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MASON VALLEY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
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The Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District Board held their monthly meeting January 11, 2023.

PRESENT		ABSENT
Bud Stinson		Jessica Halterman
Alyce Reese	Joan Blake	Linda Romero
Ed Moreda		

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairwoman, Joan Blake, In accordance with the "Nevada Open meeting law", the meeting is taped. Meeting tapes will be stored in the Mosquito Abatement Office.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

+ **Agenda January 22, 2023 meeting.** Motion by Ed Moreda to accept January 11, 2023 meeting agenda, second by Alyce Reese.

+ **Minutes of November 9, 2022.** Motion by Ed Moreda to accept minutes as presented, Second by Alyce Reese

+ Approve District Manager's annual performance appraisal.
Member discussed and approved Bud's performance appraisal with a 2.5% merit wage Increase retroactive to December 1, 2022.

District Manager's Report ** December 2022

Pretty "quite" month. Bud mostly did office work eg; cleaning files, working in chemical Storage building, and catching up on information pertaining to the new varieties and Uses of chemicals. Bud continues to research using liquid vs. residual granular products.

For aerial applications. Bud will be driving the new Mosquito Abatement District vehicle purchase. 2023 Chevrolet, single cab, long bed truck for the price of \$36,543 plus a quote of \$499. To install A tow package. Vehicle purchased from local Wild West Motors through the state program. Bud will begin outfitting the truck for mosquito abatement equipment, etc. Budget packages are being sent out by Josh. Bud will be reviewing.

+ **BILLS - December 2022.** Ed Moreda made a motion to approve December 2022, Bills in the amount of \$2,475.21, Second by Alyce Reese. NOTE: September 2022 bill From Frey Aviation for aerial spraying was included in December bills.

Correspondence: Jessica Halterman submitted her letter of resignation from the board. Copy attached.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM. Alyce Reese, Secretary 

Jessica Halterman
609 Cartwright Avenue
Yerington, NV 89447
November 9, 2022

Joan Blake
Chairwoman
Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Dear Ms. Blake and Board Members:

It is with regret that I tender my resignation from the MVMAD Advisory Board effective November 9, 2022. Business and family life have consumed my time and I feel I can no longer obligate the time necessary to serve on this board. I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to learn new things and to serve as a member for the past few years.

Sincerely,



Jessica Halterman

Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District

Yerington, Nevada

District Manager's Report

For January, 2023

With all of January being wet or frozen, all off road travel became impossible. Typically I would be doing a brushing project, this time of year but due to the off road conditions, that hasn't been feasible. So last month was mostly office time and working in the chem shed. It was time to get the 2024 Budget done, which I did, as well as took in a couple more webinars.

I made a few changes to the budget, mostly what we have discussed in past meetings. We brought the wages up on the "full time seasonal position" to \$18/hr. And for this season we added a second "part time seasonal" for \$15/hr. This new position was created due to the extreme snowpack we are faced with, this year, and will be from mid-May to mid-August. Hopefully we will find someone interested. Mary Howard will be returning this season as our full time seasonal, and I will be advertising for the second position.

The only other changes I've made to the budget were raising our insurance line, to try and stay ahead of the rising cost and I increased our Chemical line from \$125K to \$150K, in preparation of the upcoming season. Any other suggestions? We ARE going to have mosquitos this year, our goal is to keep everyone healthy and safe. Mosquito trapping will begin early this year, and be on a bi-weekly cycle. Any signs of Arboviruses will be met with extreme mosquito control tactics!

Our new truck is now licensed and on the road. I'm still learning the "bells and whistles" but it is nice! I have to have a new set of tires put on because the stock tires do not get around off road very well, I have already done a "mud test" lol! They do not work well! Anyway, we still have to install the emergency lights, for fogging at night and I will mount the sprayer before blackfly applications, in March. I will wait to mount the fogger till mid-May, weather dependent. No need for the extra weight in early spring.

Currently I am making preparations for the upcoming AMCA Conference, at the end of the month. I will be there from 2/27-3/2/23.

Ok, that's it for now, questions/comments?

B.W.Stinson

