Board Meeting Minutes

Mosquito Abatement District - Davis

October 08, 2026

The Mosquito Abatement Board meeting was held at the Davis facility in Kaysville, Utah and on Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mike Blackham at 6:03 pm who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present at the meeting was Greg White, Manager and Shirley Cox, Clerk with Board members including Danielle King – Clearfield; Marie Dougherty – Clinton; Lorene Kamalu – Davis County Commission; Scott Isaacson – Farmington; Mark Cottrell – Fruit Heights; Mike Blackham – Kaysville; Tyson Roberts – Layton; Brian Horrocks – North Salt Lake; Joel Dills – South Weber; Nancy Smalling – Sunset; Julie Robertson – Syracuse; and Michele Swenson – West Point. Excused from the meeting was Matt Murri – Bountiful; Cheylynn Hayman – Centerville; Kelly Enquist -West Bountiful; and Jim Grover – Woods Cross.

Board members Joel Dills, Danielle King, Tyson Roberts and Michele Swenson attended the meeting by Zoom.

No conflicts of interest declared.

MINUTES – OF 09/10/26:

Trustee Julie Robertson motioned to approve the minutes of the 10 September 2026 Board meeting. Trustee Marc Cottrell seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Scott Isaacson reviewed the financial statements and the checks. He reported that everything looks to be in order.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Trustee Brian Horrocks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Julie Robertson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Manager Greg White reviewed the Expense Detail Report and highlighted some of the expenses.

There was a motion to accept the Financial Statement and approve the payment of bills by Trustee Mike Blackham. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nancy Smalling. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE 2027 BUDGET AND PROPOSED AMENDED 2026 BUDGET:

The Tentative 2027 Budget and Proposed Amended 2026 Budget was presented to the Board. Each will be approved at the December 2026 Board meeting.

Manager Greg White responded to questions from Board members regarding each budget.

There were some questions about funds allocated for the SLCMAD buyout from D-SLASA. Currently, SLCMAD does not plan to leave D-SLASA. They will still use contracted aerial spray services for adult mosquito control in the future. Larvicide aerial spray will be done by SLCMAD. Board Chair Mike Blackham stated that the D-SLASA contract between SLCMAD and MAD-D does not stipulate a buy out if one district leaves the interlocal agreement. Manager Greg White will go over the D-SLASA contract between the two districts and confirm what the original agreement stated regarding a buyout. The money in Dedicated Funds for the buyout can be reallocated.

Manager Greg White suggested it would be appropriate to set aside a line item in the Dedicated Reserve for early payoff of the bond.

Trustee Scott Isaacson stated the budget looks good and appreciated the decrease in expenses on some of the line items. Trustee Dougherty agreed and expressed appreciation for decreased expenses as well.

MOSQUITO REPORT:

West Nile Virus and Encephalitis Update

Manager Greg White presented a map of the United States which indicated cases of West Nile virus across the nation. He highlighted the states around Utah for comparison.

USA – 1172 cases

AZ – 94 cases

CO – 54 cases

NV – 2 cases

ID – 7 cases

WY – 2 cases

CA- 252 cases (19) deaths

UT - 50 cases (2) deaths

Davis County has eight human cases, (0) deaths. The latest case was a resident of Centerville, 76 years old. The onset of symptoms began 1 September 2026. The resident was hospitalized until 26 September 2026 and is recovering well.

Last week had no positive samples. There were few tarsalis in traps this week and mostly all Aedes dorsalis. North Davis County had many complaints this week.

Trustee Brian Horrocks asked if, historically, Davis County had ever been this high for human cases.

Manager Greg White stated that last year human cases were 49, and in 2024, human cases were 19 with 2023 having 14 human cases. Most years are lower than 50. The number of human cases could rise due to people getting sick in late September then going through the diagnosis phase.

There was a Board discussion on when West Nile virus first came to Utah.

Manager Greg White shared that the first strain looked like similar to strains from near Israel. It was first detected in New York in 1999 and was diagnosed in the Bronx Zoo. Health officials and residents also noticed a high number of dead birds across the city, including an unusual number of birds dying at the Bronx Zoo. The dead birds were tested, and West Nile virus was found. The virus is spread by *Culex* mosquitoes using birds as a reservoir for the virus.

Manager Greg White reviewed a West Nile virus comparison for Utah for 2025 and 2026. The 2026 infection rate is close to 12%, which is higher. Human cases have been lower. He also reviewed Testing Summaries. In Davis, there is a lot of lab testing done for West Nile virus.

Trustee Danielle King was excused at 6:45 pm.

Mosquito Treatments, Spray Requests, Surveillance

Aedes aegypti has just been found in the County at Bicentennial Park in Clearfield. The location is just west of Hill Air Force Base, located Between the Freeport Center and the I-15 freeway. The district will be setting out 6 more traps in the area this evening and will be spraying in the area. The treatments will be limited due to weather. The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito likes small artificial containers of water in urban settings, bites during the day and night, carries multiple pathogens, including Dengue fever, Chikungunya, Yellow Fever and Zika. It does not fly far in its lifetime, perhaps no more than 100 yards. It does not like cold weather and the turn in temperatures next week may kill them. Having this mosquito in the area will change some practices for next season. The urban field crew will be increased, as well as an increase in pesticide and surveillance. The 2027 Budget will increase for chemicals, surveillance and personnel line items due to this mosquito.

Manager Greg White will work with state health partners and Davis County health partners to do a press release and report it. It is very helpful if citizens can look for this mosquito and notify the district if they see it so it can be treated. The district will plan to have a focus on Clearfield. Manager White will also contact Hill Air Force Base. There is a housing development by Bicentennial Park that is Hill Air Force Base property. In Clearfield, the District will be sending an urban team door to door to check back yards for sources and do spraying. This should make it possible to treat the mosquitoes when they are resting.

The discussion continued with Board members reflecting on recent reports of *Aedes aegypti* in St. George and Moab. When it was reported in Moab, other Utah districts traveled to Moab to help in abating this mosquito. Manager White stated the *Aedes aegypti* arrived in Southern and Central California in 2010. It has been an incredibly hard mosquito to combat. He has not seen it survive in a places that get regular snowfall.

EMPLOYEES:

Seasonal Employees

The district is down to just a few seasonal employees that are helping to clean and move items for the upcoming demolition.

Night Time Sprayers

This is the last week for night time spraying. Next week the night time crew will clean vehicles and be done for the season. Due to the *Aedes aegypti* found, the district will keep two trucks running for Clearfield night time spraying.

FACILITY UPGRADE CONTRUCTION UPDATE:

Masonry is in process now. The concrete blocks reached over 12 feet high yesterday. The masonry will continue for the next two to three weeks, depending on weather. Next will be steel and decking to be put up, followed by the roofing. In November demolition of the old Pesticide Building is scheduled, and earthwork will begin for the new Pesticide Building. The upgrade construction is on schedule.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS COUNTY FOR STREAM ENCLOSURE:

There was a motion by Trustee Larene Kamalu to adopt the Interlocal Cooperation Reimbursement Agreement with Davis County to enclose a portion of Holmes Creek on District property. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brian Horrocks. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

As a side note, Trustee Larene Kamalu suggested spelling corrections should be made for the names Brian McKenzie and Stevenson in the Agreement drafted by the County.

EQUIPMENT:

Maintenance

One district truck was damaged two weeks ago. A seasonal employee scraped the side of the truck pulling out of the garage. The first estimate to repair the truck came in at $9,500. Manager White is getting two more estimates next week. He is also getting estimates for another truck that was damaged last year. The first estimate for that truck came in at $6,000. He may decide not to fix it and sell as is.

Manager White will check with The Trust to see if the district should go through them, depending on how much it will cost and how it will affect any rebate to the district. He will do whatever is financially best for the district.

Any other maintenance is routine for the time of year and the end of the season.

Equipment Update - Bids for 2 Ford F150, Nissan Frontier, 5 Honda Rubicons, ULV fogger

Manager White stated the purchase of this equipment has been budgeted for 2027. The process is to order now and pay when it arrives.

The 2027 equipment quotes are as follows:

Ford F150 Crew Cab - $53,641

Nissan Frontier - $43,441

Honda Rubican - $9,932

London Fogger - $15,999

As a side note, the district mechanic stated he can rebuild two of the current foggers for less than the price of one new one.

There was a motion by Trustee Larene Kamalu to order the trucks, the ATV's and the fogger. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nancy Smalling. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

BOARD TRAVEL & MEETINGS 2026/2027:

a) UMAA Annual Meeting – October 26-28, 2026 – Ogden, UT
b) MVCAC Annual Meeting – January 24-26, 2027 – Universal City, CA
c) AMCA Annual Meeting – March 1-5, 2027 – St. Louis, MO

Manager White needs the final count for Board members attending the UMAA Annual Meeting October 26-28.

Monday afternoon is the Trustee Training Session. This is not required unless you want to do Open and Public Meetings training there as well as New Board Member Training. There will be a reception on Monday evening. Tuesday will be the main day of the meeting from 8:00 -5:00. The Banquet at 6:00 is included. Wednesday is half a day from 8:00 -noon.

The California Meeting is in January. The AMCA Meeting is in St. Louis, MO.

Reminder to Board members that Trustee Training can be done online at the state auditor's website. There is also a link to the state auditor's website at the Utah Association of Special Districts website (https://www.uasd.org). Training can also be done with Board member city councils. A Certificate of Training or Minutes from City Council training should be sent to shirley@davismosquitoutah.gov. The link for online training is:

Https://training.auditor.utah.gov

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Trustee Nancy Smalling expressed appreciation for the district participation in the Sunset City Candy Crawl event in October. She also invited any who are interested to attend the dedication of Sunset City's Agent Orange Memorial event scheduled for November around the 20th. The Utah Agent Orange Veteran Foundation is constructing the largest memorial in the United States dedicated to victims of Agent Orange at Sunset City Veterans Memorial Park, in Sunset. The memorial is behind the Sunset City Offices. Former US Air Force Sergeant Larry Kerr is spearheading the memorial. He created the foundation after battling many health issues including cancer for many years due to Agent Orange exposure.

Manager White informed the Board that in March 2027 the WCMVCA Meeting will be held in Layton, Utah. There is a need for someone to come to the meeting and welcome them. Commissioner Larene Kamalu offered to come and welcome them. Manager White will email her the dates for this.

ADJOURN:

There was a motion to adjourn by Trustee Nancy Smalling. The MAD-D Board meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Scott Isaacson, Treasurer	Shirley Cox, Clerk