

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE MACON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
MAY 21, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District was called to order by Tom McQuiston on May 21, 2020, at the office of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District at 3755 Cundiff Road, Decatur, Illinois 62526. The meeting was conducted through virtual participation via phone connection. Trustees present were Dr. Robert Groesch, Carol Carlton, Tom McQuiston and Susan Kretsinger. Also present were Attorney Ross J. Munsterman, and Director Jason Probus. Absent was Sue Phillips. Tom McQuiston presided over the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During public comments, none.

The meeting was opened and Tom McQuiston pointed out a grammatical error in the Minutes. Jason Probus acknowledged the error and agreed to correct the mistake. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Carol Carlton, seconded by Dr. Robert Groesch, and unanimously approved.

There was a motion made to approve the checks by Tom McQuiston, seconded by Dr. Robert Groesch, and unanimously approved.

DURING OLD BUSINESS, none.

DURING NEW BUSINESS, Tom McQuiston inquired about hosting meetings via Zoom rather than phone conference. Jason Probus stated that he would be able to set up a Zoom call for the June Board meeting. The trustees agreed that the June Board meeting should be conducted by Zoom call.

DURING DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS, Mosquito numbers are spiking due to the recent rains. The District received a shipment of larvicide from Mug-A-Bug earlier this month.

Crews began work on Monday and have already completed the State's newly-required sexual harassment training. Crews have been using split shifts to decrease the number of personnel in the office at the same time. Jason contacted the director of the Macon County Health Department to verify that the social distancing and sanitary protocols being used by the District are meeting the Department's standards.

The IMVCA meeting previously scheduled for November has been cancelled so the Board should now be able to have a regular meeting in November. Fees previously paid by the District to attend the national conference in Portland, Oregon have been refunded following cancellation of the conference.

IMRF contacted Jason on April 21st regarding an issue with retirement distributions being made to Sam Force. Specifically, the Fund informed Jason that the District may be required to make a payment to the Fund as a result of several raises Sam received that increased his pay by more than 6% from the prior year. However, two of the three years that IMRF cited are exempt because the raises were given as a result of Sam's increased job responsibility. Jason is waiting for a final decision from IMRF regarding the final raise which could create liability for the District.

DURING TRUSTEE COMMENTS, Dr. Robert Groesch told Jason that he did a great job during his WCIA interview on Wednesday night. Jason was interviewed regarding a District social media post that cited unusually large numbers of mosquitoes found in various traps throughout the County.

DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, none.

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

Secretary