the board approved and authorized the purchase of an A1 Boss with 40 gallon tank from Azelis Agricultural & Environmental Solutions, pursuant to the quote provided, at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00, and authorized the general manger to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase.

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**Agenda Item No. 4: Meeting Adjourned.**

There being no further business before the board, upon a motion duly made by Charles Mayer, seconded by Tony Nunes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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