

# UINTAH MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

## BOARD Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Uintah Mosquito Abatement District (UMAD) was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025. The Board Meeting was held at the abatement's district office located at 1425 East 1000 South in Naples, Utah.

### **Board Members Present**

Gary "Red" Hatch – Naples City  
Ted Munford – Vernal City  
Dean Bell – Uintah County  
Cynthia Mattinson – Uintah County

### **Administration Present**

Danny Rasmussen – Director  
Trevor Weeks – Assistant Director

### **Board Members Present by Phone**

Lori Leatham – Ballard City

### **Public**

None

### **Board Members Absent**

- 1. Call to order**  
Red Hatch called the meeting to order at approximately 5:55 pm.
- 2. Prayer or inspirational thought**  
Ted Munford shared a prayer.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**  
Trevor Weeks led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Roll call**  
Refer to the table above for those in attendance.
- 5. Oath of Office – Dean Bell reappointment**  
Rasmussen noted that Dean Bell had been sworn in previously by Kathryn Peacock, the district Clerk.
- 6. Public input**  
None.

**7. Report on the Fraud Risk Hotline email and the drop box located at the district office**

Lori Leatham reported that there had been nothing reported via the districts Fraud Risk Hotline. Rasmussen reported that nothing had been submitted to the drop box located at the district office.

**8. Approval of the February regular board meeting minutes**

Copies of the tentative minutes for the February board meeting minutes were given to the board members prior to the board meeting for review. Dean Bell made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**9. Approval of the bills, expenditures, and financial statements**

Copies of the bills, expenditures, and financial statements were given to the board members prior to the Board Meeting for review. Cindy Mattinson made the motion to accept the bills, expenditures, and financial statements. Dean Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**10. Approval of 2025 Annual Report of the Uintah Mosquito Abatement District**

Copies of the 2025 Annual Report were given to the board members prior to the Board Meeting for review. Dean Bell made the motion to accept the 2025 Annual Report of the Uintah Mosquito Abatement District. Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**11. Report on 2025 AMCA Annual Meeting**

Lori Leatham noted she learned of the movement across country of aedes aegypti mosquitos which are a vector disease that affect humans. She and Cindy visited the rain forest on a trustee's tour, and noted that the numbers of bats, birds, and lizards kept the mosquito population at bay. Cindy Mattinson stated she learned a lot through the visual aspects used in the training. Trevor Weeks focused on training as relating to culex development and how global warming is extending the breeding season of the species. He also mentioned how other districts run their drone program. He gained contact information and resources with respect to drones. Danny Rasmussen reported that he learned of a district that had improved their overall control of mosquitos by having managers monitor "hot spots", and then delegating those sources to field technicians on a daily basis, vs. allowing field staff to manage their own areas.

**12. Approval for Danny to attend CDC Bottle Bioassay training May 8, 2025 in Salt Lake City**

Rasmussen explained that there is a need within the boundaries of the district to conduct a pesticide resistance study and requested permission to attend a Bottle Bioassay Training. The training will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City in conjunction with the Annual UMAA Meeting which will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>. Seasonal employees and fulltime staff will be attending the UMAA meeting. Lori Leatham made the motion for

Rasmussen to attend that training. Dean Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**13. Manager's Report: questions, answers, and discussion**

Copies of the manager's report was given to the board members prior to the Board Meeting. No further action needed.

**14. Approval to retain (1) surplus ATV trailer previously approved to sale**

Trevor Weeks explained the need for retaining (1) trailer which the board had previously approved to sale as surplus equipment. Cindy Mattinson made the motion for the trailer to be retained. Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**15. Approval for all board members to be listed on the new signature card at Zions Bank**

Rasmussen informed the board that Zions Bank is now requesting a copy of board meeting minutes as documentation, that the board has approved all board members to be listed on the signature card. He suggested that the board make a motion which would authorize all board members, current and future, to be listed on the signature card unless a change is otherwise deemed necessary and approved by the board. Dean Bell made the motion that all board members, current and future, to be listed on the signature card unless otherwise deemed necessary and approved by the board. Lori Leatham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**16. Approval to hire a contractor or USU staff to test viability of lidar and thermal imagery technologies to improve mosquito larviciding practices.**

Rasmussen explained sicarios in which he felt like these technologies could improve the district's ability to make more accurate aerial larvicide applications. He suggested that the district try these technologies in isolated areas to prove their viabilities before spending money on a larger scale project. Lori Leatham made the motion to approve Rasmussen's idea of testing these technologies up to \$20,000. Cindy Mattinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**17. Approval of updated 2025 Pesticide Discharge Management Plan (PDMP)**

Rasmussen explained that he had made slight changes to the PDMP by changing the wording regarding adulticiding thresholds and use of a drone. Dean Bell made the motion to approve updated 2025 PDMP. Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**18. Review and discuss the district's current health insurance plan and other options. Take action as determined.**

Rasmussen initiated a discussion regarding the current health insurance plan, stating his belief that the decision should not rest solely with him due to his personal benefit. Ted Munford proposed that Rasmussen should research and compile a few different options for the board members to review. Cindy Mattinson and Ted Munford provided examples of health plan structures at Tri County Health and Vernal City, respectively. Rasmussen agreed to prepare a few options for consideration. The board tabled this discussion, with the intention of revisiting it before the May 23 open enrollment deadline.

**19. Approval of certain seasonal employees' wages**

- a. **Alan Peacock** – proposed \$22.85
- b. **Robert Judd** – proposed \$18.67
- c. **Katie Hermann** – proposed \$17.67
- d. **Christian Miller** – proposed \$17.67
- e. **Bob Barton** – proposed \$17.67

Rasmussen explained each potential employee/employees' situation. Red Hatch made the motion to approve wages as stated above. Ted Munford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**20. Proposal to change the date for the regularly scheduled board meeting of August 14, 2025 to August 21, 2025**

Rasmussen explained he needed to move it. Dean Bell made the motion to change the date of upcoming board meeting to August 21, 2025. Cindy Mattinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

**21. Restructure of UMAD Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual for the purpose of lowering insurance premiums through Utah Local Government Trust (ULGT) "Empowering Safety Program and otherwise.**

- a. **SECTION XX: GENERAL SAFETY**
  - i. **Performance Evaluations and merit raises based on safety (ULGT)**

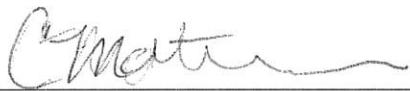
Rasmussen tabled this restructure prior to being read.

**22. Items for next meeting's agenda**

No items at this time.

**23. Adjourn**

Dean Bell made the motion to adjourn. Red Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in favor.

Attested 

Date 6/12/25

Attested Val Dean Bell

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