

South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Board Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 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 in a board meeting at the District offices at 7308 Airport Road, West Jordan, Utah and via Zoom with an anchor location established at the District offices.

The following board members were present: Tarrah Anderson (Herriman), 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), Ellen Birrell (Cottonwood Heights), and Ty Brewer (Holladay).

Also attending were Dan McBride (District Manager), Scott Sommer (Assistant Manager), Eric Gardner (Assistant Board Clerk), Gene Drake, Lorrin Colby Jr., and Ryan Mahoney.

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. **Approve Minutes.** Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March Board meeting. Risk seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor. Anderson and Reynolds were absent for the vote.

5. **Quarterly Financial Review**

McBride presented a financial review of the first quarter. He noted that \$802,402.63 in the PTIF operating fund was lower than this time last year due to the timing of pesticide purchases and increased costs due to inflation. The PTIF Capital Fund was \$587,445.75, and PTIF Reserve Fund was \$616,616.69 with the Extraordinary Control Allowance at \$335,792, the Excess Fund Balance Allowance at \$197,625, Tuition Reimbursement at \$31,500, and Accrued Leave at \$52,000. The total account balance was \$2,009,276.60. Among outstanding debt, McBride noted \$97,369.63 in Accounts Payable, \$2,562.46 in Credit Card debt, and \$37,632.18 in payroll and tax liabilities.

McBride explained that the PTIF operating fund began at \$862,076.04. Deposits included some tax distributions and reinvestment interest for a total of \$46,003.31. Withdrawals totaled \$105,676.72, including payroll and bills.

McBride reported that the PTIF Capital fund grew by \$2,229.49 from reinvestment interest. No other deposits or withdrawals happened in the first quarter, and significant withdrawals are not planned in the next few months.

McBride reported that the reserve fund began at \$614,276.49, increased by \$2,340.20 in reinvestment interest, and ended at \$616,616.69.

The bank statement was presented displaying deposits and charges to the checking account. And the balance sheet demonstrated that assets and liabilities were equal. At \$5,295,142.28.

6. Conference Reports and Reviews

In reporting on attendance at a joint meeting of the Pacific Southwest Regional Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (PacVec) and the Rockies and High Plains Vector-Borne Diseases Training and Evaluation Center (RaHP VEC), McBride explained that PacVec and RaHP VEC receive funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allocated to 5 universities that engage in cooperative agreements with vector control agencies, other researchers, etc. to support research, training, and outreach related to vector control and disease prevention. McBride reported that at the joint meeting held in Salt Lake City in April, representatives from universities, CDC, Environmental Protection Agency, and public health agencies presented results from research funded through PacVec and RaHP VEC including on topics such as tree-hole mosquitoes, insecticide resistance, arboviral transmission, artificial intelligence based morphometrics, and modeling and forecasting. He indicated that SSLVMAD is partnering with PacVec and RaHP VEC to enhance the experience of interns at the District and receive some funding to facilitate intern presentations at professional meetings. Gardner also reported on attendance at the PacVec/RaHP VEC meeting noting value in connecting with representatives from PacVec and RaHP VEC and in seeing the kinds of projects previous interns supported by those agencies have engaged in.

Sommer and Gardner also attended the annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) in March and noted as highlights presentations about insecticide resistance among mosquito populations and techniques and analyses useful in detecting resistance and otherwise improving the rigor of research conducted at the District. Sommer participated in an education and outreach event at the meetings and returned with ideas to continue to improve education and outreach at SSLVMAD. He also mentioned resources to continue developing an emergency response plan, presentations about pesticide efficacy, and difficulties in obtaining drones for mosquito control applications.

7. Conditions of the District

McBride reported that the mosquito season started early this year due to warm weather in March. An early start may result in higher mosquito populations later in the season.

McBride noted that recruitment had been successful and around 60 applications had been received for seasonal technician and intern positions. That level of interest allowed the District to be selective in hiring and has resulted in the District being adequately staffed.

McBride explained that public outreach is seasonally shifting from school presentations to messaging through municipality public information officers and upcoming messaging and presentations at health fairs, and park and other outdoor events.

McBride reiterated that preparations for the mosquito season are on track. He noted that warm and dry summers have at times been associated with elevated arbovirus activity and commented about concerns shared by public health officials and about national and global trends of increasing arbovirus activity. He further explained that the District and public health agencies have tried to anticipate and plan to respond effectively to those concerns.

McBride mentioned upcoming conferences including the AMCA Washington Conference in May which McBride plans to attend, including as a representative of the Utah Mosquito Abatement Association (UMAA) and of the West Central Mosquito and Vector Control Association (WCMVCA). Additional conferences in 2026 include the UMAA annual meeting to be held in October and the annual meeting of the UASD in November. In early 2027 the annual meetings of the WCMVCA and AMCA will be held in Layton, UT and St. Louis, MO respectively.

McBride reminded Board members of required Open and Public Meeting and Special District Board Member training requirements and encouraged sending documentation of training completion to himself or board clerk Kassie Draper.

As part of a safety report McBride reported relevant goals had been accomplished and that one close call since the previous board meeting was under investigation.

In response to a question from Smith about challenges in mosquito control, McBride explained that resistance to active ingredients in many mosquito control products, including as impacted by exposures from agricultural or other applications, remains a problem.

In response to a question from Catten about an early start to the mosquito season McBride explained that some seasonal employees may start a bit early, but current cooler weather may also help temper the early start. He also expressed hope that a dry season could help mosquito numbers drop early.

8. **Board Meeting Items for April 10th Meeting**

McBride noted that the audit would be happening soon and the report delivered in an upcoming meeting.

9. **Approve Bills**

A motion was made by Price and seconded by Overson to approve the payment of the bills. The motion carried with all in favor. Bossard, Gilson, and Reynolds were absent for the vote.

10. **Adjourn.** Glover moved to adjourn the meeting, Green seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.