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NORTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

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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 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 1500 Hicks Rd, Suite 100, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

With a quorum present, 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, Assistant Treasurer; Carol Johnson, Assistant Secretary

Trustee Absent: None

Also present: James Thennisch, Director; Carolyn Strahammer, Attorney; Patrick Irwin, Assistant Director; Ewa Migacz, Office Manager; Madeline Norris, Senior Director of Government Affairs, representing The Roosevelt Group (remote participation).

The minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting were read. Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to approve the minutes as read, and Trustee Dale Niewiardowski seconded the motion.

The Secretary called the roll. All ayes were recorded, and the motion was declared carried.

The Treasurer's Report for April 2025 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.

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The Secretary called the roll. All ayes were recorded, and the motion was declared carried.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer informed the Trustees that due to the postponement of the Tax Levy Ordinance for the 2025 tax year, the District must also postpone the Tax Anticipation Ordinance. Attorney further reported that two FOIA requests had been submitted and were responded to in a timely manner.

Madeline Norris presented a detailed proposal regarding the formation of, and the District's potential participation in, the new Illinois Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Network. The Trustees discussed the proposal and its implications for the District.

Assistant Director Patrick Irwin delivered the Entomology Report, including the NWMAD Mosquito Report for Week 20 of 2025. Currently, nuisance mosquito activity remains minimal. The populations of vector species associated with West Nile virus (*Culex pipiens* and *Culex restuans*) are at typical levels for this time of year. Mosquito pool testing began last week, and 39 batches have been tested to date, with no positive results.

Dr. Irwin noted that information regarding upcoming public education and outreach events is available on the District's website at NWMADIL.gov. The District is in the process of ordering tick removal kits for distribution at these events, and mock-ups of the bags and tweezers were shared with the Trustees.

Significant tick activity has been observed during surveillance drags. The Entomology Department has been assisting with tick surveillance at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. On two visits prior to the school's tick treatment, eight dog ticks were identified. Four days after treatment, 11 ticks were detected. The District has offered to conduct a combined tick and mosquito education event at the school.

The District continues to receive an increased number of service calls related to ticks. The Assistant to the Entomologist has been conducting home visits to address resident concerns and to identify submitted tick specimens.

Director James Thennisch presented the Director's Report, which included staff updates, operational highlights, and developments regarding the Wheeling project.

Director Thennisch then presented the Financial Report. The first onsite audit by the ATA Group is scheduled for May 28. The District is

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continuing its partnership with Lauterbach & Amen LLP to complete the Actuarial Valuation.

The Director reported that the loan negotiated in July 2023 for the Wheeling project was canceled in May 2025. A new meeting with Wintrust is scheduled for Thursday to discuss alternative loan options, potentially offering more favorable interest rates.

The District received a COVID-19 reimbursement in the amount of \$13,097.59 from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

An update on Field Operations was also provided.

The Field Operations Department is actively conducting interviews for seasonal personnel. Thus far, 26 seasonal workers have been hired. Additional interviews are scheduled, and applications continue to be accepted, with a total of 53 seasonal positions available. Crews have been working in the field on catch-basin treatments and training of new hires. As of this date, 4,100 basins have been treated.

Director Thennisch also provided an update on the Wheeling Facility Improvement Project.

The District, along with 845 Design Group, attended the Village of Wheeling Board meeting on May 14 for the appearance review related to the Wheeling project. The appearance was approved, pending a few clarifications regarding downspout blending and exterior lighting. Bids for the Wheeling building project were opened on May 20 at the office of W.B. Olson. There was strong participation, with at least two bids received for each trade involved. The District expects to receive guaranteed maximum pricing by May 30.

Director Thennisch then presented the Internal Services Report. A burglar alarm system with heat detectors has been purchased and installed in the vehicle storage building at the Wheeling location. In addition, GPS tracking devices have been installed in all Field Operations vehicles, and early feedback has been positive.

The next regular Board meeting was originally scheduled for June 18, 2025.

The Board discussed changing the previously adopted annual meeting schedule to move the June meeting from June 18 to June 11, 2025, to accommodate the approval of bids. Trustee Nowak made a motion to approve the change of the June meeting date to June 11, 2025. Trustee Niewiadowski seconded the motion.

The Secretary called the roll. All ayes were recorded, and the motion

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was declared carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Dale Niewiardowski seconded the motion. The Secretary called the roll. All ayes were recorded, and the motion was declared carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

President

Vice President /Secretary