MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(847) 537-2306 # 229
June 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District was held at 6:30 pm Wednesday, June 26, 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; Dale Niewiardowski, Vice President / Secretary; Russell Nowak, Treasurer; Justin Harbison, Trustee; Carol Johnson, Trustee.

Trustee Absent: None

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

The minutes of the May 08, 2024, 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 May 2024 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.

President Ansani welcomed two new Trustees and administrated Oath of the Office.

OATH OF THE OFFICE

AS A TRUSTEE OF
THE NORTWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

I, JUSTIN HARBISON, having been appointed to the Office of Trustee of the NORTWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Trustee of the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District according to the best of my ability.

Dated this 26th day of June 2024.

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JUSTIN HARBISON

I have administrated the foregoing oath in my capacity as a District Officer on this 26th day of June 2024

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DANIEL ANSANI

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS 26TH DAY
OF JUNE 2024

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Notary Public

OATH OF THE OFFICE
AS A TRUSTEE OF
THE NORTWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

I, CAROL JOHNSON, having been appointed to the Office of Trustee of the NORTWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Trustee of the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District according to the best of my ability.

Dated this 26th day of June 2024.

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CAROL JOHNSON

I have administrated the foregoing oath in my capacity as a District Officer on this 26th day of June 2024

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DANIEL ANSANI

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

BEFORE ME THIS 26TH DAY
OF JUNE 2024

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Notary Public

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer presented a tentative levy for the 2024 tax year (collectible in 2025). The Attorney gave an update on the progress of the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency report.

Trustee Nowak made a motion to approve determination of the amounts of money, exclusive of debt service and election cost, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation pursuant to the proposed levy by the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District in the amount of $$3,389,316.13 for the 2024 tax year (collectible in 2025), with approval to post the tentative levy for the 2024 tax year (collectible in 2025). 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.

Assistant Director Patrick Irwin delivered the Entomology Report. A significant increase in both nuisance and WNv vector mosquitoes is being observed. Dr. Irwin informed everyone that three mosquito samples have tested positive for WNv this summer out of a total of 560 tests. The positive samples were from Hoffman Estates on May 14 and Arlington Heights on June 21 and June 26. NWMAD will be hosting an outreach/information booth at the Schaumburg Farmer’s Market from 9:30 to 11:30 on June 28. Similar booths will be set up on the last Friday of each month through September. All truck-mounted ULV sprayers have been calibrated for the season. Two mosquito inspections were conducted at Maryville Academy to ensure compliance with federal regulations.
The Entomologist briefed the Board of Trustees on the current District practices and policies.

Trustee Harbison inquired about mosquito thresholds Dr. Irwin explained that based on the Vector Index (VI -measure of risk for WNv) and reported human cases of WNv the District established the following risk thresholds: 0.0 - 0.2 Very low 0.21 - 0.99 Low 1.0 - 1.99 Moderate > 2.0 High.

Trustee Johnson inquired about the adulticiding procedure. Dr. Irwin explained that when adult populations or West Nile Virus activity crosses over our threshold the District will implement adult mosquito

spray program. The District’s truck based adulticiding program, when scheduled, begins at sunset and concludes around 1am.

Trustees discussed Tick surveillance.

Director James Thennisch presented the operations report.

The Director discussed the presentation by W.B. Olson of the updated floor plan designs by 845 Design Group. It was noted that Valor Technologies has completed asbestos removal and disposal in compliance with NESHAP regulations at the Wheeling facility.

James Thennisch informed the Board of Trustees about the preparation of bid specifications for the demolition of the Wheeling office and garages, which will be published in the newspaper and posted on the District website on June 27th, 2024. Additionally, a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Wheeling, followed by public bid openings on July 9th, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at 1500 Hicks Rd, Suite 100.

Director Thennisch presented the Financial Report. Furthermore, the Director provided updates on the ongoing yearly financial audit with A.T.A. Group. The audit is expected to be completed in August. Discussions regarding the best options for the 2023 Debt Certificate, due to construction delays, were held.

The Director also addressed the renewal of dental and vision insurance plans with the rate remaining unchanged.

Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to renew the Dental and Vision insurance with the current provider. 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.

Director James Thennisch provided an update on Field Operations highlighting the current seasonal hiring status of 40 seasonal employees, more interviews are planned. Moreover, it was reported that over 28,000 catch basins have been treated as of today. The District received 22 service requests.

The Trustees discussed the qualifications and requirements for seasonal employees.

Director James Thennisch presented the Internal Services report.

The Bartlett and Wheeling facilities passed fuel tank inspections.

On Friday June 21st, Cook County Building and Zoning inspected the Bartlett facility. Cook County requires a copy of installation and start up procedures for the unit heaters, propane pressure readings and temperature rise readings in the building with two probes. This is Hammerbrush restoration co. responsibility. The District held back $13,863.15 from the insurance payment until all inspections were completed.

President Ansani explained the District Reimbursement of expenses policy.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Trustee Russel Nowak to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Dale Niewiardowski. The motion passed unanimously at 6.55 p.m.

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President

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Vice President /Secretary