

Board Meeting Minutes of the Animas Mosquito Control District

Meeting Held:

Tuesday, May 4, 2023

Location: AMCD Shop

870 County Road 252

Durango, CO 81301

I. Meeting Called to Order

Ted Hermesman III, Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Ted Hermesman III, Board President / Jim Bryce, Board Vice President / Dave Dillon, Board Member / Shane Kairalla – Board Member / Bud Smith – Attorney at Law / Robert Finneseth – District Resident / Mandy Magill – Tamarron Resident / Tim Flanagan – Architect / Melody Schaaf, Office Manager / Seth Foster, District Manager – via Zoom

Absent: Janet Pettigrew, Board Secretary – excused

Quorum established.

* III. Minutes & Financials

A. Board reviewed April 18, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion to approve these minutes was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Board reviewed the April 2023 financials.

Short discussion regarding equipment: Traps, Fleet trucks, ect.

* Motion was made and seconded to approve the April financials. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Managers' Report

 Manager reported:

- This season is going well so far. Working on river habitats right now.
- Have purchased three gravid traps, six mosquito magnets, and one BG pro trap. The BG trap is being tested as a replacement for the old CDC light traps. Will be helping Joaquin place the traps in strategically chosen places when night temperatures are closer to fifty degrees.
- Door to door campaign is paying off well. Crews are taking their time to explain our program of mosquito control and they are being very respectful to the residents. One resident on CR 203 that has been disapproving of AMCD for the past thirty years, called the office to express her delight in the crew that came to her property. They had done a wonderful job, taking their time to explain our abatement program and they were very pleasant and respectful. She has watched as AMCD has steadily moved from fogging day and night to now monitoring and controlling mosquito larvae in their aquatic habitats with the greenest products available. She wanted to be sure the board of directors was informed of this, and she would pass the word.

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- The Manager and Joaquin are working together as a crew this year. Coming in behind the other crews to work on the properties where no one was home, so they had not yet been inspected/treated. They will also be trapping and bagging together. If the manager is unable to be in the field, Joaquin will go with another crew or by himself.

V. Public Input

- A. Flanagan explained the color scheme options for the metal building to the board and the guests. Looked at lots of different variations with browns, greens, and greys. Leaning towards the greys. Much discussion followed.
- B. Guest from Tamarron asked if there was ,really, nowhere else for AMCD's site to go? Discussion followed. The guest stated that she could use the connections that she had in town to see what she could come up with and asked what the timeframe was. She was told one week as AMCD would continue to move forward with the project already underway. The board explained that this was not a knee-jerk decision. Much more discussion followed regarding all the work and considerations that the board has done in the planning and purchasing of this site. Striving to be good representatives of the district to the residents, looking at all sides very, very hard and making the best decisions they can for the district. They have already authorized an increase in the budget of about \$20,000 just to address the concerns expressed at the L&E meeting regarding the visibility of the site. The board is listening to all the concerns expressed (traffic, visibility, color scheme, etc.), but the fact is that the plan is under way and will continue. Flanagan will send the 3 color schemes that the board has chosen, for the residents to look at. The color scheme needs to be chosen by next week.

The guests left the meeting at 12:39 pm

- C. Seth updated the board on his meeting with the residents on the property site.
- D. Bud suggested that the board authorize Flanagan to settle on the building color, from the three options, by the deadline. The board unanimously agreed.
- E. Ted and Dave signed their Oaths of Office. Bud will get them notarized and get with Janet to have her sign.
- F. Bud stated that he hoped to have a contract with Doughty in a week or so. Discussion followed.

VI. New Business

- A. Seth told the board about the Mounted Patrol/Bar D fundraising dinner and the SDA Workshop, asking them who all would like to attend and AMCD would buy the tickets. Dave said he would attend both, Ted and Shane said they would attend the Bar D. Bud said he would check his calendar.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:04 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melody Schaaf, Office Manager on June 16, 2023.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on June 20, 2023. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

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