

Churchill County Mosquito, Vector, and Noxious Weed Abatement District
Board of Trustees
Churchill County, Nevada
7400 Reno Highway
Fallon, NV 89406
Meeting August 10th, 2023
OPEN MEETING SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman, Cynthia McGarrah called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairwoman, Cynthia McGarrah
Vice Chairman, Marion Jonte
Trustee, Richard Grondin
Trustee, Barry Stewart
Trustee, Kim Turner

Legal Counsel, Joe Sanford
District Manager, Nancy Upham
Assistant Manager, JD MacKay
Board Secretary, Melania Sagi

Public Present

None

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:

District Manager, Nancy Upham, requested that the Agenda be adopted as is. Trustee Richard Grondin made a motion to adopt the Agenda, Trustee Barry Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Approval of Minutes from July 13th, 2023:

Vice Chairman, Marion Jonte made a motion to approve the minutes from July 13th, 2023. Trustee Kim Turner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Certificate of Posting:

Ms. Upham stated that the Agenda was posted in accordance with NRS.

7. Correspondence:

1. 07-03-2023 POOL/PACT Certificate of Participation for:
 - a. Overall Liability
 - b. Pollution Legal Liability
 - c. Cyber and Property Liability

Ms. Upham explained that these were the certifications from POOL/PACT verifying our coverage. Mr. Stewart asked what Cyber Liability entailed. Board Secretary, Melania Sagi responded that it was protection for the District when it comes to communications, the website, and anything to do with our online presence.
2. 07-06-2023 Recent legislation affecting public sector businesses and collective bargaining.

This is some of the language that describes the legislation that affects entities involved with public service. Ms. Upham stated that she was consulting with the District personnel attorney, Jordan Walsh, to hopefully decertify the Union.
3. 07-07-2023 Climate report for June 2023
Ms. Upham offered to bring a high-point comparison between June and July to the next Board Meeting.
4. 07-07-2023 California Arboviral update.

This report shows how mosquito-carrying diseases are affecting California. This gives the District an idea of what it can tentatively expect since these diseases will typically affect California first.
5. 07-13-2023 Department of Transportation communication regarding reimbursement for noxious weed work for 2021-2022.

The District requested reimbursement for work completed during fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Fiscal year 2021-2022 was paid but 2020-2021 has become a stale file.
6. 07-14-2023 California Arboviral update.
7. 07-27-2023 Department of Transportation State Claim reimbursement.
8. 07-27-2023 Fallon Tribal Department requesting an aerial contract.

The Paiute Shoshone tribe requested information about aerial spray contracts. Ms. Upham suggested the tribe negotiate with Frey Spray Inc. to obtain their own contract to avoid any budgeting confusion.
9. 07-27-2023 Department of Agriculture — Dodder Information.

Dodder is an invasive weed that has become prevalent in Churchill County. Included is information about this plant.
10. 07-27-2023 Carson Water Subconservancy District Floodplain Management.
11. 07-28-2023 California Arbovirus update

8. Appointment:

None

9. Old Business:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the District’s Mission Statement and Goals. Ms. Upham requested the Board member’s assistance to review and revise the District’s Mission Statement and Goals. The document is outdated and some of the wording would benefit from the fresh perspective of the new Board members. Ms. Sagi asked the Board members to edit, correct, and cover the document in suggestions and then return them to her at their earliest convenience.

10. New Business:

1. Brief discussion of Arboviruses (mosquito-borne illnesses) especially pertaining to Churchill County. This is an invitation to a more detailed discussion later. Ms. Upham explained that this would be a very brief overview of arboviruses so that she could compose an in-depth PowerPoint for the future based on the Board members’ questions and interests. Mr. Jonte asked which birds better amplify viruses and which viruses are more prevalent in the fowl species. Ms. Upham responded that she would include a breakdown and the next meeting.

11. District Manager’s Report and Operations Review:

Ms. Upham explained that the Field technicians were told to distribute long-term larvicides since they have so much territory to cover. There has been one adulticide flight over Carson Lake.

Mr. Stewart asked if the airboat was getting much use. Assistant Manager JD MacKay responded that, yes, he and a technician have taken it out quite a few times. Mr. Stewart asked about fuel consumption. Mr. MacKay said that it burns quite a bit of fuel. It requires jet fuel, so they try to keep that cost in mind when utilizing it.

12. Board Member’s Reports:

None

13. Any Request for Future Agenda Items:

Mr. Jonte requested information about vector carriers.

Ms. McGarrah added the District’s Mission Statement and Goals revisions.

Mr. Stewart would like an education program for mosquito control to be looked into for grade school-age children.

14. Expenditures:

July 2023 Expenditures:

Payroll:	\$49,801.80
Vendors:	\$7,946.98
Reimbursement:	\$-2,470.00
Total:	\$55,278.78

Mr. Stewart made a motion to approve the July 2023 Expenditures. Mr. Grondin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

15. Public Comment:

None

16. Adjournment:

Ms. McGarrah called the meeting to a close at 6:31 P.M.

Cynthia McGarrah

SIGNATURE:

Chairwoman or Vice Chairman

11-28-2023

DATE: