

Solano County Mosquito Abatement District

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 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 Schock led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll call:

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

Absent Trustees: L. Petrie

Also in attendance:

Jon Blegen
Tami Wright
Richard Snyder

4. Minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2015.


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

5. Examination of Manager's Report for the month of March 2015

Trustee White asked if we were continuing to have a problem with a high number of vacant houses in connection with mosquito production. Manager Blegen responded that it is still a concern and the district has treated a number of pools already this year; however, the number of foreclosed homes seems to have decreased as the economy has improved. Trustee White went on to express his concern with regard to applying

pressure on financial institutions to take care of the problems related to foreclosure properties. Manager Blegen responded that due to the size of district staff focusing on eliminating mosquito production from such locations has to take precedence. Trustee Anderson stated that it was his view it would be very difficult to get such entities to take any action whatsoever.

Accepted as written.

6. Payment of Bills for March 2015 

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

7. Examination of Financial Sheet for the month of March 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. March 2, 2015 letter from City of Dixon reappointing Trustee Joe Anderson to the Board of Trustees of the Solano County Mosquito Abatement District for a four-year term expiring February 28, 2019.

Manager Blegen announced that the district had received a letter describing the reappointment of Trustee Anderson for a four-year term expiring February 28, 2019. Trustee Anderson's fellow trustees expressed their congratulations.

10. New Business:

- a. Consideration/Action on Resolution No. 15-04 establishing reimbursement from duck club owners for aerial application costs for the year 2015.

Trustee Tonnesen announced that due to his ownership interest in Joyce Island Mallard Farm, a duck club located in the Suisun Marsh, he has a conflict and, as a consequence, it was necessary for him to avoid any participation with this resolution. He then excused himself from the boardroom. President Schock asked if this was the same cost sharing that the district has approved over the past years. Manager Blegen responded in the affirmative.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee M. White seconded by Trustee G. Graves.

Trustee Tonnesen returned to his seat in the boardroom after the vote was taken.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. Consideration/Action on Resolution 15-02 approving contract with Bartkiewicz, Kronick and Shanahan for the provision of legal services to the district.

Manager Blegen informed the board that due to the plans released by the State Water Resources Control Board concerning the new mandatory water conservation regulations, it would be necessary for Richard Shanahan to attend a board meeting of a water district he represents in order to help evaluate the options available. Unfortunately, the water district meeting he wishes to attend is scheduled for the same time as this meeting. He asked if it would be acceptable for him to attend our May 11, 2015 meeting in the alternative. Manager Blegen went on to state that he informed Mr. Shanahan that he did not think this would be a problem. Various board members expressed their understanding at which point Manager Blegen asked if the board would like to move forward on approving the contract or wait until May 11, 2015 when Mr. Shanahan would be in attendance. President Schock felt there was no need to delay taking action.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee M. White seconded by Trustee R. Meador to approve said contract.

- b. Consideration/Action on resolution No. 15-03 approving agreement to employ Richard Snyder as District Manager.

Trustee Tonnesen asked where the salary amounts contained in the contract came from. Manager Blegen responded that they were the result of discussions of between Supervisor Snyder and himself. He went on to state that the amount of compensation must be considered in open session and that the amounts contained in the proposed contract are suggestions for the board to consider. Trustee White asked how the amounts set forth in the contract compared with neighboring districts. Manager Blegen responded that they are lower than the district manager salaries for Napa, Marin-Sonoma, Contra-Costa, and Sac/Yolo mosquito and vector control districts.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee R. Meador seconded by Trustee M. White.

- c. Consideration/Action on resolution No. 15-05 approving Mosquito Research Foundation grant agreement for FY 2014-2015.

Manager Blegen stated that the board members in attendance at the annual conference in Monterey had an opportunity to discuss the status of the MRF with it's President, Craig Downs, and it was his understanding that they were all impressed with the progress the foundation has made. Trustee White concurred and Trustee Tonnesen

asked if there were any funds for research earmarked in the present budget. Manager Blegen stated that \$8,000 had been so budgeted.

Unanimously approved on motion by Trustee C. Tonnesen seconded by Trustee M. White.

12. Reports:

- a. Report of president Schock on attendance at the MVCAC March 25, 2015 Legislative Day.

President Schock stated that his experience in talking with staff members of our legislators was very positive. In his opinion they all showed a sincere interest in the topics presented for their consideration. Those topics included the use of drones for mosquito control activities, BMP funding for Ca. Fish and Wildlife lands and reestablishment of research funding to the University of California.

13. Board Discussions:

- a. None

14. Adjournment:

President Ronald Schock adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Secretary

