

**REGULAR 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 **

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

October 13, 2022

The joint meeting of the Barberton-Norton Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) was held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 131 Snyder Avenue, Barberton, Ohio and called to order at 6:00 PM by Bill Braman, Vice President.

Those answering roll call: Bill Braman and Karen Miller. Also in attendance: Harry Ciccolini (BOA), Brian Griffith, Fiscal Officer, Jill Easterling / Administrative Assistant, Andy Dobben, Operations Manager and Attorney Rebecca Sremack.

Excused Ill: Steve Despot, (BOD) and Kimberly Trenary (will be arriving late)

Absent: Shannon McNulty (DAC), Erika Bailey (DAC) and Joseph Kernan (DAC)

**** At this time we do not have a quorum – so we will be unable to vote / approve the Trial Balance and Bank to Book at this meeting. We can hold discussion and if we have a quorum – will go back and approve the minutes and all other items for approval.**

COMMUNICATIONS - Nothing at this time

REPORTS –

A. **President (Despot)** - No report at this time

B. **Treasurer / Fiscal Officer (Griffith)** - Items on agenda

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

- Wrapped up 2022 mosquito program, temperatures have been low so unable to spray
- Closed / cleaned up trucks
- Nine positive WNV
- Truck update - Fred Martin taking orders for 2023
Ganley has not yet gotten back with him – looking at cost of \$40,000 - \$45,000
- Purchased new office computer – would like to take old computer home to work on
- Hiring for next spring to replace Bob Scaffidi – he advised will not be coming back and replacement for Dave Hartley who passed away unexpectedly this season.

OLD BUSINESS- Discussed at beginning of meeting due to no quorum.

COMMENTS-

BOA – Harry Ciccolini – advised assessments are correct and in line for next year. Recommendation for third appraiser candidate is Beth Lester, she will be replacing Dale Sungy who resigned / retired. Harry has known her for fifteen years and worked with her five of those years. She has background similar to Harry. Beth meets all of the qualifications to satisfy the board – highly recommended. She is in agreement to join the MAD District if approved by the Board.

DAC – No one in attendance

Bill Braman asked Jill if she had any comments regarding the DAC. Jill expressed frustration in planning for meetings and no one from DAC attends. One meeting only Jill attended and other that was scheduled only Jill and a guest attended. Felt it looked bad on the District. Bill asked Jill, in her opinion that collectively as a Board could do to help? Jill suggested to Shannon to reach out to the other DAC members for availability dates / times that they could all meet. Steve Despot suggested moving the time later in the day as everyone has full time jobs. Shannon did reach out and a date / time were agreed upon. Only ones that attended were Shannon and Jill. Jill shared her personal feelings and suggested maybe the board reach out, it is beyond her means of doing anything. Bill asked Atty. Sremack for her suggestions. Atty. Sremack stated, unfortunately that the power relationship goes one way, the DAC advises the Board. The Board has no oversight or authority over the DAC. There is nothing in any statute that gives any power to the MAD Board to do anything in regards to that. To her it comes down to social pressure, put pressure on the individuals is all she can recommend. There is no formal mechanism to force them to do anything.

Karen Miller asked if we could change the format where we don't have the DAC. Atty. Sremack replied, that is written into the statute. The structure that the DAC oversees and appoints board members and the structure of the DAC is actually written into the statute that creates this type of sanitary district for biting arthropods and would require someone in the State Legislature to change. This is beyond our by-laws and how it functions...so our hands really are tied beyond that respect.

Brian Griffith asked what is pending for the review or approval right now. Jill stated they need to address an individual to be appointed to the board and past minutes for approval. Granted we have not had any letters of interest, if not their responsibility to reach out to Council or if this is their responsibility, do not know where the fine lines set. Atty. Sremack stated that that responsibility is not set out anywhere, just that the DAC is the one to appoint. It doesn't set up this person or entity is responsible for finding the candidate or not. Brian said that there is nothing critical right now – maybe don't hold a DAC meeting until you have something for the agenda. Brian asked Atty. Sremack how long the vacancy can stay open – she replied it has already expired. There is nothing bad that happens, as long as we can conduct business, only impact would be if we have a quorum to vote and approve items. Whenever someone shows up and can be appointed – that person would be appointed and there is no negative impact. Roll should be filled within sixty days of the end of the term. Vacancy will remain until filled.

BOD – Nothing at this time

Meeting paused until Kimberly Trenary arrives for quorum.

We now have a quorum and will re-call the MAD Board meeting to order at 6:16pm:

Those answering roll call: Bill Braman, Karen Miller and Kimberly Trenary

Excused: Steve Despot

MINUTES –

Kimberly Trenary made the motion and seconded by Bill Braman to approve the minutes of the 8-11-2022 regular meeting as submitted.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Trenary
 Nays: None

Excused: Despot
Motion carried

Abstain: Miller

Kimberly Trenary asked to be brought up-to-date on items discussed prior to her arrival. She asked if the DAC had found a replacement. Advised – no. Karen asked Jill to look back to see if we have prior letters of interest.

Kimberly also commented on a recommendation she made at the last meeting as far as having Bill Braman who currently has the “At-Large” seat, would he be able to take the Norton vacancy on the board and that would open the position for “At-Large” which could either be a resident or Barberton or Norton. Karen Miller advised that it has to be a city official that works for either city. Karen Miller is going to reach out to a prior board member to see if interested. Bill Braman is going to reach out to the individual he spoke with to see if still interested.

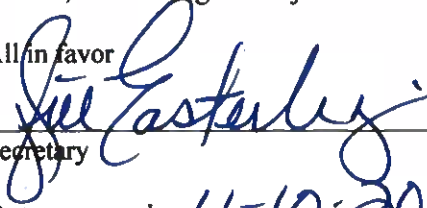
ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Kimberly Trenary and seconded by Bill Braman, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32.

All in favor

Secretary

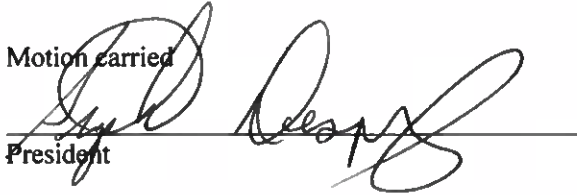
Date approved:



11-10-2022

Motion carried

President



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