

**Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District
Board of Trustees Meeting**

December 10th, 2009

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees' fifth regular meeting was held on December 10th, 2009, in the Commission Chambers of the Washington County Administration building. The meeting was convened at 2:00 pm by Chairman Michael Heaton.

Present:

Chairman Michael Heaton, Washington
Commissioner Denny Drake, Washington County
Vice-Chairman Bruce Anderson, Santa Clara
Linda Behling, Rockville
Barbara Rusick, Ivins
Luke Stevens, Virgin
William Johnson, Hildale
Merrill Fisher, Enterprise
Darrell Nelson, Leeds
Mayor Pat Cluff, Springdale
Dr. Andrew Barnum, Ex-Officio, Dixie College
David Patterson, Washington County Attorney Office
Jerry Rasmussen, Washington County Clerk/Auditor Office
Paula McEntire, Deputy County Clerk
Mario Boisvert, SW Mosquito District Manager

Excused:

Zacharey Beatty, LaVerkin

Absent:

Mike Henry, St. George
Dale Kingsley, Apple Valley
Town of New Harmony Representation
City of Toquerville Representation
City of Hurricane Representation

Item #1: Roll Call

Board members present signed the sign-in form.

Item #2: Approval of Minutes from November 12th, 2009 meeting.

MOTION : Pat Cluff made a motion to accept the minutes. Merrill Fisher seconded the motion and all in attendance voted "Aye."

Item #3: New Business

Although corrections in the amended bylaws were approved at the last Board meeting, there was still one point that needed to be corrected. On DISBURSEMENTS, item b., it was proposed to add that a

credit card could be used by a person authorized to utilize the credit card account of the District to pay for equipment purchase or other expenses. According to the approved bylaws, only checks could be used to pay for expenses.

MOTION : Merrill Fisher made a motion to accept this new modification to the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Linda Behling and all in attendance voted "Aye."

The 2010 Board Meeting schedule was discussed. As in past years, five regular meetings will be scheduled in 2010. Meetings will be held on March 11, June 10, September 9, November 11, and December 9. The meetings will be held at 2:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the Washington County Administration building.

MOTION : Luke Stevens made a motion to accept the 2010 schedule. The motion was seconded by Darrell Nelson and all in attendance voted "Aye."

Mario submitted the proposed budget for 2010. Revenues expected for 2010 are for an amount of \$385,000. The foreseen expenses are for an amount of \$380,300. All the expenses were explained ledger by ledger at the last meeting and Mario did not have to go through all the explanations again. Only one question was asked regarding a substantial increase of the "Professional and Technicians" ledger in 2010 compared to 2009. The increase was justified by the attendance to different mosquito meetings in 2010. No major meetings were attended in 2009 because funds were not available. Mario also proposed to put \$40,000 in the "Contingent Expenses" ledger to secure money in the event that an extra person is required in the laboratory and to pay unemployment insurance. With that amount included in the budget, \$35,300 will have to be withdrawn from the Fund balance. The total budget proposed for 2010 was for \$420,300 (\$385,000 of revenues + \$35,300 from the Fund balance).

MOTION : Pat Cluff made a motion to accept the proposed 2010 budget for a total amount of \$420,300. The motion was seconded by Merrill Fisher and all in attendance voted "Aye."

Item #4: Current Budget

As of November 30, 2009, the total revenues were \$74,187.41. The revenues included \$60,221.38 from taxes, \$11,412.92 from intergovernmental sources (a grant from Department of Agriculture + sale of pesticides), and \$2,553.11 from interest incomes.

The expenses are \$313,806.18, which represents 83.59 % of the total budget (normally 91.67 % after 11 months).

On the balance sheet, the value of the total assets is \$229,686.65. The breakdown of the assets corresponds to \$470,989.72 in total fund/equity, \$1,684.30 of liabilities (negative), and \$239,618.77 of excess revenues over expenses (negative).

Mr. Mike Oldham collected \$1,200 and \$1,500 of unemployment insurance in October and November. He is still eligible for an amount of \$5300 until September 2010.

Mario explained why "Public Notices", "Professionals & Technicians", "Education and Training", and "Equipment Purchase" ledgers went over budget (see attached power point presentation). For all the other ledgers, the expenses were according to regular monthly expenses and are currently under budget.

Item #5: Miscellaneous

The issue concerning the person who should take and transcribe the minutes of the meetings is still pending and we should have more development at the next meeting in March 2010.

Three municipalities (New Harmony, Hurricane, and Toquerville) still have not appointed Board members. Mr Heaton said that Mr. Wynn Strout was appointed the new Board member from Hurricane but unfortunately Mr. Strout was not present at the meeting.

From January to March 2009, Mario will develop an educational program to be presented to schools, fairs, and festivals. He will be working in collaboration with the Easter Seals organization which is working with unemployed persons to help them find jobs. An entomologist met in conjunction with this program said he could work 15-20 hours/week and be paid by a federal program. This person has been involved in similar programs, in training, and worked as a guide in national parks.

The District continues to set up traps in five locations. Only a few mosquitoes were caught in the last three weeks (cold); but many blackflies (simuliidae) were caught in the traps. However, there are still larvae found in the field (*Culiseta inornata*).

Mario will have a wrap-up of the season with his employees to see what can be improved, changed and/or removed.

The UMAA monthly meeting was held here in St.George on Dec 4, 2009. Mario gave a small talk on the workplaces, environment and West Nile virus statistics in Washington County.

In spring 2010, Mario will try to have LeGrand Bitter from the Utah Association Special District (UASD) come to St.George to train the trustees. A similar training as in the Bryce Canyon meeting will be provided free of charge (because the District is a member of the Association).

The two-year research grant for which Dr. Barnum and Mario applied to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will be under review on February 10th, 2010, and a reply is expected in March 2010.

Item #6: Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on March 11th, 2010.

MOTION : Luke Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Darrell Nelson. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Heaton at 2:50 pm.

Mario Boisvert, Ph.D.
District Manager