

# Board Meeting Minutes of the Animas Mosquito Control District

## Meeting Held:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Location: AMCD Shop

870 County Road 252

Durango, CO 81301

And

Zoom Meeting

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## I. Meeting Called to Order

Ted Hermesman III, Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

## II. Roll Call

Present: Ted Hermesman III, Board President / Jim Bryce, Board Vice President / Janet Pettigrew, Board Secretary / Shane Kairalla, Board Director / Dave Dillon – Board Director / Melody Schaaf, Office Manager

Present via Zoom: Bud Smith, Attorney / Seth Foster, District Manager

**Quorum established.**

## III. Unfinished Business

- A. Bud went over the subs and general contractor warranties. The general contractor warranty is the most important. Discussion opened regarding the cost of bonding to the district. No action necessary, none taken.
- B. Bud went over the Bendy's purchase offer for the orchard portion of the new property. Much discussion followed. There are a couple choices of what to do with this portion of the property: Keep it as is and use it or possibly do a boundary adjustment with the existing building. Andrew could investigate this. \* Motion was made and seconded to defer the Bendy offer until further notice. Motion passed unanimously. Bud will send an email to this effect to the Bendy's.

Bud left the meeting.

## \*IV. Minutes & Financials

- A. The board reviewed the February 19, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion to approve these minutes was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. The board reviewed the February 2024 financials. Much discussion followed. The board asked the manager what the eta was for the completion of the building. The manager reported that it looks like it might be complete at the end of the season in October. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financials. Motion passed unanimously.

## V. Managers' Report

- 🦋 The season has officially started, and all employees are working together well. Have reviewed the handbook, job descriptions, product labels and safety and emergency contact information. Everyone attended the AMCA annual meeting regarding mosquito biology, methods of control and habitat identification. Have performed training in CPR and AED use and basic on the job safety.

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- ✈ Received our safety grant re-imbusement check for approximately \$1800.00. Nice benefit from the CSD Pool.
- ✈ Product inventory for the 2023 audit will be completed with Jamie Matthews on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ✈ Met with the City of Durango's Natural Resources Manager of the Parks and Recs department at the Oxbow on Animas View Drive, as well as the 53-acre City of Durango property acquisition just North of the Oxbow. Gave him a tour of all the mosquito habitats that we treat each season and the trails we maintain to make this possible. He requested that a site plan be made for walking trails and mowing the low areas to control mosquito larvae. We will be able to use the drone again with the proper permit. He is excited to work with us.
- ✈ The new trucks have new vinyl door signs since the old signs will not stick to the aluminum bodies. The mechanic has installed seat covers , weather tech floor mats, safety amber lights, cell service boosters and front/rear-facing dashcams. The trapping truck has a camper top and a bed slide which will be modified to support the tall Co2 bottles.
- ✈ After training, the supervisor had the crews brush-cutting the sites that were too wet last fall.
- ✈ Met with Tim Flanagan to inspect the building progress (his notes are attached). Have also met with Andrew Rapiejko and R&D Landscaping to design a plan for additional cover and beautification of the property, utilizing drip irrigation and sprinklers using our ditch water shares.
- ✈ Will begin treating DW2 the first week of April and get a crew into Glacier Club for spring treatment. Excited about the year and we have great crews to accomplish great control.

### VII. Unfinished Business

- A. The board asked the manager if the city pays taxes for the property they have. They do not so we want to be careful how much we do on these properties when we are not receiving tax income from the city, but we were from the previous owner. The manager stated that it balances out to take care of these properties, so they don't blow up, to protect the residents all around that do pay taxes for our services but don't have mosquito habitats. The board wants to ask the Attorney what the protocol should be for untaxed properties. The board asked if the drone permit with the city is annual or per event. The manager said that he must contact the city for each drone event, they do wave the fee. The manager will speak to them to see if we can get an annual permit. No action necessary, none taken.
- B. The manager updated the board on the recent trip to Colorado Springs for the annual conference and what he had learned regarding resistance management.
- C. Doughty Construction Progress report: building is framed and inspected, Sheeting has begun and is almost complete, roof to be installed the week of March 3-18, the rest of the wall and trim will be done following week, Monarch Iron is scheduled to install mezzanine first week of April, Intermountain Wall Systems scheduled for the week of April 15, Electrical and

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plumbing to follow. Dirt work will resume when the weather allows. Loren will contact ACS to get the mezzanine poured and to coordinate outside concrete.

### **VI. No Public Input**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:49 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melody Schaaf, Office Manager on April 12, 2024.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on April 16, 2024.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at 12:00 pm.



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