

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

**March 10, 2011**

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District Board of Trustees quarterly meeting was held on March 10, 2011, in the Downstairs Conference Room of the Washington County Administration building. The meeting was convened at 2:05 pm by Chairman Michael Heaton.

**Present:**

Chairman Michael Heaton, Washington  
Vice-Chairman Bruce Anderson, Santa Clara  
Dale Kingsley, Apple Valley  
Luke Stevens, Virgin  
Linda Behling, Rockville  
Merrill Fisher, Enterprise  
Darrell Nelson, Leeds  
Mayor Pat Cluff, Springdale  
Mayor Darrin LeFevre, Toquerville  
Dr. Andrew Barnum, Ex-Officio, Dixie College  
Rachelle Ehlert, Washington County Attorney Office  
Jerry Rasmussen, Washington County Clerk/Auditor Office  
Mario Boisvert, SW Mosquito District Manager

**Absent:**

Wynn Stout, Hurricane City  
Benjamin Nickel, St. George  
Hugh Howard, LaVerkin  
Town of Hildale Representative  
Town of New Harmony Representative

**Excused:**

Barbara Rusick, Ivins  
Commissioner Denny Drake, Washington County

**Item #1: Roll Call**

Board members present signed the sign-in form. Chairman Heaton stated that we have a quorum.

**Item #2: Approval of Minutes from December 09, 2010.**

Linda Behling made a motion to accept the minutes.

Pat Cluff seconded the motion and all in attendance voted "Aye".

**Item #3: Budget 2010 – Final and Current 2011 budget**

Mario reviewed the final 2010 budget before the audit. The ending inventory and how it affects expenses the pesticides line item for the year was discussed. This has been done in the past, but by the Outside Auditors.

Mario then reviewed the 2011 budget through February. He added a new line for Unemployment Benefits, and will need to move about \$5,000 from the Contingent Expense line to the new line.

#### **Item #4: Field Report**

This past winter has been colder than usual. We will need to see if that makes a difference in this year's mosquito population. The season should start in April for trapping.

Mario stated that it looks like all of our seasonal employees will return this year.

#### **Item #5: Management Report**

Our lab has been chosen to be part of a CDC project to evaluate the RAMP West Nile Virus test performance. Twenty districts in five states will participate in this special project.

Last board meeting there was a motion approved for Mario to check in the surrounding areas to see if any other entities would be interested for us to handle any mosquito testing. We sent out letters to Cedar City and Kanab. Cedar City has not responded, but Kanab stated that they do not have any mosquito problems right now.

Also, last board meeting a motion was approved for Mario to begin to review cost for a new building. Mario did talk with three architect firms and they stated that their cost would be about 5 to 8 percent of the building cost.

Also, Mario and Mike Heaton did visit a building that is for sale in Washington City. The cost was about \$450,000. It did not look as if it would be very expensive to make modifications to the building to fit our needs.

Discussion was made about the values of different types of buildings and the cost associated with them. Mario would like a feasibility study first to review options for the type of building we need.

A motion was made by Luke Steven to get options on the cost of different buildings either already built or to build a new building and to have a special meeting next month to review the direction we should go. The motion was seconded by Pat Cluff. All in attendance voted "Aye". The meeting was set for April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

#### **Item #6: New Business**

Another motion that was approved last board meeting was for Mario to explore the value of buying a RT-PCR machine and what the cost would be annually for the product needed to run the machine. Mario discussed how this type of machine makes the different types of tests. The cost for the test is about \$8 to \$10 per test versus the cost now of about \$16 per test. He reviewed the cost from three different companies that put in bids.

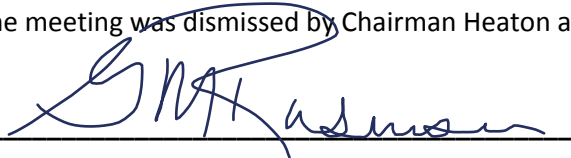
A motion was made by Luke Stevens to approve Mario to purchase the machine from Applied Biosystems with an extended warranty for about \$47,000. It was seconded by Pat Cluff. All that were present approved the motion.

#### **Item #7: Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be held on April 7, 2011 at 2:00 pm

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Behling, second by Bruce Anderson.

The meeting was dismissed by Chairman Heaton at 3:25 pm.



**Jerry Rasmussen**  
**Southwest Mosquito Treasurer**