**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**468thMEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**42624 6TH STREET EAST, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA 93535**

**(661) 942-2917**

**APRIL 24, 2025**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: David Gantenbein, Elvie Ancheta, Cei Kratz, and Elias Acevedo. Tierney Smith-Woods arrived at 4:09PM

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: None.

**STAFF PRESENT**: Leann Verdick and Carolyn Etherton (consultant)

**OPENING**: President Gantenbein called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and asked Leann Verdick to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: limit to 3 minutes:

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest that are within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, and are not otherwise posted on the agenda. No members of the public were present.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER FROM THE CITY OF PALMDALE, ELIAS ACEVEDO**

Elias Acevedo was born and raised in Los Angeles, but recently moved to Palmdale to be with family. When he lived in L.A., he worked within the community and became the president of the Latino Chamber of Commerce in Compton. He has 30 years of experience in finance, where he progressed to Finance Manager, along with vehicle sales.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 27, 2025 MEETING MINUTES.**

Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the Minutes. Trustee Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH EFT’S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF $317,742.96, ACTUAL EXPENSES AREA TOTAL OF $81,742.96.**

***\*Fund transfer of $236,000.00 was made on 3/27/25 to our LAIF Savings account.***

Trustee Ancheta moved to approve the EFT and Warrants. Trustee Kratz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1765 FOR A TOTAL OF $ 100,000.00**

Trustee Kratz moved to approve the Requisition. Trustee Gantenbein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT**

Firstly, our new employee just started this week. He is doing well as the transition from his previous job to this position is very similar. Preston started off the week with training online (Driving Safety, Mosquito Biology, etc.) and has now had three days in the field where he is picking up his tasks fairly quickly. Secondly, we have sold all of the excess vehicles, the two most recent being on GovDeals, which has been an easy and excellent resource to use. The first vehicle that we listed with them was a Jeep that sold for $7,000 and the second was a truck that sold for $4,250. All expenses were on the buyer, along with the pickup. Our insurance has gone down to reflect our inventory; we have received reimbursement checks from SDRMA to reflect these decreases. Thirdly, Brenna has been busy getting the event calendar filled for the season. She had just participated in the Spring Fest that the City of Palmdale puts together every year, this did conflict with two other big events in the Antelope Valley but Spring Fest is always a bigger turnout which is why we decided to go that route. The poppy festival is this weekend, we will have a booth there for the three days it is running. The school districts are finally opening up and Brenna is booking a lot of Career Days and class presentations, along with getting in with three of the Farmers Markets that we have in the area. Fourthly, Karen’s Retirement lunch will be on Tuesday, May 13th at noon, it will be located at Don Sal’s on Lancaster Boulevard. Karen’s last day will be on May 16th. Finally, we are getting closer to the conclusion of the lawsuit. There was a mediation on May 18th where it is looking like the case will not be in our favor; our lawyers have been able to lower the original asking price of $900,000 down to $450,000. As more information becomes available, Leann will let the board know.

**APPROVAL TO RESCHEDULE JUNE BOARD MEETING TO JUNE 19, 2025 AT 4:00PM, DUE TO CALENDAR CONFLICT.**

Meeting is set for Thursday, June 19th at 4:00 PM., in-person. Trustee Ancheta moved to approve meeting time and date. Trustee Gantenbein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22, 2025 AT 4:00 PM,**

 **AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, President Gantenbein adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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Elvie Ancheta David Gantenbein

Board Vice President Board President