

## South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District

### Board Meeting Minutes

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 2:00 pm

The Board of Trustees of the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District (SSLVMAD), Salt Lake County, State of Utah, met via an electronic board meeting via Zoom with an anchor location established at the District offices at 7308 Airport Road, West Jordan, Utah.

The following board members were present Tarrah Anderson (Herriman), Ellen Birrell (Cottonwood Heights), Jeff Bossard (Brighton), Silvia Catten (Millcreek), Don Christensen (West Valley), Brad Gilson (Draper), Paul Glover (Midvale), Kelvin Green (West Jordan), Kathie Johnson (South Jordan), Chris Merket (South Salt Lake), Kristie Overson (Taylorsville), Linda Price (White City), Florence Reynolds (Sandy), Ilene Risk (Salt Lake County), Shannon Smith (Riverton), Laverne Snow (Murray), David Sundwall (Holladay), and Greg Wilding (Bluffdale).

The following board members were absent: Kathleen Bailey (Copperton), and Ty Brewer (Holladay).

Also attending were Dan McBride (District Manager), Scott Sommer (Assistant Manager), Eric Gardner (Assistant Board Clerk), Lorrin Colby Jr., and Steve VanMaren.

1. **Welcome.** Catten called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 2:00 pm.
2. **Citizen Comments.** No citizens commented.
3. **Board Conflicts of Interest Disclosures.** No board members disclosed any conflicts of interest.
4. **New Board Member-Oath of Office** Shannon Smith introduced herself as a new board member from Riverton, and David Sundwall introduced himself as a new board member from Holladay. Gardner administered the oath of office for Smith and then for Sundwall.
5. **Approve Minutes.** Green moved to approve the minutes of the November Board meeting and December public hearing. Bossard seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor; Gilson and Johnson were absent for the vote.
6. **Presentation on the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District**  
McBride presented information about SSLVMAD including sources of larval mosquito habitat, the history of mosquito-borne disease, and the beginnings of mosquito control in the state and the District. He noted that the District serves approximately 1.1 million residents across 21 municipalities. He introduced SSLVMAD staff, the District mission statement, and means of funding. McBride noted mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito species in the District, and mentioned the mosquito life cycle, including aquatic stages where control efforts are largely targeted. McBride described the integrated mosquito management approach taken by the District including physical control, biological control, education, and mosquito, disease, and resistance surveillance. McBride further described mosquito control programs at the District including an urban control team tasked with inspecting and treating ornamental ponds, livestock watering troughs, and cavities in trees, a bicycle-mounted catch basin

team tasked with treating stormwater catch basins, and a rural crew tasked with inspecting and treating mosquito habitat in mitigated and other wetlands. McBride noted that application of mosquito adulticide, fogging, is used as necessary, largely to help control mosquito-borne disease, and accounts for only about 5% of District control operations. McBride also described education and outreach efforts including presentations at community events and fairs, and in elementary school classrooms.

**7. 2026 Trustee Bylaw Review**

McBride explained that following revision in 2025, no additional adjustments to the Trustee Bylaws had been suggested and that he and the District's legal counsel were satisfied that the current version is adequate. Birrell moved to approve the Trustee Bylaws as presented. Risk seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

**8. 2026 Audit Discussion**

McBride reminded the board that a 5-year contract with the District's current auditor has now expired and noted the options of extending the contract for 1 year or beginning an accelerated bidding process to enter into a new contract with an auditor. He noted that the current auditor has been good to work with. In response to questions from Price and Risk, McBride explained that the current auditor has also worked with other mosquito abatement districts and could submit a bid for a new contract with the District. Price agreed that the auditor has been good to work with and made a motion to extend the contract for one year. Snow agreed and seconded the motion and expressed her preference for a thorough rather than accelerated bidding process. In response to questions from Green, Catten, and Snow, McBride explained that 5 years with an optional 1-year extension is the maximum length of contract for retaining an auditor and that a request for proposals for a new auditor contract can begin as soon as the audit is started to allow sufficient time to receive and review proposals and notify the selected auditor by the first of the year. The motion by Price and second by Snow passed with all in favor.

**9. Legislative Review**

McBride reviewed a list, prepared by the Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD), of proposed bills under consideration by the Utah legislature that may impact the District. He mentioned HB 17, HB19, HB 38, HB 73, HB 104, HB 130, HB 147, HB161, HB 212, HB 236, HB 309, HB 319, HB 449, HB 456, HJR 7, HJR 20, SB 23, SB 26, SB 64, SB 97, SB 178, SB 179, SB 193, and SB 238. McBride is participating in meeting of the UASD to stay aware of proposed legislation and express any concerns the District may have about the impact of proposed legislation.

**10. Conditions of the District**

McBride reported that current activities at the District include recruiting and planning for seasonal staff, purchasing supplies, and forecasting anticipated needs. He mentioned that though things are looking dry, the incidence of West Nile virus has, at times, been high in dry years.

McBride mentioned upcoming conferences including the annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) to be held in Portland, Oregon in

March, AMCA Washington Conference in May, Utah Mosquito Abatement Association annual meeting to be held in October and the annual meeting of the UASD in November. Sommer and McBride reported on their attendance at the annual meeting of the West Central Mosquito and Vector Control Association earlier in the month noting opportunities for networking and good information about use of drones in mosquito control, use of CO2 tanks with mosquito traps (an option the District is exploring), and response to invasive mosquito species, especially *Aedes aegypti*.

McBride reminded Board members of required Open and Public Meeting and Special District Board Member trainings and noted that some training will be offered at the March meeting of the Board.

McBride previewed the Annual Report and noted that the final report should be available by March.

As part of a safety report McBride reported that no accidents or incidents have been reported since the last board meeting.

In response to a question by Snow about emergency response preparation, including earthquake preparedness, McBride and Sommer described ongoing work on an updated emergency response plan including resources available from AMCA.

11. **Board Meeting Items for March 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting (to be held in-person)**

Risk noted that an update about the use of CO2 tanks in mosquito surveillance would be interesting.

12. **Approve Bills** Price moved to approve payment of the bills as presented; Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor; Anderson was absent for the vote.

13. **Adjourn.** Birrell moved to adjourn the meeting, Wilding seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.