

Board Meeting

Mosquito Abatement District Davis

March 14, 2024

The Mosquito Abatement Board meeting was held at the Davis District facility in Kaysville, Utah and on Zoom.

Welcome by Board Chair Nancy Smalling at 6:01 pm who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present at the meeting was Gary Hatch, Manager with Board members including Matt Murri – Bountiful; Cheylynn Hayman – Centerville; Dakota Wurth – Clearfield; Marie Dougherty – Clinton; Scott Isaacson – Farmington; Gary Anderson – Fruit Heights; Mike Blackham – Kaysville; Tyson Roberts – Layton; Joel Dills – South Weber; Nancy Smalling – Sunset; Jennifer Carver – Syracuse; Kelly Enquist – West Bountiful; Brad Lee - West Point and Matt Terry – Woods Cross. Excused from the meeting were Randy Elliott – Davis County Commission; and Brian Horrocks – North Salt Lake.

Board members Gary Anderson, Jennifer Carver, Joel Dills, Marie Dougherty, Cheylynn Hayman, Scott Isaacson, Matt Murri, Tyson Roberts, Nancy Smalling, Matt Terry, and Dakota Wurth joined by Zoom.

No conflicts of interest.

MINUTES - OF 2/08/2024 BOARD MEETING:

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/08/2024 Board meeting made by Dakota Wurth. Matt Murri seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike Blackham reported that everything was in order.

Kelly Enquist motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Brad Lee seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Manager Hatch reviewed the Check Detail Report and highlighted some of the expenses.

There was a motion to accept the financial report and approve the payment of bills made by Mike Blackham. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Carver. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

BOARD TRAINING - UAS FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION – CONDUCTED IN MAD-D PARKING LOT:

The UAS flight demonstration was cancelled due to weather conditions.

MOSQUITO REPORT:

West Nile Update & Encephalitis Surveillance

There are no changes in the West Nile update. There were just over 3,000 cases of West Nile Virus for the 2023 year across the nation.

Lab and trap supplies have been ordered and are arriving for the upcoming season. The lab is gearing up for another season of mosquito surveillance.

Mosquito Treatments, Spray Requests, Surveillance

The tree hole program has been going on in the field and is about 85% done. It should be finished by next week. Field work begins after that.

UAV OPERATION:

Final paperwork has been submitted for the COA application with the FAA for the new drone. It is expected the COA will arrive within 30 days.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES – MATERNITY LEAVE UPDATE:

The current maternity leave policy states that MAD-D provides up to 4 weeks (per calendar year) of paid maternity leave to the birthing parent. The current trend is to give leave to both parents. Manager Hatch is suggesting the policy be updated to add 2 weeks parental leave for the other parent whether it is birthing or adoptive. The two weeks can be split up but the total two weeks must be used in the calendar year. This still allows eligibility for the mother to use the Family Medical Leave Act which gives 120 days unpaid leave. The 30 days or 2 weeks paid leave taken is part of the 120 days of family medical leave.

Mike Blackham confirmed that the mother birthing the baby or adopting the child has 30 days paid leave and for the father it is 2 weeks.

Manager Hatch confirmed that is correct.

Cheylynn Hayman stated that as a labor and employment attorney, she noticed that section C needed to be updated. She stated that under the Federal Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, an employer cannot force an employee to go out on leave. She recommended

some changes for this section. She read aloud her suggested changes and will email them to Manager Hatch.

Marie Dougherty wanted more clarification on wording related to if the employee on paid maternity does not return to work and is no longer employed.

Manager Hatch stated that his understanding is that the policy allows 30 days of paid maternity leave for the mother. If more than 30 days is desired, the employee can go with the FMLA which is 120 days. If the employee does not return after that, they would no longer be employed.

Mike Blackham suggested this discussion be tabled and moved to a future meeting.

Gary Anderson motioned to table this discussion until the April Board meeting. Mike Blackham seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

2024 LEGISLATURE:

HB 10 Public Fund Amendments – Enrolled - Neil Walter – Tracking

The Bill requires the state treasurer to annually create a report showing the current balance in the PTIF Fund for each entity for the state legislature. The purpose of this is transparency.

HB 13 Infrastructure Financing Districts – to Governor - James Dunnigan

This bill authorizes the creation of a special district for the purpose of financing infrastructure. This is a developer bill to push certain infrastructure housing projects into 17B of the Utah Code, which is the same code for special service districts. This bill makes it possible for the developer to create a temporary special service district for the purpose of applying for bonds to fund the infrastructure of the project i.e. water lines, sewer lines etc. The developer pays back the bonds by selling lots/homes. Once the bond is paid off the district dissolves.

This bill becomes law on May 1, 2024. Next year, UASD is planning to do a clean-up bill to remove developers from section 17B of the Utah Code which is for special service districts.

HB 36 Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments –to Governor - James Dunnigan

If members of a Board randomly meet somewhere, they can discuss business so long as the discussion is not a “relevant matter”. This would mean any items that the district has yet to take action on should not be discussed.

This bill becomes law May 1, 2024. It would be wise to amend Board meeting policy to state Board members are not to discuss business with other Board members outside of the district Board meeting.

HB 58 International Licensing Amendments – House Business and Labor – Cory Maloy –

This requires other licensing bodies to do what special service districts have always done, which is to give reciprocal licenses if one earned a license in another state. It does not affect special districts.

HB 257 Sex Based Designation for Privacy, Antibullying, and Women's Opportunities – Governor Signed - Enrolling – Calendar – Kera Birkeland – UASD was tracking

All new construction must include a single occupant facility. It is optional to retro fit current bathroom facilities. It is required to report criminal misconduct. A privacy compliance policy must be adopted (UASD will create a template.)

The Davis district facility has already made a few of these adjustments when the building was expanded. There are single occupancy, non-gender bathrooms available. If the district does any upgrades to the facility, it must be upgraded to have an individual locker room.

HB 349 – Personal Identifying Information in Government Records - Dead – Judy Weeks Rohner – Oppose

This bill defines personal identifying information and what can and cannot be done with it.

HB 354 Truth in Taxation Revisions – Dead - House Revenue and Taxation Committee – Tyler Clancy – UASD Opposes

This bill requires voter approval for taxing entities to impose property tax increases in specified tax years and makes technical changes. To raise taxes, it must be put on a ballot for a General/Special election vote. Additionally, everything else currently required is still required under truth in taxation.

HB 454 – Minimum Wage Modifications – Dead – Brett Garner

This bill increases the minimum wage, requires the Labor Commission to adjust the minimum wage, grants the Commission administrative rule making authority regarding the minimum wage, and prohibits a city, town and county from establishing a minimum wage that exceeds the minimum wage established in this bill. It would be on a wage scale.

HB 460 – Government Employee Conscience Protection Amendment - to Governor – Mickael Peterson –

This bill creates protection for employees who wish to be relieved of performing a certain task. If the entity does not comply, the entity can be sued and fined by the attorney general.

SB 29 truth 1st Substitute – Truth in Taxation Modifications – to Governor - Chris Wilson – UASD Tracking

This bill modifies the requirements for public hearings held in connection with property tax increases; excludes certain revenue sources from the calculation of a taxing entity's budgeted property tax revenue for the prior year; requires the entity proposing a property

tax increase to provide notice of the scope and purpose of the tax increase and the taxing entity's public website; requires a public auditor to resolve any conflicts in public hearing dates; allows a county auditor to audit a taxing entity's compliance with the notice and public hearing requirements; prohibits the State Tax Commission from certifying a property tax increase if the taxing entity fails to meet notice and public hearing requirements; modifies the required contents of the property tax valuation notice provided by a county auditor; modifies the requirements for a county auditor in connection with consolidated public hearings; allows the State Tax Commission to make certain revenue adjustments based on errors associated with uniform fees; and makes technical and conforming changes.

This is another transparency bill. It makes the taxing entity specify on the public notice what they need the extra money for. Currently, the requirements are that there must be a quarter page ad and a notice sent out to each resident by post card or by adding it to the county property tax valuation notice.

This bill becomes law January 1, 2025. The taxing entity will need to work with the State Tax Commission to include a short explanation as to why the tax increase is needed.

SB 86 Local Government Bonds Amendments – to Governor - Lincoln Filmore – UASD tracking – adopted

UASD was able to get a significant amendment into the bill. If a government entity wants to issue a bond, it can do that, if the bond does not exceed \$90,000,000 in a year. If the entity needs more money than that, it must be approved through an election.

This bill becomes law May 1, 2025.

SB 114 – Project Entity Amendment -Dead – Scott Sandall – Tracking

This bill provides that a project entity may only issue municipal bonds with a maturity date of December 31, 2045. MAD-D does not have any bonds or own any bonds.

SB 124 Government Records Modifications – Dead - Kathleen Riebe – Support

This bill modifies the fee that the entity can charge to include staff time as well as include the cost of a third party to assist in or perform certain activities related to responding to a record request.

Sb 135 Advanced Air Mobility and Aeronautics Amendments 2nd Sub – to Governor – Wayne Harper - Track

This bill has now been amended to exclude special service districts. The bill now allows for inspection of critical infrastructure so long as the UAV is not connected to the internet during inspection/operation. After the inspection operation has been completed, any data

collected from the inspection must be removed from the UAV before the UAV is connected to the internet.

This bill becomes law January 1, 2025.

SB232 – Minor Data Protection Amendment - Dead – Ronald Winterton

This bill creates standards for how personal information is maintained and destroyed for minors to protect their data. Minors are any kids under age 17.

GRANT – DIBROM ADULTICIDE EVALUATION:

The District has been awarded part of a grant from the CDC. Davis and Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement have been selected to do an evaluation of adulticide applications. The grant money will make it possible to purchase more mosquito traps and to convert the district's dry ice traps to run more cost effective with CO2 tanks. The grant money also makes it possible to upgrade the district's two weather towers to receive better weather data on the ground and at 100 feet. The cost to upgrade the weather towers is \$1,800.

The Dibrom adulticide evaluation will test 4 adulticide applications this summer. It will require 20 traps in a spray zone the night before aerial application and the night after the aerial application. The district will also be working with Texas A&M to do some age grading with mosquitos.

2024 EDUCATION PROGRAM:

50 schools booked the education program. 47 have been public schools and 3 are charter schools. The presentation is about insects and the metamorphic process which fits well with 3rd grade curriculum. 12 schools did not book this year. Manager Hatch suggested they may need to reach out to the third grades directly in those 12 schools.

EMPLOYEES:

Full Time

Full-time employees are doing well.

Seasonal Employees

Four seasonal employees will be returning this year. Three are field crew and one is bike crew. Five lab counters will be returning.

Manager Hatch is in the process of interviewing interns. There are some good candidates to choose from for the lab and field work. There is also a good application for a drone intern.

Night Time Sprayers

All but 2 night time sprayers are returning this season. There are currently 2 applications that have been received for night time sprayers.

EQUIPMENT:

Maintenance

Drone Flatbed Trailer

The purchase of a flat bed trailer for the drone program will enable the drone to take off and land directly from the trailer bed. This keeps it above the brush and out of the gravel and rocks. It may be the safest way to protect the drone from hazards out in the field.

The bid for the aluminum flatbed with a plywood deck 7’X14’ is \$3,700.00

ULV Fogger Bid

The Guardian 190G4 bid is \$11,505.00. The price has increased significantly from last year in all brands of foggers. It has increased \$2,000 in price. This is slightly above budget.

72” PTO Snow Blower

The district will not purchase the 72” PTO snow blower this budget year but will use the money budgeted for it to purchase a flatbed trailer for the drone program.

ATV Sale Report – Sale of (1) 2022 Yamaha Kodiak with Tracks

This ATV sold today for \$8,000.00.

There was a motion made by Tyson Roberts to approve the purchase of a drone flatbed trailer and ULV fogger. Mike Blackham seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL LIST:

Manager Hatch is looking ahead for next year’s travel list. There are 3 Board members that have served a longer term on the Board but have not attended the national meeting yet. He would like to keep them at the top of the list and give them the opportunity to go.

NEW BOARD MEMBER LIST:

Manager Hatch is missing some information on Board members and requested new Board members to email him their contact details. This is for internal purposes only.

BOARD TRAVEL & MEETINGS 2024:

- a) UMAA Annual Meeting – October 29-31, 2024 – St. George
- b) MVCAC Annual Meeting – January 21-24, 2025 – Monterey, CA
- c) AMCA Annual Meeting – March 4-8, 2024 – Dallas, TX - REPORT

The St. George Hotel is open for booking accommodations for October. Manager Hatch will book accommodations for all Board members unless they tell him differently.

Manager Hatch reported on the AMCA meeting. The presentations and discussions were great, including some good discussions on aedes aegypti and the drone. AMCA is putting together a task force to work with the FAA to make the process of renewing COA applications more standardized. Stephanie Warburton gave a good presentation on the District's ReMoa Tri field trial in Davis County.

Kelly Enquist, Tyson Roberts, and Jennifer Carver also reported on the AMCA meeting and mentioned an appreciation for the information presented and the 3-minute lightening rounds.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None

ADJOURN:

Brad Lee motioned to adjourn. Jennifer Carver seconded the motion. The MAD-D Board meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

4/11/2024
Mike Blackham, Treasurer

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Shirley Cox, Clerk