

South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2024 at 2:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District (SSLVMAD), Salt Lake County, State of Utah, met in a board meeting at the District offices at 7308 Airport Road, West Jordan, Utah and via Zoom with an anchor location established at the District offices.

The following board members were present Jeff Bossard (Brighton), Ty Brewer (Holladay), Tish Buroker (Riverton), Silvia Catten (Millcreek), Don Christensen (West Valley), Gene Drake (West Jordan), Brad Gilson (Draper), Paul Glover (Midvale), Kathie Johnson (South Jordan), Kristie Overson (Taylorsville), Linda Price (White City), Florence Reynolds (Sandy), Ilene Risk (Salt Lake County), Laverne Snow (Murray), and Greg Wilding (Bluffdale).

The following board members were absent: Matt Holton (Cottonwood Heights), Natalie Pinkney (South Salt Lake), and Steve Shields (Herriman).

Also attending were Dan McBride, Scott Sommer, and Eric Gardner.

1. **Welcome.** Chair Catten duly called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 2:02 pm.
2. **Citizen Comments.** No citizens commented.
3. **Board Conflicts of Interest Disclosures.** No board members disclosed any conflicts of interest.
4. **Approve Minutes.** Risk moved to approve the minutes of the August Board meeting; Snow seconded the motion and the motion carried with all in favor, Brewer and Wilding were absent for the vote.
5. **PDMP Review/Integrated Pest Management Discussion** Board members were invited to review the District's Pesticide Discharge Management Plan (PDMP) before the meeting began. McBride presented examples of news media stories relating to mosquito control and noted that media attention can increase requests for service. He explained that in addition to satisfying legal requirements, the District's PDMP is a helpful resource when determining and justifying an appropriate response to requests for service. McBride highlighted sections of the PDMP including treatment thresholds that must be met before mosquito control is initiated in an area. He also mentioned physical, biological, chemical, and educational measures described in the PDMP and implemented to effect mosquito control, then noted evaluations of efficacy and concern about mosquito resistance to control measures.
6. **Conditions of the District.** McBride reported that mosquito activity and thus control and surveillance efforts are winding down. District staff are increasing focus on off-season projects including the education program, budget preparation and long-term

planning, performance evaluations, information technology infrastructure upgrades, data analysis, and equipment maintenance.

In presenting mosquito-borne disease data McBride noted 16 mosquito pools positive for West Nile virus to date in the District, 75 in Salt Lake County, and 215 in Utah. Nationally, 298 counties in 23 states have reported West Nile virus activity this year. In Utah 3 human cases of West Nile virus have been reported, none in the District. Nationally 103 human cases have been reported. St. Louis Encephalitis virus has been reported in 6 states. Incidence of Dengue and Malaria is higher than average in Salt Lake County and in Utah where all reported cases have been associated with travel to other areas. Some locally acquired Dengue cases have been reported nationally.

McBride reported that, to date, the number of acres treated with mosquito larva control products is above average, adult mosquito numbers are close to average and service requests and applications of mosquito adulticides are below average.

Board member training status was reviewed, and McBride noted that in addition to online options, training will be available at upcoming conferences included the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association annual meeting in October and the Utah Association of Special Districts annual meeting in November.

Safety goals since the previous board meeting were met and no safety incidents were reported.

Wilding inquired about procedures for the regular District manager performance evaluation. McBride explained that decisions are up to the board. Support was expressed for Board leadership and one or two other Board members to conduct the evaluation and present recommendations to the Board.

7. **Board Meeting Items for October 14th Meeting.**

Price noted that the fraud risk assessment report should be included on the agenda for the October meeting of the board.

Overson noted that October 14th is a holiday. Board members should notify McBride of availability to determine if the meeting should be rescheduled.

8. **Approve Bills.** Overson moved to approve the bills, Bossard seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

9. **Adjourn.** Overson moved to adjourn the meeting; Glover seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.