

Board Meeting Minutes of the Animas Mosquito Control District

Meeting Held:

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Location: AMCD Shop

870 County Road 252

Durango, CO 81301

I. Meeting Called to Order

Jim Bryce, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Jim Bryce, Board Vice President / Dave Dillon, Board Member / Shane Kairalla – Board Member / Janet Pettigrew, Board Secretary / Bud Smith – Attorney at Law / Melody Schaaf, Office Manager / Seth Foster, District Manager / Ted Hermesman III, Board President

Quorum established.

* III. Minutes & Financials

A. Board reviewed May 4, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion to approve these minutes was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Shane asked about the site plan progress. Discussion followed.

B. Board reviewed the April & May 2023 financials. Motion was made and seconded to approve the April & May financials. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim asked about the new Ford trucks progress. Discussion followed.

IV. Managers' Report

 Manager reported:

- Have been having a good season. Facing a lot of mosquitoes with all the extra snow and rain fall. Residents on the outskirts of our district, close to national forest areas, are being swarmed by mosquitoes from areas we cannot treat.
- We have set up mosquito magnet traps and CO2 traps. Will be placing Gravid traps up in different places in Durango to catch our worst vectoring mosquitoes that will then be sent off for WNV testing.
- Found new owner of Riversong Ranch on CR 250 by Kroeger Ranch. They are very happy to grant us permission to access the property.
- The City Oxbow has been treated with the drone and on foot. The Reserve across the river from the Oxbow was treated early and the crew reported recently that no mosquito larvae were found on the one hundred plus acres of sloughs and wetlands. This area is most important to control as it affects a large portion of Durango.
- Have been using the drone a great deal and having great results. Able to cover many properties quickly that would have taken multiple days on foot.
- The manager is going out in the field with the mechanic, working together as another crew. Have been treating many pools of water on the bike/walking trail

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through town. Residents are appreciative of our work and report no mosquito activity on the trail.

- Have been working with Tim Flanagan on the electrical room. The drone and trap charging will be done on dedicated circuits. Pull down air hoses were added in three places in the garage and one in the mechanical area.

Ted asked if we had used the drone at Falls Creek. Discussion followed.

VI. Old Business

- A. A discussion opened on the new property site plan and the neighbors' concerns. As well as the apple orchard portion (possibly donating to other non-profit) and the boundary adjustment with Bendy's. Hard to get an amount for selling. Current property might sell for 600 to 700 thousand. Bud will talk to Austin and get some numbers for the sale of said property.
- B. Seth updated the Board on the Ford trucks and when they are expected to be done.
- C. A discussion opened on research of natural predators of mosquitoes.

V. No Public Input

Meeting Adjourned: 12:47 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melody Schaaf, Office Manager on July 18, 2023.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on July 18, 2023.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

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