

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

Public Conference 888-919-5324, No PIN is required

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Meeting has been recorded and the MP3 recording is on file in the MAD office.

February 19, 2026

The joint meeting of the Barberton-Norton Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 131 Snyder Avenue, Barberton, Ohio and called to order at 6:00pm by Bill Braman, President.

Those answering roll call: Bill Braman, Steve Despot, Karen Miller, Matthew Swrydenko and Kimberly Trenary. Also in attendance: Harry Ciccolini (BOA), Beth Lester (BOA), Maureen Davis (BOA), Andy Dobben, Operations Manager, Brian Griffith, Treasurer / Fiscal Officer and Jill Easterling, Administrative Assistant, Atty. Rebecca Sremack (via phone) and Atty. Sal Puglisi (Emeritus)

Excused: None

Not in attendance: S. McNulty (DAC), Judith L. Lee (DAC), J. Hager (DAC)

MINUTES –

Motion made by Karen Miller and seconded by Steve Despot to approve the minutes with changes of the 11-13-2025 regular meeting:

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Despot, Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary

Nays: None

Motion carried

AGENDA

Motion made by Matthew Swrydenko and seconded by Kimberly Trenary to approve the 2-19-2026 agenda.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Despot, Miller, Swrydenko, Trenary

Nays: None

Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bill Braman (President) Nothing at this time

REPORTS –

A. **President (Braman)** - Nothing at this time

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

- Ended 2025 with our revenues exceeding our expenditures by \$121,000
- \$615,000 carryover
- Property taxes went up
- Suggest to purchase a new fleet truck
- Rent on building stayed the same / \$3,000 month

C. **Operations Manager (Dobben)**

- Need to purchase new ULV Sprayer @ \$16,000 - seeking approval to proceed with purchase
- Board suggested replacing 1 every year
- Life expectancy on sprayers varies – problems with one of the sprayers - looking to fix sprayer for back-up. No trade in available.
- Tire Drive to coincide with Norton's Green Clean-up Day – Saturday, April 11th. Will reach out to City of Norton for approval.
- Already reached out to Tire Co – requested 2 trucks for loading tires
- 2025 Annual Report is complete. On Web page and filed with the Court.
- Fire Extinguisher inspections are complete
- Clarke conference scheduled for 3/24/2026 (Kim, Andy and some of the crew plan on attending)
- Insurance for Drone's
 - Atty. Sremack checked with our current insurance and they will not cover drone. Atty. Sremack and/or Andy will look at other insurance companies. Need detailed information on drone to insure.

Motion made by Kimberly Trenary and seconded by Steve Despot to approve the Operations Manager to purchase a sprayer not to exceed \$18,000.

Roll Call: Yeas: Trenary, Braman, Despot, Miller, Swyrydenko

Nays: None

Motion carried

Board President Braman asked Andy what are other equipment needs:

- Office equipment - New Printer
- Drones – Andy would like to purchase – asked Atty. Sremack to expand on this -
- Atty. Sremack explained on insurance issues on Drone's – detailed information is required for insurance company. Suggest not purchasing Drone until with verify with insurance company will insure.
- New Security system for MAD building (Matthew Swyrydenko to look into this)
- Tools – Andy will check with crew for needs

OLD BUSINESS -

A. By-Laws -

Atty. Sremack reviewed suggested additions / corrections / clarity. Will present updated By-Laws at next meeting for approval and Board members signatures.

NEW BUSINESS -

A. Regulation #1-2026 (MAD Administrative salaries)

Motion made by Karen Miller and seconded by Matthew Swrydenko:

“To approve Regulation #1-2026 (MAD Administrative Salaries) for a 3% increase effective January 1, 2026.

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

Motion carried

Motion to Amend Regulation #1-2026 (MAD Administrative salaries) by Karen Miller and seconded by Matthew Swrydenko:

“To approve Regulation #1-2026 (MAD Administrative Salaries) for a 3% increase and include a \$500 Retention Bonus for all Administrative staff effective January 1, 2026.

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

Motion carried

B. Regulation #2-2026 (Field Crew salaries).

Motion made by Matthew Swrydenko and seconded by Steve Despot:

“To approve Regulation #2-2026 (Field Crew Salaries) step-up salary and to include a \$500 Retention Bonus for all returning field crew effective January 1, 2026.

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

Motion carried

C. Regulation #3-2026 (Advance of Local Taxes)

Motion made by Kimberly Trenary and seconded by Matthew Swrydenko:

“To approve Regulation #3-2026 (Advance of Local Taxes).

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

Motion carried

D. Approve November - December 2025 Detailed Trial Balance

Motion made by Karen Miller and seconded by Kimberly Trenary:

“To approve the November - December 2025 Detailed Trial Balance.”

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

Motion carried

E. Approve November – December 2025 Bank to Book Reconciliation

Motion made by Kimberly Trenary and seconded by Karen Miller::

“To approve the November - December 2025 Bank to Book Reconciliation.”

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

Motion carried

F. Approve January 2026 Detailed Trial Balance

Motion made by Karen Miller and seconded by Matthew Swyrydenko:

“To approve the January 2026 Detailed Trial Balance.”

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

Motion carried

G. Approve January 2026 Bank to Book Reconciliation

Motion made by Matthew Swyrydenko and seconded by Kimberly Trenary:

“To approve the January 2026 Bank to Book Reconciliation.”

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

Motion carried

NEXT MEETING:

***Next regular board meeting set for April 9, 2026 @ 6:00 pm**

COMMENTS:

BOA - Harry stated the current assessments are working out to support MAD. We'll see what the future holds for property taxes.

DAC - No DAC in attendance

BOD -

- Steve Despot contacted the Toledo Abatement District regarding testing- they do not utilize the RAMP testing. They set-up a PCR lab for in-house testing – very involved testing; Franklin and Midland Counties utilize the RAMP testing. Toledo will not be utilizing Drone's for service.
- Steve Despot - Contacted Florida – Mosquito Control falls under the Dept. of Agriculture. There are 65 regions in Florida, there are only 5 or 6 that utilize the PCR testing. The remaining districts use RAMP testing. Some districts are using Sentinel chickens that are kept in a coop for testing.
- Suggestion to contract out our services for Drone services. Thought Clarke Mosquito was going to offer this service.
- Atty. Sremack gave her opinion – “Liability” issues

Citizens - No one in attendance

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Despot and seconded by Matthew Swyrydenko there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

All in favor

Motion carried


Secretary


Bill Braman, President

Date approved: 4-9-2026

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