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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 Monday, November 17, 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; George Balis, resident.

The minutes of October 15, 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 October 2025 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. All ayes were recorded, and the motion was declared carried.

Attorney Carolyn Strahammer provided an update to the Board of

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Trustees, informing them that the Tax Levy Ordinance and the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance were filed and accepted by the Cook County Clerk's Office. Additionally, the District received a new FOIA request, which has been addressed.

The Attorney also mentioned that the Village of Bartlett reached out to the District for assistance regarding a financial matter involving their Cook County residents. This situation pertains to services that the Village does not provide, which are solely offered by the District and have been levied accordingly. It's important to note that the District does not serve any residents on the DuPage County side of the Village. The Attorney is currently reviewing the legal process related to this inquiry.

Assistant Director Patrick Irwin presented the Entomology Report.

Since October 1, the Entomology Department has conducted tick dragging and collected over 400 adult deer ticks. Dr. Irwin will be sending some of these to CDC for bacteria/protozoa testing. Others will be sent to the University of Minnesota for viral testing.

Dr. Patrick Irwin was invited to present at the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium on November 5 on invasive arthropod threats to public health in Northern Illinois.

The Assistant Director/Entomologist has been invited to present, in person, at the New Mexico Environmental Health Association (NMEHA) on April 21-22, 2026, in Albuquerque. Trustees reviewed the proposed costs but have not yet decided on attendance.

Dr. Irwin was also invited to present at the Virginia Mosquito Control Association annual conference, January 27-29, 2026, in Virginia Beach, VA. (Virtual attendance)

The Entomology Department is preparing the annual IEPA NPDES report and IDPH annual MAD report.

Dr. Irwin gave an update on the IMVCA agenda and schedule. Trustee Harbison will present at 9:30 on Stacking Spinosad and Pyriproxyfen in Chicago Catch Basins. Patrick Irwin will present at 9:45 on The Basin Battle: Spinosad vs. Mosquito Larvae?, Jacqueline Sanderson will present at 11:45 on Tick Tac Toe.

The Assistant Director continued the discussion regarding the Cook County resolution calling for an evaluation of the County's mosquito control practices and procedures.

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Dr. Irwin provided an overview of the District's catch-basin treatment procedures and products. The Trustees, however, requested further information and research before reaching a decision. An analysis of the potential increase in operational costs is currently underway.

Director James Thennisch presented the Operations Report.

The Director informed the Board of Trustees that proceeds from the bond sale to finance the Wheeling project had been received, totaling \$6,500,000.00. Speer Financial has provided the District with continuing disclosure services.

The District has received signature cards from Busey Bank, which will initiate the process of establishing a secondary bank for District operations.

The District Debt Disclosure Report was filed and accepted on November 12, 2025.

Director Thennisch presented the Bradish Associates, LTD Workers' Compensation Insurance renewal proposal. Three proposals were received: ICW at \$18,199.00, PIE at \$19,953.00, and AM Trust at \$31,867.00.

Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to approve Bradish Associates, LTD. proposal for the Workers Compensation Insurance renewal for 2025/2026 with ICW Group. 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 Thennisch gave an update on Internal Services.

The District received only one Bid for Truck purchases. The District advertised in the local newspaper and on its website. The Director also reached out to local dealers.

The following bids for (3) 2026 Silverado Chevrolet 2500 pickup trucks were opened.

Tasca Chevrolet	\$46,415.34
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After discussion, Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to approve the bid for (3) 2500 Silverado trucks from Tasca Chevrolet, pending review

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of the vehicle specifications, and Trustee Carol Johnson 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.

Additionally, the Director reported continued collaboration with 845 Design Group and W.B. Olson on the Wheeling project.

Offices furnishing bids have been received from 845 Design Group, with four proposals submitted:

- \* CONTINUA \$122,794.29
- \* HENDRICKSEN \$123,380.34 (\$123,042.10)
- \* INTERIORS FOR BUSINESS \$108,311.91
- \* REIKE \$131,235.00

The architect and designer are preparing recommendation letters and specifications for the Board of Trustees' review and approval.

Contaminated soil removal is underway at the Wheeling location. The volume of material to be remediated has been reduced to 2,500 cubic yards. Silt fencing and soil runoff protection measures have been installed.

The Bartlett facility has been closed for the season. The Department continues to perform vehicle and equipment maintenance.

Director Thennisch also provided an update on Field Operations. The Department is currently conducting offseason data and inventory analysis, updating the map system, and providing ongoing training. Field supervisors are actively engaged in site surveying and mapping.

Trustees discussed the upcoming AMCA meeting, scheduled for March 23-27, 2026, in Portland, Oregon.

At this time, President Ansani opened the floor for public comments. No comments were received.

At 7:07 p.m., Trustee Carol Johnson made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Trustee Russell Nowak seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Trustee Dale Niewiardowski moved to return to an open meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Justin Harbison and passed unanimously. It is now 7:59 p.m.

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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.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Carol Johnson seconded the motion. The Secretary called the roll. All ayes had been cast for approval of the motion and thereby declared the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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President

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Vice President /Secretary