

Churchill County Mosquito, Vector and Noxious Weed Abatement District
Board of Trustees
Churchill County, Nevada
7400 Reno Highway
Fallon, NV 89406
Meeting September 11, 2025
OPEN MEETING SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairman Grondin called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Richard Grondin, Chairman
David Brown, Vice-Chairman
Marion Jonte, Trustee
Kevin Porteus, Trustee

Joe Sanford, Legal Counsel
Jeff Weed, Legal Counsel
JD MacKay, District Manager
Kori Meyer, Board Secretary

Public Present

NONE

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment:

NONE

4. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Review and Adoption of the Agenda:

Trustee Brown noted that there was no agenda item for the purchase of a weed truck for the District. District Manager MacKay explained that we did not have enough information yet to move forward. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a new weed truck will be postponed to a future meeting. Trustee Jonte made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Trustee Porteus seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no opposition.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approval Minutes from August 14, 2025:

Chairman Grondin noted a correction that needed to be made. On the last page of the minutes under Item #11, District Manager's Report and Operations Report, in the last sentence of the last paragraph related to Trustee Jonte's question regarding making dry ice, it should state "CO2 tanks" instead of "nitrogen tanks". Trustee Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as read with the correction

from “nitrogen tanks” to “CO2 tanks” from the August 14, 2025 meeting. Trustee Porteus seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no opposition.

6. Certificate of Posting:

District Manager MacKay noted that the agenda was posted in accordance with N.R.S. Statutes.

7. Correspondence:

- 8-4-25 Ryan Arkoudas – Updates from Clarke / Biogents Catalog & Price List

District Manager MacKay explained that the update was relevant because the District had been buying a good bit of our chemicals from Clarke. There was an issue with a production run of Natular G30, but after checking the relevant lot numbers against inventory on hand, the District determined that we were not affected.

The District has been considering different options for trapping beyond the CO2 dry ice traps, so District Manager MacKay had Mr. Arkoudas send a price list and catalog of their trapping options. A lot of what is offered isn't relevant to what the District is going to do, but District Manager MacKay would like to expand our abilities. He is going to talk to Mr. Arkoudas to discuss what would suit the District's needs, but has not heard back from him yet. There are a lot of options to look into – some traps attract using light, and some use different scented strips. They offer automated traps that have counters built in and differentiate between a moth and a mosquito. These can also be hooked into a phone to access information remotely.

Trustee Jonte asked if the District is still counting and segregating what is trapped. District Manager MacKay explained that the District hasn't been trapping quite enough. We have done some trapping but there hasn't been enough volume to use the speciator. He attributed the lower mosquito rates to the (drier) year that we are having. Chairman Grondin expressed interest in learning more about the traps when the District finds one suited to their needs.

8. Appointments:

NONE

9. Old Business:

- Discussion and possible action re: increasing Board stipend

This was placed under old business as the wording and specifics of the stipend amount had changed at the last meeting. The updated wording is under “New Business”.

10. New Business

- Discussion and possible action re: purchasing washer and dryer for District

The District expects that a washer and dryer will cost approximately \$2000.00 for the machines and associated hardware. The District is waiting for estimates from plumbers and electricians on what it will cost to get the correct plumbing

and 220 / 120 power to the area where the machines will be placed. The employees will use the lockers to store clothing in and will change in the restrooms. After further discussion, it was decided to table the decision until the next meeting, when the District has the quotes for the associated plumbing and electrical requirements for the installation of the washer and dryer.

Chairman Grondin made a motion to table the discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a washer and dryer until the next meeting. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no opposition.

- Discussion and possible action re: increasing the stipend to the Board members to \$2600.00 per year.

Trustee Porteous stated that he was against increasing the stipend.

Chairman Grondin is in support, noting that he feels that there hasn't been a lot of interest in the position in the past and that he hopes, that by increasing the stipend, it will generate more interest from the public. Trustee Jonte felt the stipend was needed. Trustee Brown, noting that he is the youngest member of the Board, recognized Chairman Grondin's stance but feels that people don't realize what the Board does, or some don't even know of its existence. He has mixed feelings about raising the stipend, understanding that the Board performs a community service, but it is done in the best interests of the County, not for the money. In the end, he doesn't feel that the stipend should be raised.

Chairman Grondin made a motion to approve increasing the stipend to the Board members to \$2,600.00 per year. There was no second.

Chairman Grondin made a motion to drop the action of increasing the stipend to the Board. Trustee Porteous seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with no opposition.

11. District Manager's Report and Operations Review

District Manager MacKay went over the zone, chemical usage and acreage report, noting that service requests and needs really start ramping up in July, with August usually being the worst. The weather was helpful in August with lots of windy evenings. The District continues to move fish around, and he believes this has helped a lot. The District also sent up a couple of flights, but one was only a partial flight. Torvik's was missed, which started a hatch-off. We treated it with larvicide to kill what was there. The Stillwater area also got away from us a bit. Zone 4 was particularly bad, but we have problem areas rising up. There is a place off of Stark that had water that no one knew was there. Trustee Jonte asked about the chicken testing. District Manager MacKay explained that we have been testing and that we had a positive from the pool off of Jacobs Rd. (in Zone 1). There will be a report on that at the next meeting, but the area has a really isolated adult population. The District sought it out thoroughly, fogged it consecutively, so it's under control.

12. Board Member's Report

NONE

13. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Discussion and possible action re: filling the empty Board seat

Trustee Brown asked about the replacement of the weed truck. District Manager MacKay stated that we still need to get some numbers together, but that the District would probably not see the new truck until next fall (2026). We have a good relationship with the company that provided the 1998 Dodge truck that is currently in use, and he is hoping to continue with them because they have provided excellent customer service when the District has had a need. He went on to explain the issues with the current truck – the braking capacity is not up to the load, the chassis is overburdened, and the system as a whole is outdated. The computers don't match up to new hardware. The truck is also not four-wheel drive, which is problematic. ACTION ITEM: Provide some rough numbers to the Board at the next meeting to put the purchase of a new weed spray truck in motion.)

14. Discussion and possible action re: Approval of Expenditures

Trustee Jonte made a motion to approve the expenditures. Chairman Grondin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition.

15. Public Comment

NONE

16. Adjournment

Trustee Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Grondin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

