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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District was held at 6:30 pm Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 1500 Hicks Rd Suite 100, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

There being a presence of a quorum, Daniel R. Ansani, President called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Daniel R. Ansani, President; Russell Nowak, Treasurer; Justin Harbison, Trustee; Carol Johnson, Trustee.

Trustees Absent: Dale Niewiardowski, Vice President / Secretary.

Also present: James Thennisch, Director; Carolyn Strahammer, Attorney; Patrick Irwin, Assistant Director; Ewa Migacz, Office Manager; Rachel Wagner and Jason Wagner residents.

The minutes of the July 24, 2024, meeting were read. Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Carol Johnson seconded the motion.

The Secretary called the roll and all ayes had been cast for approval of the motion and thereby declared the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for July 2024 was presented, and all checks were approved for payment. Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to accept the report as read and Trustee Carol Johnson seconded the motion.

The Secretary called the roll and all ayes had been cast for approval of the motion and thereby declared the motion carried.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer informed the Board of Trustees that two FOIA requests were submitted, and both have been responded to on August 14, 2024.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer also updated the Board of Trustees on the progress of the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Report.

Assistant Director Patrick Irwin presented the Entomology Report,

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highlighting the impact of cooler weather on mosquito populations in the District. He noted a decrease in nuisance mosquitoes due to the cooler weather. Regarding West Nile virus (WNV) vector mosquito numbers, Dr. Irwin reported that the District is still below the historical average for this time of year.

In terms of testing, the District has tested 1332 pools for WNV and found 130 WNV positives. Trustee Carol Johnson inquired about this week's testing table and results; the Entomologist explained that 85 tested pools found 28 positives for WNV. The Vector Index (VI) increased last week from 0.21 to 0.28 for the District. Currently, the VI is at the 5-year average but significantly lower than in 2012. There are increased vector index numbers from traps in Hoffman Estates, Arlington Heights, Elk Grove, Park Ridge, Rolling Meadows, Glenview and Northbrook. Depending on the weather conditions this week the District may be conducting adult mosquito control activities in these areas.

Additionally, NWMAD will be hosting an outreach/information booth at the Schaumburg Farmer's Market from 9:30 to 11:30 on August 30, with similar booths scheduled for the last Friday of September.

The Assistant Director reminded the Board that the IMVCA 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held in person on November 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 in Springfield.

The AMCA 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 3-7, 2025.

Director James Thennisch presented the operations report.

The District received an update on the Debt Certificate 2023 from Attorney Kent Floros. Trustees discussed options and decided to postpone the discussion to October 2024.

The residents Rachel and Jason Wagner joined the meeting.

Director Thennisch presented the Financial Report. The audit is expected to be completed by September.

Work is ongoing with W.B. Olson and ComEd to establish an independent electrical service at the Wheeling location.

Director James Thennisch provided an update on Field Operations, highlighting that the current District has 13 seasonal employees remaining. Additionally, it was reported that over 46,298 catch basins have been treated and 3,589 sites have been inspected/treated as of today. The District received and responded to a total of 82

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service requests.

Director James Thennisch presented the Internal Services report.

Field truck #52 was damaged at the Elk Grove location and the repair is postponed to the end of the season.

The Director is preparing a surplus equipment list for sale in the fall of 2024.

President Ansani opens the meeting to the public.

Assistant Director Patrick Irwin reminded all about the 2024 Illinois Tickborne Disease Conference in Champaign.

Attending residents inquired about Adulticiding performed in Arlington Heights. Entomologist Patrick Irwin explained the procedure. Trustee Justin Harbison assisted residents by explaining the charts provided.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Trustee Russell Nowak to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Justin Harbison. The motion passed unanimously at 7.25 p.m.

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President

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Vice President /Secretary