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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, October 16, 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; John D. Haniotes Senior Vice President Barrington Bank & Trust Co. A Wintrust Community Bank and Steven C. Trout Senior Vice President, Municipal Lending Government, Non-Profit, Healthcare Banking Wintrust Government Funds.

The minutes of the September 18, 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, thereby declaring the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report for September 2024 was presented, and all checks were approved for payment. Trustee Carol Johnson 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, thereby declaring the motion carried.

John D. Haniotes, Senior Vice President at Barrington Bank & Trust Co., a Wintrust Community Bank, presented the revised commitment to lend up to \$4,600,000.00 to demolish, construct, renovate, and expand the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District Wheeling facilities.

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Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to approve the Barrington Bank revised commitment to finance \$4,600,000.00 for reconstruction of the Wheeling facility. Trustee Dale Niewiardowski seconded the motion.

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

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

Attorney Strahammer noted that compliance with the Open Meetings Act is scheduled for today's executive session. Additionally, she emphasized that the Cook County Debt Disclosure needs to be filed before the end of December with the County Treasurer's website. Attorney Strahammer informed the Board of Trustees that there are no updates regarding the reappointment status of the Trustees.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer presented the District Treasurer's Statement for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Trustees approval. The office will file the statement and the attachments with the District portal on the Cook County Clerk website.

Trustee Dale Niewiardowski made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Statement, and Trustee Russell Nowak seconded the motion.

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

Assistant Director/Entomologist Patrick Irwin presented the Entomology Report, which indicated that all traps had been collected and stored for the off-season. There have been nine suspected or confirmed human West Nile virus cases reported in our District.

The Assistant Director/Entomologist also updated the Board of Trustees on the tick drags conducted over the past two weeks. There has been an increase in the number of blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), known to transmit Lyme disease, compared to the previous year. These ticks will be sent to the CDC for pathogen testing. Commonly found in the District, the American dog tick, also known as the wood tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*), is associated with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, which is very rare in our area. Currently, there are no effective treatments available. However, the District is exploring all possible options, including ReMoa Tri testing, signs, and notices.

Trustees expressed the need for a comprehensive analysis of the expected future cost increases for research and treatments related to Ticks, emphasizing its importance for informed decision-making.

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The District has conducted tests on 1658 pools of mosquitoes this season for WNV and has identified 189 positive pools.

Dr. Patrick Irwin will work on the IDPH annual MAD report, the annual IEPA pesticide discharge report, and renew the biennial IDNR ECOCAT consultation.

The Assistant Director reminded the Board that the IMVCA 70th Annual Meeting will be held in person in Springfield on November 21st and 22nd, 2024. Dr. Irwin is scheduled to present at this year's IMVCA meeting.

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

Director James Thennisch presented the operations report.

The Director informed the Board of Trustees that work continues with W.B. Olson and ComEd to establish an independent electrical service at the Wheeling location.

Field Operations reported that, as of today over 47,000 catch basins have been treated, and 6,500 sites have been inspected/treated. The District received and responded to a total of 95 service requests.

Director James Thennisch presented the Internal Services report.

The Director provided an update on the status of the preparations for the surplus equipment sale planned for November 2024.

The Trustees discussed the implementation of Public Act 103-0932, which will take effect on January 1, 2025.

At 6:58 p.m., 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, which passed unanimously.

Trustee Russell Nowak moved to return to an open meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Justin Harbison and passed unanimously. It is now 7:06 p.m.

President Daniel Ansani stated that an executive session had been held pursuant to Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act and that the Trustees had voiced their opinions but had not voted.

Trustee Carol Johnson made a motion that the written Executive Session minutes of April 17, 2024, May 8, 2024, and July 24, 2024, should be

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affirmed as substantially correct and that there is no need to review the recordings of said minutes. Trustee Russell Nowak seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Carol Johnson made a second motion. Since there is still a need for confidentiality as to the minutes of April 17, 2024, May 8, 2024, and July 24, 2024, meetings and all prior Executive Session minutes which have not yet been made public, Trustee Carol Johnson moved that the minutes of April 17, 2024, May 8, 2024, and July 24, 2024, meetings and all prior Executive Sessions not previously made public should remain confidential and therefore not be made public. Trustee Russell Nowak seconded the motion.

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

Carolyn Strahammer presented the Board with a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Verbatim Records. Trustee Carol Johnson made a motion to approve the Resolution, and Trustee Russell Nowak seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION
OF CERTAIN VERBATIM RECORDS

WHEREAS, the Illinois Open Meetings Act, (5 ILCS 120/) provides for certain procedures governing the maintenance of verbatim records of closed meetings; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act provides for the destruction of verbatim records of closed session meetings that are at least 18 months old and further provides that the minutes pertaining to those particular closed session meetings must be approved by the public body that conducted the closed session meeting; and

WHEREAS, on this date, October 16, 2024 the Board of the NORTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT did meet in executive session to review minutes of closed session meetings; and

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WHEREAS, on this date the Board of the NORTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT determined that no further executive session minutes should be released to the public since the reasons to maintain those particular minutes as confidential still apply; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT currently maintains verbatim recordings of closed session minutes that are more than 18 months old; and

WHEREAS, the written minutes of those closed sessions more than 18 months old have all been approved by the DISTRICT'S Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the NORTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT, Cook County, Illinois as follows;

SECTION 1: That the NORTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT currently maintains and has approved minutes of the closed session meetings conducted on the dates as contained in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution.

SECTION 2: That the verbatim records of the closed session meetings conducted on the dates as contained in Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution, are more than 18 months old and that the Illinois Open Meetings Act permits the destruction of said verbatim records.

SECTION 3: The Director is hereby authorized to destroy any and all verbatim records of closed session meetings conducted on the dates as contained in Exhibit A attached to this Resolution.

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the NORTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT, Cook County, Illinois this 16th Day of October, 2024.

Approved this 16th day of October 2024.

DANIEL R. ANSANI, District President

ATTEST:

Dale Niewiardowski,
Vice President /Secretary

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 20th. Trustees discussed the conflict and rescheduled the meeting to November 18th, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Russell Nowak to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Justin Harbison. The motion passed unanimously at 7:10 p.m.

President

Vice President /Secretary