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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, May 8, 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 (appointment pending verification).

Trustee Absent: None

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

President Ansani welcomed Trustee Harbison to the Board and informed him that the Oath of Office will be conducted at the next Board Meeting (July 29 2024) due to pending final verification.

The minutes of the April 17, 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 April 2024 was presented, and all checks were approved for payment. Russell Nowak made a motion to accept the report as read and 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.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer stated to the Trustees that due to the postponement of the tax levy ordinance for the 2024 tax year the District also must postpone the Tax Anticipation Ordinance. The attorney reminded all present that the upcoming board meeting, originally scheduled for June 19th, was rescheduled to June 26th.

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Assistant Director Patrick Irwin delivered the Entomology Report. All the mosquito traps are deployed and operational. Trap counts are low due to the cooler temperatures. Ticks, mostly dog ticks, are increasing in activity. Dr. Irwin reminded everyone that periodical Cicadas are not covered under the District's operations and treatment. A new link dedicated to Cicadas has been incorporated into the District's website; guiding residents to explore information from the University of Illinois.

The District participated in the Wheeling Earth Day event. The Assistant Director discussed SB3342. The Trustees deliberated on the previous notification policy. The Entomologist briefed the Board of Trustees on the current District practices and policies.

Director James Thennisch presented the operations report.

W.B Olson Inc. and 845 Design Group started the design process that should be available for Trustees review in June. The meeting with an engineer regarding the power supply to the other two buildings on the property is scheduled for May 10. The intention is to demolish the main building and garages this summer.

Director Thennisch presented the Financial Report; including the Annual Audit update for fiscal year ending 4/30/2024 conducted by ATA.

The Trustees reviewed the Debt Certificate, Series 2023, with a new construction start date Spring 2025.

The District finalized all insurance policies with the exception of Umbrella coverage. The broker increased the main policy and canceled the Umbrella coverage.

Director James Thennisch provided an update on Field Operations highlighting the current seasonal hiring status of 36 confirmed seasonal employees.

The Trustees discussed the qualifications and requirements for seasonal employees.

Director James Thennisch presented the Internal Services report.

The Bartlett facility is operational and ready for seasonal workers.

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The District upgraded the security system at Elk Grove Facility.

At 6:57 pm Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Trustee Dale Niewiardowski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:30 pm.

Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to approve the compensation for non-union employees as discussed in the Executive Session and Union employees per union contract. 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

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 7.35 p.m.

President

Vice President /Secretary