**ANTELOPE VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**425th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**42624 - 6TH STREET EAST, LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA 93535 (661) 942-2917**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**: John Manning, Elvie Ancheta, David Gantenbein, Steve Hofbauer and Tierney Smith-Woods.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**: None

**STAFF PRESENT**: Leann Verdick

**OPENING**: President Manning called the meeting to order at 4:08 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.

**PRESENTATION FROM JOHN W. BLISS, PRESIDENT- SCI CONSULTING GROUP, REGARDING PROP 218 ELECTION PROCESS:**

John W. Bliss broke down their understanding of Lancaster and Palmdale demographics and gave a general idea of how they felt our success would be with Prop 218 and their loose game plan for going forward if they were to be hired. Two great points he makes that lend to our needing this Prop 218 to pass is: firstly, the fact that we, AVMVCD, are so underfunded there is a high probability that it will be well received by the public; secondly, he mentions that while our last assessment was good, having a new more updated contemporary assessment would benefit us in the sense that it would bring us up to date with current law and keep us there much longer than our current assessment will. Mr. Bliss goes on to explain the general steps that would be taken, typically in the order of: finding a budget > surveying (optional but ideal) >ballots (need 50% of the weighted votes to pass). To help with funding the ballots (which make up most of the cost) and/or surveying, the county does sometimes step in to help and it is handled either by making an arrangement to pay back what was given or treating it as a grant; this agreement to help pay is ideally done prior to any agreement between AVMVCD and SCI Consulting Group. He concludes by stating that what needs to happen next is an agreement on their formal proposal, after which we will officially begin the process of Prop 218 with the help and guidance of SCI Consulting Group.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES:**

Trustee Hofbauer moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF EFT’S AND WARRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF $106,315.06:**

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

**APPROVAL OF REQUISITION NO. 1719 FOR A TOTAL OF $100,000:**

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

**APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN AVMVCD AND BEST BEST & KRIEGER, LLP:**

Trustee Gantenbein moved to approve the legal services agreement. Trustee Ancheta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISTRICT MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE REPORT:**

Aedes is now present in both Lancaster and Palmdale, there was breeding found in a home near A.V. Community College and luckily they, as far as we know, were isolated. They were found in propagating plant containers (cups of water with plant cuttings), and saucers underneath planters (which were all dumped) that had water collecting. Owners were informed on proper plant maintenance and how they can keep this from happening again. Because of the new findings in both Lancaster and Palmdale we had another Press Release go out informing the community of the ongoing Aedes problems, since they are our best defense due to the preferred habitat of this specific mosquito. Another Press Release was posted once we were informed that there was a positive human case for West Nile; luckily the first, and hopefully the last, positive for this season. Lastly, there was an extension given for AB 361, which allows for us to continue with teleconference meetings.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28, 2021 AT 4:00 VIA ZOOM**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** None.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, President Manning adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Approved:

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John Manning Elvie Ancheta

Board President Board Secretary