

**MINUTES OF THE 740th BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

TIME: 3:00pm, Thursday, March 18, 2021

PLACE: Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District
1966 Compton Avenue
Corona, CA 92881

Zoom Teleconference Only: Meeting ID: 824 5564 1727

TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Jordan Ehrenkranz	Canyon Lake	President
	Gary Bradley, Ph.D.	Riverside	Vice President
	George Read	County of Riverside	Secretary
	Karen Alexander	Corona	Trustee
	Leslie Altamirano	Jurupa Valley	Trustee
	Ted Hoffman	Norco	Trustee
	Clint Lorimore	Eastvale	Trustee
	Brian Tisdale	Lake Elsinore	Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:	Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D.	District Manager
	Angela Caranci, Ph.D.	Assistant Manager/Vector Ecologist
	Eric Ballejos	Public Information & Tech. Officer
	Marian Shannon	Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Ehrenkranz called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

II. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Altamirano.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

At the time of the roll call all Trustees and District Staff were present via Zoom Teleconference.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Bradley to approve the consent calendar; seconded by Tisdale. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Hoffman, Lorimore, Read, and Tisdale.

VI. PRESENTATION:

None.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. Recommendation to receive and file December, 2020 quarterly reports on investments.

District Manager stated the December, 2020 quarterly reports are attached as Exhibit "A" and recommended that the Board receive and file the quarterly reports from Great West, Nationwide Retirement Solutions and VCJPA District Member Contingency Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

Motion by Alexander to receive and file the quarterly reports from Great West, Nationwide Retirement Solutions and VCJPA District Member Contingency Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2020; seconded by Read. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Hoffman, Kelly, Lorimore, Read, and Tisdale.

B. Recommendation and authorization to sell vehicle #12-07.

District Manager stated District vehicle #12-07, a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 has experienced repeated electrical malfunctions despite three attempts to remedy the significant issues. During 2019 and 2020, repairs were made to the vehicle without resolution and that he and the Operations Maintenance Technician are recommending the vehicle be

sold. District Manager stated the concerns with the vehicle will be clearly stated and the vehicle will be listed for sale in as-is condition. He also stated that there is not an immediate need to replace this vehicle. Trustee Read commented that he did not think this type of action be brought before the Board in the future for approval. District Manager thanked Trustee Read and stated that due to the ongoing electrical issues with this vehicle he thought it was important to advise the Board regarding its sale.

Motion by Bradley to authorize District Manager to sell or auction vehicle #12-07, a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for a reasonable price determined by the District Manager; seconded by Read. Passed unanimously by roll call vote as follows; yes by Alexander, Bradley, Ehrenkranz, Hoffman, Kelly, Lorimore, Read, and Tisdale.

VIII. REPORTS:

1. Trustees:

As per District policy, trustees Alexander, Altamirano, Bradley and Hoffman all provided verbal reports on their attendance at the AMCA Virtual Conference.

Trustee Alexander attended sessions on genetic control techniques, social media content presentation, the presentation on malaria thermal transmission and was very impressed with the Plenary address by Dr. Peter Hotez of Baylor University. She was also able to see the product lines of vendors the District has worked with for several years. Trustee Alexander also enjoyed the awards presentation.

Trustee Altamirano also found the AMCA Conference and presentations fascinating. She congratulated District Manager for assuming the role of AMCA President. Prior to attending the conference, she was unaware that mosquitoes are the most deadly animal on the planet.

Trustee Bradley stated he very much appreciated the opportunity to attend the AMCA Conference. He was excited to share information about the many presentations he was able to attend. He noted the G20 nations were the focus of many of the reports with the disadvantaged being affected the most. He enjoyed the social media presentations. He informed Public Information and Technology Officer that the Florida mosquito control program has many free social medial publications available on their website, preventmosquitoes.org. Trustee Bradley attended sessions on aerial applications, the progress of drone GPS technology, and sterile insect techniques.

Trustee Hoffman agreed with the other trustees' comments that Dr. Hotez's presentation was excellent. Trustee Hoffman enjoyed the cannon treatment video. He, too, learned a lot and very much enjoyed the social media campaigns and presentations such as "Fight the Bite". He agreed it is a good idea to educate kids in school about mosquito control. He attended presentations on using drones for mosquito inspection and applications and learned that the requirements are extensive. He very much appreciated being able to attend the conference. He stated he has a much better understanding of the importance of mosquito control.

2. District Manager:

District Manager stated the Annual Conference was a great mix of science and industry. He stated AMCA was hoping to have 600 attendees and ended up with approximately 1100 participants. He stated a lot of the presentations were from the previous year's conference which had been cancelled. District Manager thanked the Trustees for attending and informed them that if they wished to view any of the presentations they would be available until the end of March. He stated the next annual meeting will be held in Jacksonville, Florida. District Manager stated, in response to Trustee Bradley's comments, that the *Aedes aegypti* that has invaded all of the District's geographical area, will not be stopped with public education alone. He wanted the trustees to realize that vector control agencies are going to have to consider exploring the sterile insect treatment and collaborations with other agencies to combat this invasive mosquito species. District Manager stated the District may wish to consider a shared venture with other Districts regarding the use of sterile mosquitoes but that more information regarding that will be presented at the end of his first year in his five year strategic plan.

3. Staff:

Public Information and Technology Officer stated this was the first AMCA Conference he attended. He enjoyed the social media/outreach presentations and programs presented by the Florida mosquito control agencies. He stated their programs are robust, having a presence within the school system, and they also have teachers on staff. He also enjoyed the presentations on drones and noted the rules and regulations were overwhelming.

Assistant District Manager stated she was pleased at the response from Board members who were able to attend. She very much enjoyed the aquatic vegetation presentations. She stated District lab staff also attended presentations, and noted science departments are

now collaborating with other academic departments such as Engineering, GIS, and teachers with the goal of bringing forward new ideas. She stated the goal is to make the District's mosquito control program as efficient and impactful as possible.

IX. INFORMATIONAL:

1. FPPC: Statement of Economic Interest. Due to the District by March 31, 2021.
2. AB1234 (Ethics) and AB1825 (Sexual Harassment Prevention) training reminder. Please provide a copy of the completion certificate to the District. If training is needed, please contact Executive Secretary.

X. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Request for future Agenda Items: None

Trustee Lorimore inquired if the district has any mitigation efforts for ticks. Assistant District Manager stated the lab performs tick surveillance and if he will provide her with the area of concern lab staff will obtain samples and provide identification of the ticks collected. Trustee Lorimore stated the area is south of the Riverwalk trail but that he would send the information to Assistant District Manager.

Trustee Altamirano requested to be informed of spraying in her area. District Manager stated there are no scheduled dates for spraying at this time but that her email will be added to the notification list when a spray event is scheduled. He also stated the District posts signs along spray routes prior to any mosquito treatments.

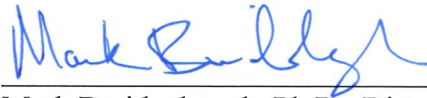
Trustee Hoffman stated he has already noticed the small mosquitoes in his area. Assistant District Manager advised him to contact the District with the area of concern and traps will be set. District Manager stated these are biting midges which develop in mud and it is not uncommon for them to be present as early as March or April.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.

Next regular meeting: 3:00pm, Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 1966 Compton Avenue, Corona, CA 92881.

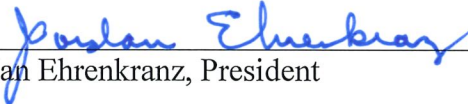
I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the action taken by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on March 18, 2021.



Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D., District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on April 15, 2021.

ATTEST:



Jordan Ehrenkranz, President



George Read, Secretary