

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE MACON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
APRIL 18, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District was called to order by Tom McQuiston on April 18, 2019 at the office of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District at 3755 Cundiff Road, Decatur, Illinois 62526. Trustees present were Dr. Robert Groesch, Carol Carlton, Tom McQuiston, Susan Kretsinger, and Sue Phillips. Also present were Sam Force and Attorney Ross J. Munsterman. Tom McQuiston presided over the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS, none.

The meeting was opened and a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Susan Kretsinger, seconded by Sue Phillips, and unanimously approved.

There was a motion made to approve the checks by Sue Phillips, seconded by Carol Carlton, and unanimously approved.

DURING OLD BUSINESS, none.

DURING NEW BUSINESS, The IMVCA Legislative Day will take place on May 8, 2019 in Springfield. Sam and Jason will attend in order to advocate for vector control. The office will be closed that day.

Larvicide training is scheduled for April 26, 2019 at the Macon County Health Department. Dr. Holly Tuten, a vector ecologist at the Illinois Natural History Survey, Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois, will speak. Sam also requested that the District provide and pay for a breakfast for the attendees at a cost of \$600.00. There was a motion made to approve this expense by Sue Phillips, seconded by Tom McQuiston, and unanimously approved. Carol Carlton abstained from the vote due to her employment with Macon County Health Department.

DURING DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS, The District purchased a rotating mosquito trap with a tripod for less than originally expected. The freezer that was ordered after last month's meeting has not been delivered yet. The District is installing bright-strobe LED lights to the

crew trucks to increase visibility and safety. The District also purchased “Men Working” signs to be placed when crews are working in high-traffic areas.

Jason submitted flyers on mosquito awareness and control to the local public-access cable television station to be displayed periodically. Jason will also give a presentation at Rock Springs for the local Audubon Society on April 28, 2019.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security will perform an audit of the District’s books on April 30, 2019. May, Cocagne, and King will oversee the audit.

The District submitted its Ecocat to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources earlier this year. The IDNR approved the District’s current treatments. The Rusty Patch bumblebee has been added to the federal registry of protected species, but our current treatments will not cause any problems as long as we follow product requirements.

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission previously raised an issue with the District’s mosquito abatement practices in the 300’ buffer zone around the Rock Springs Land and Water Reserve. Sam, Jason, and Ross had a phone conference with Kelly Neal from the INPC on April 17th to discuss these issues. Sam and Jason submitted a 32-page packet to the INPC on April 18th which contained background information on the area, historical testing data, maps, and pesticide labels. If the data is satisfactory, the INPC will grant the District permission to continue performing larvicide treatments in the buffer zone. If adult treatments are needed in buffer zone, the District must provide documentation of the presence of disease-carrying mosquitos to the INPC, who will then decide whether to grant the District permission to treat the area.

DURING TRUSTEE COMMENTS, none.

DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, none.

Subsequently, a motion was made by Sue Phillips seconded by Carol Carlton and unanimously approved for adjournment.

Secretary