

Board Meeting Minutes of the Animas Mosquito Control District

Meeting Held:

Tuesday, August 20, 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 12:25 pm

II. Roll Call

Present: Ted Hermesman III, Board President / Jim Bryce, Board Vice President / Dave Dillon – Board Director / Seth Foster, District Manager / Melody Schaaf, Office Manager / Loren Doughty – Doughty Construction

Excused Absent: Shane Kairalla, Board Director / Janet Pettigrew, Board Secretary

Quorum established.

* III. Minutes

A. The board reviewed the July 16, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion to approve these minutes was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Presentation

A. Loren Doughty stated that the backfill was finished yesterday on the fire service line so he can now access the property again to continue moving forward. The HVAC is going in now and should be done with the rough-in by next Wednesday. The electricians are scheduled for the 16th of September to complete the rough-in of the entire building, which should take about 2 weeks. At that point Iner Mountain Wall will return to finish the dry-wall and insulation. Then the plumbers will come and do their work. The fire alarm system and everything for that in the shop will be done by Scalva Electric within the next two weeks. He has not heard from Tim Flanagan or Phillip Boyle on the overhead for the fire suppression system. It has been sent to the fire department for review but haven't heard if there are any changes required. He will reach out to Flanagan again, as will the manager. The last resort will be to reach out to Shane with the fire department. He should have an answer by the end of today. Board member asked Loren how many subs he had working on the building. He stated that he had four. He was then asked how many subs were working on the side work. He stated that he had one right now but there would be two when Scalva and Iner Mountain Wall were done. There was a discussion on the dirt work, 85% to 90% of the site work should be done by now, why not. Loren stated that he had pulled off the dirt work because Flanagan was handling the fire suppression line and had said to stop to let them finish the underground work. Now that

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the fire suppression system was in, at no extra cost, he was hoping for a final grade by next week. Still pushing to be finished with everything by December 15th. A discussion opened on the rock wall on the east side of the building and if it was going to be redone because as it is, it is going to fall apart. It needs to be done much better. It was suggested that everyone involved should try to meet on a regular basis to keep everyone on the same page and make sure any questions and concerns were addressed and keep good communication going. There is still a lot of perimeter work to be done, but Loren will contact Four Corners regarding getting the paving done. A board member asked if there was a plan for using the extra dirt that was piled on the property. Discussion followed. There was a discussion on the retention pond. It needs to be addressed as it was not done per plans. There was a discussion on the fire hydrant and its placement. The board asked Loren about the damaged panels. There were 18, 39' 11" panels that got bent but had been replaced and installed. Loren will be sure to remove the damaged panels, unless AMCD could maybe sell to someone who could repurpose them. Soffit and trim should be done next week. The manager will get a meeting set up for next week, any day but Monday, and let everyone know.

Loren left the meeting.

V. Financials

***B.** The board reviewed the July 2024 financials with the simplified breakdown. Discussion followed. We are on target to fall in line very close to the approved budget. There was discussion on the public education line item that was over the budgeted amount. The manager explained that the fair booth that we had was damaged in the zircon storage and we had to replace it for the fair. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financials. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Managers' Report

-  The number of mosquito larvae the crews still find is high throughout the district and we are still catching many mosquitoes in traps along Hwy 550 N of Durango. We have sent off many test vials for WNV screening. One trap near Lightner Creek by Twin Buttes came back positive. A heavy evening truck fog was done. We have received two test results from this area since then, and the tests have been negative.
-  We returned to the La Plata County Fair this month and received good feedback from the residents. Distributed a lot of educational material to adults and children. Met one of our commissioners and the treasurer, who were thankful we did a great job for everyone. They gave me a heads-up on another emergency meeting the Governor is calling to change how much Special Districts will receive from property tax. The Special District Association is working on behalf of all local governments to ensure proper funding.
-  On August 9th, I had two employees quit. They both lived together and carpoled to work. One moved to West Virginia after failing to afford housing here. The other could not afford the gas to travel from Aztec, NM, and found a job closer. We still have two crews operating in the field, and I am going out-treating sites and backpack fogging when I can. We will soon see a significant drop-off in mosquito activity as the nights become cooler.

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VII. New Business

- A. A board member asked the manager about the two employees who had just quit without any notice. Much discussion followed.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melody Schaaf, Office Manager on September 13, 2024.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on September 17, 2024.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, at 12:00 pm.



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