**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**439th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**AUGUST 25, 2022**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: John Manning, David Gantenbein Tierney Smith-Woods and Steve

Hofbauer.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: Elvie Ancheta

**STAFF PRESENT**: Leann Verdick, Carolyn Etherton (consultant)

**OPENING**: President Manning called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: limit to 3 minutes:

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, and are not otherwise posted on the agenda.

Anthony Bruneau, CPA, Cobb Doerfler & Assoc. was present.

**FINAL AUDIT REPORT FROM ANTHONY BRUNEAU, CPA, COBB DOERFLER & ASSOCIATES**

Each board member was provided a copy of the audit via email. Anthony Bruneau went through the audit and provided an explanation page by page. In the auditor’s opinion, the financial statements referred to in the audit, present fairly in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, special revenue fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the AVMVCD as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in the financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA.

**APPROVAL OF July 5, 2022/July 13, 2022/ July 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee Smith-Woods moved to approve the Minutes. Trustee Hofbauer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST EFT’S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF $135,837.32:**

Trustee Manning moved to approve EFT’s and Warrants. Trustee Smith-Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1730 FOR A TOTAL OF $100,000:**

Trustee Manning moved to approve the Requisition. Trustee Gantenbein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2022-09 TO OPPOSE INITIATIVE 2-0042A1 - THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; THIS WILL BE OPPOSING AN INITIATIVE THAT WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR LOCAL VOTERS TO PASS MEASURES NEEDED TO FUND LOCAL SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE; LIMIT THE ABILITY OF ELECTED BOARDS TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITY; RESTRICTS STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS’ ABILITY TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; AS WELL AS MAKE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL LOOPHOLES THAT ALLOW CORPORATIONS TO PAY LESS THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE FOR IMPACTS THEY IMPOSE ON OUR COMMUNITIES. IF THIS WERE TO PASS IT WOULD IMPACT THE OPERATIONS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR DISTRICT AND OUR SERVICES.**

Trustee Smith-Woods moved to approve the Requisition. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT:**

*\*In order to make everyone’s report comprehensible, we have switched the Agenda order and the District Managers Report will take place first.*

Firstly, Leann has written two letters outlining our need for financial aid that has been given to President Manning as well as board to review; Steve Hofbauer recommended combining the two letters into a staff report in order to make it both concise yet detailed enough to bring to light the importance our district to the community and the dire situation we now find ourselves in without additional funding through our assessment. Once this is completed, Leann will send the report to the board for final review before approving it to be sent to Lancaster, Palmdale and L.A. County. Lastly, in addition to the smaller cuts we have been making to save as much money as possible to settle the debt to SCI, we have decided to end the season 6 weeks early, having our seasonal technicians last day on September 16th. Unfortunately we will be operating in the field with only 2 technicians and Kevan, with Karen handling trapping in addition to identification duties. This will lower the cost in multiple expense items aside from just wages, such a fuel, vehicle maintenance, chemicals (amount used), uniforms, field supplies, etc. Depending on how everything pans out we may or may not bring them back for the next season or two.

**ENTOMOLOGIST REPORT:**

Karen begins by stating that at the beginning of the season the district started setting up a high number of traps, hopeful that Prop 218 would pass and the funding would be there to sustain a better program. Unfortunately with the ballot not passing we have had to scale down to accommodate the lack of revenue; instead of sending every batch to get tested we are using the traps purely for numerical reasons (mosquito density, male: female, etc.) as testing is too expensive and we already know that West Nile is in full swing in the Antelope Valley. Findings do show that there has been a 200% increase in Aedes aegypti since last season. We will be using the stats from the traps to streamline our routes. With the change in dynamic due to the smaller staff, Karen will be reverting back to setting the traps in order to free up Zach so he may focus on treating sources.

**FIELD SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Kevan will be focusing on field work with both Demian and Zach, mechanics taking a secondary status as we continue the season with only the three of them to work the field. His plan of action will be to respond to service requests first and then their daily route afterwards. He is in communication with the parks and their irrigation problems, so far we have been able to work well with one another solving problems that would otherwise create huge breeding sources.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST REPORT:**

With the decline in workforce, outreach is even more important. We need the community to know what to look out for and to do that, aside from the usual events we participate in, Brenna will be delivering more brochures and pamphlets to community centers, senior centers, etc. Unfortunately we cannot pay for ads, and PSA’s are typically only given when buying ads through them as a bonus, but Brenna will be on the lookout for any and all opportunities. On a positive note, Brenna is ramping up her school presentations, even getting together a virtual presentation for those who prefer a social distancing approach. Lastly, with trying to bring awareness in a fun and entertaining way Brenna is writing scripts and planning out short videos for social media in hopes it will engage the community and get more of a following online.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 AT 4:00 PM VIA**

**ZOOM:** No further comment.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, President Manning adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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John Manning David Gantenbein

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