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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, December 20, 2023 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; Dale Niewiardowski, Vice President / Secretary; Russell Nowak, Treasurer arrived 6:45pm.

Trustee Absent: None

Also, present: Carolyn Strahammer, Attorney; James Thennisch, Director; Patrick Irwin, Assistant Director; Ewa Migacz, Office Manager.

Assistant Director Dr. Patrick Irwin presented the Entomology Report, noting that no new human West Nile virus (WNV) cases have been reported since September, with a total of 13 cases recorded in the District. Dr. Irwin discussed his upcoming speaking engagement at the AMCA on Wednesday morning, titled "Culex Soup in the Northern Suburbs of Chicago, IL: Hunting Down Their Cryptic Habitats." Additionally, he reported on his speaking engagement at Harper College on December 5, where he discussed vector-borne disease epidemiology and informed students about summer employment opportunities.

The Assistant Director confirmed the successful completion of reports for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Illinois Department of Public Health Mosquito Abatement District (IDPH MAD). Lastly, Dr. Irwin mentioned being approached by the Chief Entomologist of the CDC to share some data for an internal analysis aimed at determining whether human WNV could be detected in wastewater.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer stated that the election of Officers is required. The current Officers are Daniel R. Ansani President; Dale Niewiardowski Vice-President/Secretary; Russell Nowak Treasurer. Trustee Dale Niewiardowski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Russell Nowak, that the slate of officers for the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District should be as follows: Daniel R. Ansani be elected President; Dale Niewiardowski be elected Vice-President/Secretary, Russell Nowak

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be elected Treasurer.

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

As in prior years, the Board unanimously agreed to form a budget committee composed of the Board of Trustees and Director James Thennisch and Assistant Director Patrick Irwin to prepare the Tentative Budget. Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Dale Niewiardowski.

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

Attorney Strahammer stated that the tentative budget will be prepared and discussed at the January Board meeting and then passed at the February Board meeting.

The minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting were read. Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Dale Niewiardowski 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 November 2023 was presented, and all checks were approved for payment. Trustee Dale Niewiardowski made a motion to accept the report as read and Trustee Russell Nowak 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.

Director Thennisch presented the operations report.

The District uploaded a list of employees and Trustees required to file Statements of Economic Interest with the County. Each individual required to comply will need to file their statement online to the County.

The Wheeling project is currently pending. The Director briefed the Board of Trustees on the outcomes of today's bid opening. The District received over 50 bids. The GC is currently in the process of reviewing them.

The Village of Wheeling is reviewing building permit applications.

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Progress is ongoing at the Wheeling location, with work focused on preparations for demolition and the scheduled disconnection of utilities.

The District continues to search candidates for open full-time positions.

Trustees reviewed seasonal employee's wages for 2024 season.

FIELD OPERATORS

1 st year	\$16.00
2 nd year	\$16.25
3 rd year	\$16.50
4 th or more	\$16.75

BACKCHECKERS

1 st year	\$17.00
2 nd year	\$17.25
3 rd or more	\$17.50

Trustee Rusell Nowak made a motion to approve seasonal employee's wages for the 2024 season, Trustee Niewiardowski 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.

Trustees discussed the Paid Leave for All Workers Act effective January 1, 2024.

Trustee Dale Niewiardowski made a motion to approve the revisions to the employee manual, which includes the provision for Paid leave for All Works Act. Trustee Russell Nowak 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.

Vehicle service work will continue at the Elk Grove location.

The Bartlett facility has passed inspections by Cook County, including plumbing, rough electrical and H.V.A.C. All Locks will be updated, and some equipment will be moved into the building.

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The AMVCA Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 4-8th in Dallas, Texas.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Russel Nowak to adjourn and seconded by Dale Niewiardowski; the motion passed unanimously at 7.25 p.m.

President

Vice President /Secretary