

Board Meeting Minutes
Mosquito Abatement District -Davis
March 14, 2026

The Mosquito Abatement Board meeting was held at the Kaysville facility and on Zoom.

Welcome by Board Chair Mike Blackham at 6:00 pm who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Board members Jim Grover, John Crofts, Marie Dougherty, Cheylynn Hayman, and Michele Swenson joined the meeting by Zoom.

No Conflicts of Interest declared.

MINUTES – OF 2/12/2026 BOARD MEETING:

John Crofts motioned to approve the minutes of the 12 January 2026 Board meeting. Kelly Enquist seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

6:03 pm Michelle Sweson, West Point, joined the meeting by Zoom.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer Scott Isaacson reviewed all the financials and reported that everything looks to be in order.

Nancy Smalling motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Mark Cottrell. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

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

Tyson Roberts motioned to accept the financial statement and approve the payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Danielle King. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

6:06 pm Marie Dougherty, Clinton, joined the meeting by Zoom.

MOSQUITO REPORT:

West Nile Update & Encephalitis Surveillance

The district lab is getting all the supplies ready for testing this season. A Proficiency Kit for mosquito testing is coming from the state for trial testing with the lab.

Mosquito Treatments, Spray Requests, Surveillance

Requests are coming into the office for spray requests. Anopheles freeborni hibernate as female adults. They are emerging and biting. The temperature is too cold to treat them yet.

The Tree hole Program has finished for the season. 690 tree holes were treated. The tree hole crew also looked for new tree holes near Aedes sierrensis in the process.

Julie Robertson asked when the district will begin treating adult mosquitoes.

Manager White stated that late April or May is the time to start treating adult mosquitoes. The temperature must be 50 degrees at dawn and dusk for chemicals to work properly. A note has been put on the district website about the temperatures, as well as answering other questions the public may be asking.

Tyson Roberts asked if the district could apply larvicide at this time.

Manager Hatch replied in the affirmative but stated that the mosquitoes emerging from hibernation are all adults.

EMPLOYEES:

Full time

Manager White started at the district on 23 February 2026. Outgoing Manager Hatch is shifting things over to Manager White. They are making good progress with the transition. The Board will need to approve a resolution at the April Board meeting giving Manager White access to the district PTIF accounts.

Seasonal Employees

Letters have been sent out to past seasonal employees for the 2026 season. The deadline was Tuesday, 10 March 2026 for returning employees to respond.

The seasonal positions have been posted on Handshake for college kids. Indeed is “scraping” the district website for employment information. There have been about 20 applicants for this next season to date.

Night-time Sprayers

Every night-time sprayer is returning with the exception of one. There is one seasonal employee from last year that will be working as a night-time sprayer this year. There have been 3 applicants so far for this next season.

UTAH STATE RETIREMENT:

URS is offering new Roth 401K and Roth 457 programs for employee contributions. They are also giving employers the opportunity to sign up for automatic enrollment into the retirement programs upon hiring new employees. The district has sent in the required application to enroll the district in the new programs offered as well as to add the automatic enrollment option for the district’s new hires. The new programs will take effect on 1 April 2026.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

The main legislation that passed was not concerning for mosquito abatement districts.

One bill that passed, regarding tax increases, mainly impacts groups on a fiscal budget year. It will be required of them to present two proposed budgets at their tax hearing. The two budgets would reflect what the budget looks like without the tax increase and with the tax increase so the public can see where the increased tax dollars will be spent.

Another bill that passed is regarding public hearings for tax increases. In the future there must be an extra meeting held just for the public hearing with no regular meeting after it.

There is also a bill that passed regarding cities who do not want the services any more of a special district. Examples of this would be when the city of Herriman did not want the garbage district that was in place, this bill made it possible for the city to get rid of their garbage service. This could affect mosquito abatement districts if other cities want to opt out of mosquito abatement services. For example, Cache Valley and Tooele did not want mosquito abatement services. It is unfair that the city receives the benefit without paying the cost of mosquito control. This will be one piece of legislation to keep an eye on for the impact to mosquito abatement districts.

Manager Hatch added that the big problem for Tooele Valley Mosquito

District is that the city of Tooele is expanding. Tooele opted out of mosquito abatement services many years ago when the district was initially forming. Tooele is now taking property that is annexed into the city and cutting off the mosquito abatement tax dollars connected to it. This situation applies with Logan as well. Logan is expanding out and not giving the tax benefit to mosquito abatement districts.

2026 EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Booklets and trading cards have been printed and purchased for the Education Program. The district is visiting 55 of the 64 schools in Davis County. 52 of the schools are public schools and 3 are charter schools. The staff has been busy with the education program. New this year are the Pondmon trading cards. There are 5 different sets that kids can trade.

Mark Cottrell stated that he attended a presentation at Burton Elementary School. He was impressed how much the third graders knew and how engaged they were in the presentation.

Manager Hatch sent out a schedule of presentations to board members earlier this year. There have since been a few changes. Manager White can get an updated schedule for any Board members interested in attending.

Tyson Roberts shared the presentation information with Layton City Council members. He stated that there may be a few they would be interested in attending. Tyson will be attending a presentation at Heritage Elementary.

Manager Hatch stated that anyone is welcome to attend. They will just need to tell the office that they are visiting for the mosquito abatement program.

DRONE MAPPING AND APPLICATION PLAN:

Manager White informed the Board that the district has a new drone. The previous drone made great applications in water. The new drone is specifically great for imagery in the water. With this new drone, the district is hoping to be able to map out different areas around the county and find water sources more easily. Water sources change constantly. The plan is to train the new drone intern and split work on Monday. One drone pilot will fly a drone for inspections while the other drone pilot will do treatments as needed with another assistant at the district. This will enable the drone crew to work quickly and with more efficiency.

PESTICIDE BUILDING:

CMGC – Contract Report

The CMGC contract has been signed and submitted.

90% Construction Documents

The 90% construction documents are completed. Final comments are due on 17 March 2026. Manager White offered to send a link to the documents to the Board so they can see the complete set of drawings.

For the benefit of new Board members, Board Chair Mike Blackham explained that the district is redoing the women's locker room, moving the lab, and rebuilding the pesticide storage building that is old and antiquated. He explained that Galloway and Company is the architect for the project and City Creek Construction is the General Contractor (CMGC) for the project. The initial cost of the project was to be seven million not to exceed ten million.

Manager Hatch stated the project looks to be at 7.8 million.

Manager White stated that staff will meet on Monday to get all comments in by 17 March 2026.

90% Budget

The 90% Budget will be available by April Board meeting.

Construction Plans Development Schedule

Submit to city - 13 April 2026

Break ground – 31 May 2026

Construction begins – 1 June 2026

Amendment to the Professional Service Agreement – Architects (Galloway)

Galloway increased their budget to match the scope of the project from including only the Pesticide Storage Building to include adding the women's locker room and moving the lab etc.

For the benefit of new Board members, Board Chair Mike Blackham explained that originally the project was only the Pesticide Storage Building but as the discussion continued about the growth of the district, it became a point of discussion to address the growth of female employees and the size of the lab for the amount of testing that is done. It was determined that this should be included in the project and the scope of the project

was increased. He stated that their percentage hasn't changed and it is based off of the total cost of construction.

There was a motion by Danielle King to approve an amendment to the professional service agreement with Galloway and Company to include the lab and the women's locker room. The motion was seconded by Mark Cottrell. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

FINANCING OPTIONS FOR BUILDING/FACILITY UPGRADE:

Previous to hiring Manager White, the Board discussed pursuing the best options for funding the Pesticide Storage Building Project. The Board looked at a Real Property Lease, which is the process that was used for the last three projects. This does not go out to the bond market. Manager White stated that Zions Bank has been a source of information to this point. In an effort to look at other options, the district plans on doing an RFP to see if other parties are interested.

John Crofts stated he is in favor of the RFP and feels money can be saved.

Board Chair Mike Blackham clarified that the process is to give Manager White the authority to send out the RFP and then when options are reviewed that is what will be approved.

Manager Hatch stated that the timeline for the RFP is to send them out next week and to give them two weeks to get them back to us. If there is any discussion with individuals, this can be clarified. It will then be ready for April's Board meeting to approve. He also stated that currently, rates are okay but not great, and they have increased a lot in the last week. Time is of the essence, he highly recommends moving as quickly as possible because rates can continue to increase in the next little bit.

John Crofts stated a wish to reinforce the point that he is in favor of giving other people the opportunity to bid. He specifically wanted to be sure Marcus Keller in Farmington have an opportunity to bid on the project.

EQUIPMENT:

Maintenance

ATV Spray Systems are completed and ATVs are getting ready to go out in the field for the season. Foggers are next on the schedule. The district will be ready to start when temperatures are right for spraying.

Equipment

The new boat is being made right now. Certain duck clubs require a boat to get out there. The Mud Buddy Motor for the boat has not arrived yet.

Sell ATV's

There are two Honda Rubicons and one Yamaha Kodiak with tracks the district is ready to sell. The 4500 does not have proper power steering though the steering is working. The 5500 does have power steering but the tracks need some work.

6:40 pm Jim Grover, Woods Cross, joined the meeting by Zoom at 6:40 pm.

Sell ATV Trailer

There is an ATV trailer the district is ready to sell. The price it will be listed at is \$2,200.

For the benefit of new Board members, Manager Hatch explained that the district is transitioning from trailers with a wood deck to all aluminum trailers. Aluminum trailers are easier for employees to handle, and they are half the weight of traditional wood deck trailers. They also require less maintenance.

There was a motion by Scott Isaacson to approve the sale of the ATV's discussed and the ATV Trailer. The motion was seconded by Nancy Smalling. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

UPDATE PTIF ACCOUNT:

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

BOARD TRAVEL & MEETINGS 2026:

- a) AMCA Annual Meeting – Mar 23-27, 2026 – Portland, OR
- b) Pac/Vec/RahpVec Joint Meeting – April 8-10, 2026 – Salt Lake City, UT
- c) UMAA Annual Meeting – Oct 26-28, 2026 – Ogden, UT

AMCA March 23rd – 27th

The AMCA meeting is March 23 – 27.2026. Manager White, Manager Hatch, Liz Hart, Paul Gines, Scott Isaacson and Cheylynn Hayman will be attending the meeting in Portland, Oregon. Kelly Enquist has conflicts on those dates and his registration was reimbursed.

Manager White informed the Board about the Pac/Vec/RaHP Vec Joint Meeting being held in Salt Lake City, UT April 8-10, 2026. PacVec stand for Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases is funded by the CDC and covers California, Arizona, Utah, Hawaii and the Pacific islands. They conduct mosquito control research. The RaHP Vec is Rockies and High Plains CDC funded Technical Evaluation and Training Center which covers Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle. The meeting is Mostly academic, but they do have districts that attend. It is free to attend, but attendees must register online. It will be held at the University of Utah for the first two days, then it will

be at the SLCMAD facility on the last day. Manager White will attend the meeting and will do a presentation about mosquito control in Utah.

The annual UMAA Meeting will be held October 26 – 28, 2026 in Ogden, Utah. Manager Hatch is currently the executive director of UMAA. Reminder to Board members that there are no hotel stays for the Board as it is being held in Ogden, Utah.

Manager Hatch stated that dinner will be moved to a ballroom upstairs which will accommodate an earlier serving time of 6:00 pm. The UMAA meeting will end at 5:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBER LIST:

Mike Blackham stated that the Board Member List needs to be updated and perhaps there can be a discussion on Board member travel. This can be a discussion for later. He suggested that Board travel could be determined by drawing out of a hat and putting the cities in rotation. Mike's concern is that some cities are always at the bottom of the list.

Manager Hatch stated that Board members must attend 60% of the meetings and be on the Board for six months before they are eligible for travel. The current travel list is meant to make it possible that in a four year term, every Board member would have an opportunity to attend one of the AMCA meetings. The goal is to send as many people as possible to the AMCA Annual meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None

ADJOURN:

There was a motion to adjourn by Nancy Smalling. The motion was seconded by Julie Robertson. The MAD-D Board meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

4/09/2026
Scott Isaacson, Treasurer

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Shirley Cox, Clerk