**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**452nd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

**(661) 942-2917**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: John Manning, David Gantenbein, Elvie Ancheta, and Cado Dhinsa.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: Tierney Smith-Woods

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

**OPENING**: President Manning called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST EFT’S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF $117,550.17:**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve EFT’s and Warrants. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1744 FOR A TOTAL OF $50,000.00:**

Trustee Manning moved to approve the Requisition. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11 TO CONTINUE REMOTE TELECONFERENCE**

**\*THIS IS TO STAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH AB361, TO BE DONE EVERY 30 DAYS**

Trustee Ancheta moved to approve Resolution 2023-11 to continue remote teleconference. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT:**

Leann Verdick was able to have a Zoom meeting with representatives for Lancaster and Palmdale, along with their respective attorneys. It started off with the District asking if they researched and understood what a JPA would like with a special district; this being different from any of the other entities that they have absorbed into city functions. We operate under the CA Public Health & Safety Code, own property and vehicles, have a benefits program for employees, all of which would be affected by a JPA. No one said anything, leaving the impression that they have not looked into what that would mean for either party. The Palmdale attorney was the most vocal, bluntly stating that the reason they want a JPA is because the cities believe the district to be failing miserably. Leann adamantly stated that the district is not failing at all, the only deficit in the budget is what was owed for the failed Proposition 218 and the reason we went forward with running the prop is because the district had outgrown the assessment that was created in 2005. This led to them stating that the cities would prefer that the district move the timeline up for another Proposition 218, so that it would have sooner rather than later; our attorney mentioned that both agencies need to be involved with the district with outreach to see that the measure passes. Towards the end of the meeting the Palmdale Deputy City Manager asked for more information, much to the consternation of Leann as she stated that there has been numerous emails sent from the very beginning on every function and budget the district has operated under in recent years. Since what has been sent is not working, Leann pressed that she ask specific questions so there is no misunderstanding and everyone gets the questions they have on mind, answered. After the meeting Leann put together some more information and passed it onto our attorney to get his opinion, to which he said we should add in more figures, thinking snapshots of our revenue and expenses from the last 5 years would help. He mentioned that putting a district comparison would help, bringing attention what other districts have at their disposal and what we have to work with may make it apparent that a Proposition 218 was needed. We are needing to get this all together as soon as possible since our attorney will be unavailable for any meetings until the end of October. With the holidays coming up, the time crunch is becoming more and more pressing as no one has much availability around this time of year. Leann has been keeping everyone notified on our progress with the given task of providing more information.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 4:00 PM, VIA ZOOM:**

No further comment.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Gantenbein adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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Elvie Ancheta David Gantenbein

Board Secretary Board Vice President