

South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Board Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 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), Silvia Catten (Millcreek), Don Christensen (West Valley), Brad Gilson (Draper), Paul Glover (Midvale), Kelvin Green (West Jordan), Kathie Johnson (South Jordan), 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), Jeff Bossard (Brighton), Ty Brewer (Holladay), and Chris Merket (South Salt Lake).

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

1. **Welcome.** Catten called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 2:02 pm.
2. **Citizen Comments.** No citizens commented.
3. **Board Conflicts of Interest Disclosures.** No board members disclosed any conflicts of interest.
4. **Approve Minutes.** Overson moved to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting. Price seconded the motion, and the motion carried with all in favor.

5. **Final Legislative Review**

McBride reviewed a list, prepared by the Utah Association of Special Districts (UASD), of bills passed by the Utah legislature that may impact the District. He mentioned HB 17, HB 19, HB 38, HB 73, HB 130, HB 147, HB 212, HB 236, HB 309, HB 319, HB 429, HB 535, SB 193, and SB 238.

6. **Hosting a 2026 Vote Center for Salt Lake County**

McBride explained that the Salt Lake County Clerk had suggested that the SSLVMAD facility, especially the board room could potentially qualify to be a designated vote center, and McBride expressed his opinion that such a use may strengthen the District's relationship with the county and could help people become familiar with the facility and District. In response to questions from Green and Snow, McBride explained that the District would not charge a fee for use, there would not be a drop box, and that the District facility would be used for voting, not counting votes. Catten mentioned some requirements of vote centers and expressed her opinion that it would be a good use of a taxpayer funded facility. In response to a question from Christensen, McBride explained that the District has adequate storage and that a site visit from the county

would be conducted to verify that all requirements are met. Green moved to approve the use of the District facility as a 2026 vote center. The motion was seconded by Snow and carried with all in favor.

7. **2025 Annual Report**

McBride presented the 2025 Annual Report noting adjustments to reduce the number of tables and include more pictures. He highlighted sections describing board members, regular and seasonal staff, funding and the budget, weather, larval and adult mosquito surveillance, larval mosquito control efforts including in tree-holes, ornamental ponds, watering troughs, catch basins and non-container habitat, adult mosquito control, service requests, arbovirus activity, productivity, the District's education program, research conducted at the District, pesticide use and cost, and the population and area serviced by the District. McBride explained that the report would be available on the District website.

8. **Conditions of the District**

McBride reported that recruitment of seasonal employees is going well, several applications have been received, including from returning employees. He noted that hiring decisions will be made in the coming weeks and that most seasonal employees would start in early May. McBride noted that additional current and upcoming activities include starting field work, attending the annual meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA), continuing to improve an emergency response plan, and conducting pesticide inventory.

McBride explained that mosquitoes may be abundant early in the season, but the most concerning vector species are active later. He reiterated 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 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.

McBride reported that because of rising costs of dry ice and to improve consistency, the District is planning to look at replacing dry ice as a CO₂ source for adult mosquito traps with tanks of compressed CO₂ gas. A pilot study is planned for 2026 and, depending on findings, the new CO₂ system may be operational in 2027.

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

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.

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

McBride noted that the Employee Handbook and the Procedures Manual are scheduled to be reviewed in the April meeting.

10. **Approve Bills**

A motion was made by Risk and seconded by Snow to approve the payment of the bills. The motion carried with all in favor.

11. **Adjourn.** Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, Glover seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.

12. **Open and Public Meeting Act Training.** An Open and Public Meeting Act training video prepared by the Utah Office of the State Auditor was presented and viewed by Green, Reynolds, Johnson, Risk, Price, Glover, Sundwall, and Gilson. Colby was also present.