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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 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 147 West Hintz Road, Wheeling, IL.

There being a presence of a quorum, Daniel R. Ansani, President called the meeting to order.

Trustees present: Daniel R. Ansani, President; Raymond Kincaid, Secretary; Russell Nowak, Treasurer; Dale Niewiardowski, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

Trustees absent: None

Also present: Donald Veverka, Attorney; James Thennisch, Director; Patrick Irwin, Assistant Director; Carolyn Strahammer, Legal Admin; Ewa Migacz Office Manager

The minutes of October 21, 2020 meeting were read. Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to accept the minutes as read 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 October 21, 2020 was presented, and all checks were approved for payment. Trustee Russell made a motion to accept the report 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.

Attorney Donald Veverka informed the Board of Trustees of no renewal of contract and his retirement in 2021. The Board of Trustees accepted Mr. Veverka proposal to continue with the District as an advisor / legal administrator starting February 2021.

Assistant Director Patrick Irwin presented the Entomology Report for November 2020. The IDPH, EPA and NPDES annual reports are in process. ECOCAT has been submitted. Pesticide Management Discharge Plan (required for NPDES permit) has been updated and is ready for submission with the District's NPDES renewal. The Assistant Director is in communication with a professor at Michigan State to introduce surveillance methodology for ticks in our District. The goal is to establish a few areas to conduct tick surveillance, using a minimum amount of resources, to start generating historical data. President

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Ansani reminded that District focus is mosquito surveillance and treatment. Dr. Irwin is working with a University of Florida professor and an USDA ARS mosquito researcher to elucidate specific insecticide resistance genes in NWMAD *Cx. pipiens* mosquitoes.

AMCA annual conference will be held virtually this year, March 1-5, 2021.

Director Thennisch updated the Board on the status of the COVID-19 adjustments. The District continues to follow all recommendations for employee and resident's safety.

The Director James Thennisch presented the Workers Compensation Insurance renewal proposal received from A.J. Gallagher.

Trustee Russell Nowak made a motion to approve A.J. Gallagher's proposal for Workers Compensation Insurance renewal 2020/201 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.

Mr. Thennisch presented the Health insurance renewal proposal. After discussion, the Board of Trustees decided that the District will continue with the grandfathered plan quoted with a 1.7% increase compared to last year rate.

Russell Nowak made a motion to retain current BCBS policy, 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 District submitted FEMA Grant program project to receive reimbursement on the cost acquired through Covid-19 related expenses.

Vehicle maintenance is underway at Elk Grove and Wheeling. To limit work interruption in the event of a Covid-19 positive employee.

Three replacement field trucks have been built and shipped to Stasek Chevrolet. The roof replacement project at the Bartlett facility is underway by Waukegan Roofing.

The AT&T telephone and internet service billing is being disputed and is under review.

The Next board meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020 with the possibility of a virtual meeting.

Trustee Niewiardowski made a motion to approve a virtual meeting due

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to Covid-19 restriction. Trustee Kincaid 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

At 7:17 pm Trustee Dale Niewiardowski made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Trustee Russell Nowak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A motion to return to an open meeting was made by Ray Kincaid, seconded by Trustee Dale Niewiardowski and passed unanimously. It is now 7.25 p.m.

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

The Board reviewed increased seasonal employee's wages for 2021 season.

FIELD OPERATORS

1st year	\$14.00
2nd year	\$14.25
3rd year	\$14.50
4th or more	\$14.75

BACKCHECKERS

1st year	\$15.00
2nd year	\$15.25
3rd year	\$15.50
4th or more	\$15.75

Trustee Kincaid made a motion to approve one-year anniversary rate increase for Mark Jarmolinski and new seasonal employees' wages for 2021 season pending review of the economic situation due to Covid-19. Trustee 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 Trustee Raymond Kincaid to adjourn, seconded by Dale Niewiardowski, it passed unanimously at 7:25pm

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President

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Secretary