

MINUTES

1087th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

February 10th, 2021

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: *Zoom Teleconference Only*
TRUSTEES: P. Robert Beatty, President, City of Berkeley
Betsy Cooley, Vice-President, City of Emeryville
Subru Bhat, Secretary, City of Union City
Cathy Roache, County-at-Large
Wendi Poulson, City of Alameda
Preston Jordan, City of Albany
Shawn Kumagai, City of Dublin
George Young, City of Fremont
Elisa Marquez, City of Hayward
Steven Cox, City of Livermore
Eric Hentschke, City of Newark
Jan O. Washburn, City of Oakland
Andrew Mingst, City of Piedmont
Julie Testa, City of Pleasanton
Victor Aguilar, City of San Leandro

1. Board President Beatty called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. Trustees Beatty, Cooley, Bhat, Roache, Poulson, Kumagai, Young, Marquez, Cox, Hentschke, Washburn, Mingst, Testa, Aguilar were present on the Zoom conference. Trustee Jordan joined at 5:02 P.M.
3. Board President Beatty invited members of the public to speak on any issue relevant to the District. Information Technology Director Robert Ferdan was on the teleconference call for technical support. Vector Biologist Jeremy Sette was present to record the minutes.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 1086th meeting held January 13th, 2021.
Motion: Trustee Hentschke moved to approve the minutes
Second: Trustee Aguilar
Vote: motion carries: unanimous.
5. Presentation of the President's Award Plaque to Immediate Past President Wendi Poulson by President Robert Beatty.
Discussion: President Beatty, via the General Manager in his office, virtually presented the President's Award Plaque to Immediate Past President Wendi Poulson. President Beatty thanked Trustee Poulson who then exclaimed she was humbled and honored to receive the plaque and thanked the Board for their support. The General Manager thanked Trustee Poulson and acknowledged her service, humor, and optimism during a difficult year.

6. Presentation of the Financial Reports as of January 31st, 2021.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Financial Reports as of January 31st, 2021 and fielded the following discussion. President Beatty asked for clarification on what the US Bank payment is (the District's credit card monthly bill). Trustee Bhat asked how long the pesticides from the single Adapco payment would last (this specific payment went towards larvicide for a recent UAS treatment and to resupply inventory). Trustee Marquez asked for clarification on why there were two payments to Waste Management in one month (will check in with Accounting Associate Michelle Robles for details on the payments). President Beatty asked about why District staff must physically pick up the check from the County of Alameda (this process only occurs twice a year after the property tax deposits). Trustee Jordan asked for clarification on the difference between the budgeted and actual salaries in the Income Statement. President Beatty suggested that the lower-than-expected salary amount could have been from the lack of seasonal staff over the last year. Trustee Jordan also asked why ACMAD did not hire seasonal employees in 2020 (management decided that with COVID-19, it was preferable to not hire seasonals in 2020 but there are plans on hiring seasonals in 2021 once vaccines are available to staff) and he asked the timing of seasonal work (starting in March, staggered until October). Trustee Jordan asked why the Capital Reserve Fund was low compared to the Repair and Replace funds (Capital Reserve funds are for current year planned projects, Repair and Replace are for repairing and replacing existing capital assets). President Beatty asked if the Repair and Replace fund carries over year-to-year (yes). Trustee Jordan commented that the Repair and Replace fund has increased over the last few year (yes, per the District's reserve policy it increases with any surplus funds). President Beatty commented that the reserve policy was written by staff and the Finance Committee using references from other organizations such as the City of Pleasanton. Trustee Jordan asked why the accumulated depreciation was unchanged in the balance sheet from last year (will ask the Accounting Associate for further details).

7. Presentation of the Monthly Staff Report.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Monthly Staff Report and fielded the following discussion. President Beatty asked if there were any West Nile virus positive mosquitoes for this year (nothing so far in 2021). Trustee Poulson commented on the dead bird she saw in Alameda (typically, sea gulls are not good indications of West Nile virus). Trustee Washburn commented on a *Salmonella* outbreak in birds. President Beatty speculated that the spike in website usage in January 2020 was likely due to the Albany LAFCo annexation hearing. Trustee Jordan asked why there was a focus on adult trapping in salt marsh regions (detecting floodwater mosquitoes that may hatch earlier than usual due to climate change) and if trapping will spread to other areas as the year progresses (yes).

8. Presentation of the Manager's Report.

Discussion:

The General Manager presented the Manager's Report and fielded the following discussion. Trustee Aguilar commented on corrections to the Trustee anniversary dates namely, he has been a Trustee for two years rather than one. President Beatty noted that he has difficulty seeing raised hands in Zoom and asked for Trustees to either chat or just interrupt him. Trustee Jordan asked about the Brown Act bill, specifically if the public could participate remotely, which he hadn't seen in the provision in the bill and noted that it could be beneficial (agreed and will look into). Trustee Washburn noted that in 24 years of service there have only been four members of the public commenting during a Board meeting: one

for during early days of West Nile Virus and three for the Benefit Assessment. Trustee Bhat commented on differences in public attendance at ACMAD meetings compared to City Council meetings. Trustee Washburn noted that the lack of public presence at meetings is probably due to the District doing a great job at controlling mosquitoes using low property tax assessments. Trustee Jordan asked about its history of applying adult mosquito treatments (the District did two fogging operations over the last five years). Trustee Jordan added that fogging operations may require different outreach approaches based on the region of the County. Trustee Jordan also asked how the adult control operation from the early 2000s differed from more recent applications (Trustee Washburn explained that the early 2000s operation, which centered around a school, was explained via a live public event). The General Manager added that the more recent Union City adult mosquito control operation, also centered around a school, the outreach was achieved via social media. Trustee Washburn asked if the General Manager could sign him up for the AMCA conference and Trustee Poulson also expressed her interest.

9. Board President Beatty asked for reports on conferences and seminars attended by Trustees. Trustee Washburn announced that he attended the MVCAC conference and congratulated Information Technology Director Robert Ferdan for a great job on his presentation for the conference. Trustee Hentschke announced that, on January 26th, he spent a day ditching with the Operations staff at the Patterson Hill marsh in Newark and gave a glowing review of Operations teamwork, camaraderie, and professionalism. Trustee Poulson mentioned how much she enjoyed her time in the field with Vector Biologist Sarah Lawton when she first came to the Board.
10. Board President Beatty asked for announcements from the Board. None.
11. Board President Beatty asked trustees for items to be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. The General Manager noted that the Finance Committee will be meeting before the next Board Meeting at 4:00 P.M. President Beatty asked for clarification on who the members of the Finance Committee were (Vice-President Cooley noted that besides existing members including herself, Bhat, and Young, Trustees Aguilar and Jordan also joined the committee).
12. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as written and/or corrected
at the 1088th meeting of the Board of
Trustees held March 10th, 2021.

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