

Solano County Mosquito Abatement District

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Meetings: Second Monday Every Month
7:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

1. Call to order:

President Ronald Schock called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District Building, 2950 Industrial Court, Fairfield, CA. 94533

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Ronald Schock led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll call:

Present Trustees: C. Tonnesen, J. Anderson, M. White, J. Rankine, R. Schock, R. Meador, L. Petrie and G. Graves.

Absent Trustees: None

Also in attendance:

Jon Blegen
Tami Wright
Richard Snyder
Howard Lute

4. Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2015.

Unanimously approved as mailed on motion by Trustee L. Petrie seconded by Trustee M. White.

5. Examination of Manager's Report for the month of January 2014.

Accepted as written.

6. Payment of Bills for January 2014.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee J. Anderson seconded by Trustee M. White.

7. Examination of Financial Sheet for the month of January 2015:

Accepted as written

8. This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Board relative to matters of Board Business:

None

9. Correspondence:

- a. Notification of nominations – 2015 Election SDRMA Board of Directors.
- b. CSDA call for nominations – Board of Directors Bay Area Network Seat A.

Manager Blegen asked if anyone was interested in serving on either of the boards described and none of the trustees expressed interest.

10. New Business:

- a. Resolution 15-01 of Appreciation of Howard Lute.

Former Trustee Howard Lute gave a brief history of his term on the board, commented on the need for more public involvement and vigilance towards mosquito transmitted diseases, and complimented all of the board members with reference to their devotion to the district.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee J. Anderson seconded by Trustee R. Meador.

- b. Action authorizing the District Manager to request from Richard Shanahan Esq. a proposal to provide general legal counsel services to the district.

Manager Blegen briefly described Mr. Shanahan's credentials and asked the board to authorize him to request that Richard submit a proposal for the provision of general legal services to the district.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee J. Anderson seconded by Trustee C. Tonnesen.

CLOSED SESSION-PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1))
TITLE: DISTRICT MANAGER

Manager Blegen stated that the board was going into closed session under Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1) to discuss the appointment of a district manager.

c. Report on Closed Session

President Schock reported that no reportable action was taken in the closed session.

11. Unfinished Business:

a. Consideration/Action regarding the granting of funds to the Mosquito Research Foundation.

Manager Blegen informed the board that that the trustees in attendance at the annual conference had an opportunity to meet with MRF President Craig Downs and asked that they share what was discussed with their fellow board members. President Schock described how the foundation has become an entity independent from MVCAC and UC Davis and that he was very impressed with what it has accomplished in a short time. He also emphasized the fact that researchers in other parts of the United States are providing valuable information as a result the research foundation's funding. Trustee White also pointed out that the foundation's activities have gone from California to other states, resulting in access to more researchers. Trustee Tonnesen explained to the board that it is possible to direct district funding to pet projects. Based upon Manager Blegen's comment that a current news letter should be coming out from the foundation shortly which should provide information helpful to the board in making its decision whether or not to provide funds, Trustee Anderson moved to table the matter until the next regular board meeting.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee J. Anderson seconded by Trustee L. Petrie.

12. Reports:

a. Reports of Trustees Petrie, Schock, White and Tonnesen on attendance at the MVCAC January 2015 Annual Conference.

Trustee Petrie reported that it was a great meeting. He did point out that there was not enough room in the area provided for the Plenary Session and it was difficult to take notes due to lack of tables. He pointed out that the opening presentation describing the history of mosquito abatement in California was very interesting. He was impressed by the information provided with reference to the unfounded claim that mosquito abatement districts are responsible for negative impacts on other

animals when in fact the damaged has been caused through the use of other pesticides by the general public. He also commented on the increase in fleas and bedbugs found in residential settings. Finally, he was very impressed with the ethics course.

President Schock described the research by U.C. into the use of drones and the permitting process required by the FFA. He also found the session dealing with the isothermal examination of DNA and RNA in the field through the use of a battery-operated analyzer very interesting. It allows for the identification of diseases on site; however, it is a very expensive piece of equipment. He also commented that the ethics class was very good.

Trustee Tonnesen also stated that the ethics course was very good. He also reported on the session dealing with bedbugs and cockroaches. He informed the board that in 2014 German cockroaches were the biggest pests in the state. He stated that the control of bedbugs in rentals is severely limited by the lack of reporting to vector control districts by property managers and owners. Finally, he described the blanket warrants used by Orange County to inspect swimming pools.

Trustee White found the presentations describing knock down resistance problems and the impact of overseas trading with reference to the introduction of new mosquito species very informative. He also described the problems Alameda County has recently experienced in connection with fogging activities. He expressed the fact that notification to the public is very important. He also enjoyed the information supplied in connection with the use of drones and the need to build one with a bigger payload if they are going to be cost effective for mosquito control activities. He also described how such spraying activities are carried out. Finally, he described the items discussed at the trustee meeting.

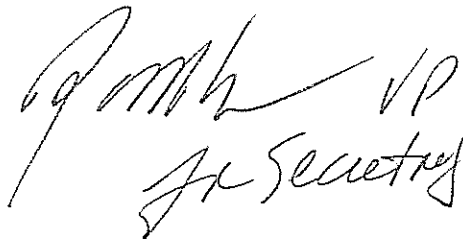
13. Board Discussions:

- a. President Schock asked if there was any interest in obtaining further information about the use of the MVCAC website. None of the trustees expressed such an interest.

14. Adjournment:

President Ronald Schock adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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