

**REGULAR AND TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BARBERTON-NORTON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
JOINT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S / APPRAISER'S AND
DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

** Note – These minutes are not transcribed verbatim **

*Due to dialing in for the Teleconference – meeting has been recorded and the MP3 recording is on file in the
MAD Office*

May 13, 2021

The joint meeting of the Barberton-Norton Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 and called to order at 6:00 PM by Karen Miller, Vice President. To stay in compliance with social distancing requirement pertaining to COVID-19 the meeting was also conducted by Teleconference.

Those answering roll call: Bill Braman, Steve Despot, Karen Miller, Denise Mullins and Kimberly Trenary. Also in attendance: Harry Ciccolini (BOA), Jim Hrubik (BOA), Dale Sungy (BOA), Brian Griffith, Fiscal Officer, Andy Dobben, Operations Manager, Jill Easterling / Administrative Assistant, Attorney Rebecca Sremack.

Absent: Shannon McNulty (DAC) and Shaun Jaber (DAC)

No Guests in attendance

MINUTES –

Steve Despot made the motion and seconded by Bill Braman to approve the minutes as recorded of the 4-8-2021 Teleconference meeting as recorded:

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Despot, Miller, Trenary
 Nays: None

Abstain: Mullins
Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS - None at this time

REPORTS –

A. **Vice-President (Miller)** - Nothing to report

B. **Treasurer / Fiscal Officer (Griffith)** -

- Will be working on the Budget and will have either for June or July meeting

C. **Operations Manager (Dobben)** -

- Hired John Rose – he will be trapping and spraying at night
- Raises for the crew – in the past – Russ would request a 25¢ raise. Asking board to consider increase.
- Reached out to Tom Stancil @ Ganley Ford – Base model F250 - \$32,000 each. Took off \$9,000 for government pricing. There is a chip shortage for the Ford trucks. No trucks available now for sale. Re-visit in the fall.
- Used tow motors - \$3,000 - \$5,000 @ Freedom Fork Lift
- Ramp testing of WNV – start up costs - \$7,000 - \$10,000. Test kits come in package of 100. Would need to order 2 to 3 times a year at a cost of \$4,000 - \$6,000. May need to hire someone new to handle just this.
- Toolboxes for trucks – cost of \$300 - \$800. Recommend holding off until we get new trucks

Discussion of Field Crew raises. Jill to send 2020 regulation showing current salaries.

- Dale Sungy feels we should spend part of our surplus and upgrade our operations. Need to have a plan. – Brian stated we are over 100% of our annual expenditures and our fund balance, we have plenty of money and does not recommend going out and just spend money. Brian is in agreement to spend money on capital items such as replacing the trucks. We can't buy all four at once, but can replace one or two at this time.
- Bill Braman asked a question – can we set aside now \$33,000 for Truck #120 – for a purchase this year, next truck to be purchased in May 2022 – would that help our issue?
- Karen Miller asked Dale if the appraisers were looking to raise the rate this year – Dale advised no.
- Steve Despot agreed that we should purchase a truck this year and recommended Andy make a purchase wish list for the future. Doing the WNV testing in-house was just a suggestion and there is other technology that we can explore. Andy stated that the RAMP testing would be a good place to start – even if only doing some of the testing as it would be a quicker turnaround than to the State. Keep in mind that the State testing is free.
- Brian will request assessment list tomorrow. Andy to provide list of items to purchase so Brian can incorporate into the budget.

Kim Trenary advised that the lease is up this year. Brian Griffith stated that there is an extension clause permitting us to add to the term.

COMMENTS- Nothing at this time

Dale Sungy asked Brian Griffith to provide budget and numbers from the county. Once these numbers are received the appraisers will make a recommendation.

NEXT MEETING - * Next Regular board meeting set for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 @ 6:00 pm. ** Note different day for meeting.

**** Meeting to be held in the Garage area of the MAD office. 6' Social Distancing will be followed and masks are required. If fully vaccinated – masks are at your discretion.**

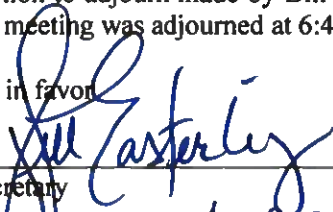
Andy will set-up garage area for meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Braman and seconded by Denise Mullins, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

All in favor

Secretary

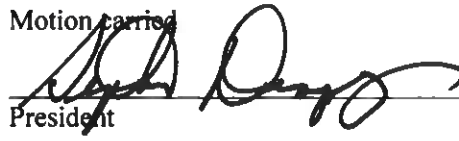


Date approved:

6-23-2021

Motion carried

President



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