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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, September 18, 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.

Trustees Absent: None

Also present: James Thennisch, Director; Carolyn Strahammer, Attorney; Patrick Irwin, Assistant Director; Ewa Migacz, Office Manager; Raj Nagaraja, CPA, MSA; Janet M. Troher, CPA.

The minutes of the August 21, 2024, meeting was read. Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Trustee Justin Harbison 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 August 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.

Raj Nagaraja, CPA, MSA, Managing Partner of ATA Group, presented the audit report for the Board's review and approval. The auditors provided the District with a clean opinion, demonstrating the District's unwavering commitment to transparency and excellence.

Trustee Carol Johnson made a motion to accept the Annual Audit Report and Trustee Russell Nowak seconded the motion.

The Secretary called the roll, and all ayes had been cast for approval

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of the motion and thereby declared the motion carried.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer informed the Board of Trustees that one FOIA request was submitted and has been responded to.

Attorney 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, which stated that the number of nuisance mosquitoes, and the vector index, continues to decrease. Our District has had six potential human West Nile infections; Cook County has reported 12 cases. NWMAD will be hosting, the season last an outreach/information booth at the Schaumburg Farmer's Market from 9:30 to 11:30 on September 27.

The District has conducted tests on 1589 pools this season for WNV and has identified 177 positive pools.

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

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

Director James Thennisch presented the operations report.

The Director presented the Trustees with options for the design of the new facility. After deliberation, the Trustees chose option B -green to coordinate with the district's other facilities.

The District offered Olivia Niewiardowski, a current seasonal employee, a full-time position as the Field Supervisor GIS Assistant, starting on 10/1/2024, and she accepted the offer. This concludes the hiring for full-time field operations.

Director James Thennisch provided an update in response to Trustee Harbison's questions regarding the job descriptions and responsibilities of trustees in District operations. The Trustees discussed fiduciary duty, authority, decision-making, liability protection, transparency, and accountability. They emphasized the importance of acting in good faith and within the scope of their authority. In normal operations, the District has three field supervisors overseeing each of the District locations. The Chief of Field Operations oversees the Field Supervisors. The responsibility of ensuring product effectiveness is performed by the Entomologist, whose job description includes research. Each department of the District

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cooperates with this research as needed. The product choice is determined from multiple sources, including the Director and the Board of Trustees, with input from the Entomologist explicitly considered.

Trustee Harbison proposed that the trustees abstain from participating in product selection and focus solely on budget decisions. The current process for District product recommendation and selection entails a collaborative effort involving all relevant parties responsible for District operations. The primary objective is to optimize mosquito population control and uphold fiscal responsibility, prioritizing the best interests of District residents. It is noteworthy that the trustees have implemented no changes to current operations. Trustees approve expenditures for the specific recommended and verified product.

Field Operations report highlighted that the District has 10 seasonal employees remaining. Additionally, it was reported that over 46,660 catch basins have been treated and 4,985 sites have been inspected/treated as of today. The District received and responded to a total of 92 service requests.

Director James Thennisch presented the Internal Services report.

The Director presented the Bartlett Facility office furnace/AC replacement plan. Trustees discussed proposed quotes from Allied and Hackney's Classic.

The Director provided an update on the status of the preparation for the surplus equipment sale.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 16th.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Trustee Russell Nowak to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Dale Niewiardowski. The motion passed unanimously at 7.27 p.m.

President

Vice President /Secretary