

Mosquito Abatement District Board Meeting and Public Hearing
Minutes
Tuesday December 1, 2015 at 6:00 pm
Daggett County Courthouse

Welcome: Brian Raymond welcomed the group and opened the meeting at 6:15

Attendees: Brian Raymond, Tamara Twitchell, Stewart Leith and Layne Ferrin. Public: Eyvonne Long

Truth in Taxation /2016 Budget Hearing: Stewart made a motion to go into the Truth in Taxation/2016 Budget Hearing. Tammy seconded the motion. Motioned passed.

- a. Brian introduced the preliminary Budget for 2016.
- b. Brian went over the reason for the tax increase. One Aerial spray cost over \$14,000 and that was with left over chemical. People wanted two sprayings but that cost would be more than the District's budget. The district has a hard time finding trained or adequate help to do the manual chemical treatment. Brian stated that even with the tax increase, there is a possible overrun of \$14,000.
- c. Eyvonne Long stated that she was new to the process and was concerned about the county taxation on vehicles that goes to the county. This tax is then divided among the counties. Brian said that we get a portion of that in the "Fee-in-Lieu". Eyvonne stated that even if we got 10% of that it should be lots of money, Tammy Twitchell stated that we only received a very small portion of this fund, probably less than .02 percent. She stated that she knew of several people that had trucks and boats that were not registered in Daggett County even though they were living here. She stated that already there were too many taxes from everything else. Tammy and Brian stated that the Mosquito Abatement District had no control over vehicle taxation and that Mrs. Long needed to take this argument to the commissioners. Brian asked that conversations be limited to what the District had control over.
- d. Stewart motioned to adjourn the public hearing and return to the regular board meeting.

Approve Minutes for October 25, 2015 Meeting: Stewart Leith made the motion to postpone approve the minutes and Layne Ferrin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discuss Budget and Property Tax increase: Tammy stated that we might be a little high on the budget because the monies might not be there until the end of the year. Brian stated that the county will be patient with the District on wages until after we get the tax money. Brian stated that they had a lot of the new chemical that was purchased this last year. Brian asked if we wanted to amend that budget. Tammy made the motion to approve the 2016 Budget and Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Stewart made a motion to accept the Property Tax Increase from 0.000296 to 0.000400 and Layne Ferrin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Stewart made the motion to accept Resolution 16-01M for the Budget and Layne accepted. Motion passed.

Chemical order for 2016: Tammy stated that she would try and find out information on NutriVex and MultiVex. She would send out some inquiries about different chemicals and report back at the January meeting. She also stated that she would send out bids to get aviation bids. She said that she will include a bid for doing the land spraying. Just an idea. She also stated that she would find out alternative solutions to the field spraying etc.

Board Membership and District Manager for 2016: Brian asked if we should start advertising for a District Manager. Brian stated that we need to have a meeting in January to discuss the chemical order and the hiring of a manager. Brian stated that both he and Tammy's terms are up at the end of the year. He asked for suggestions. He stated that they needed to see if they could find anyone to become a board member. Tammy stated that the other Mosquito Abatement Districts had the various entities appoint someone to the Board. Brian stated that both he and Tammy have been doing a lot of the work and during their working hours and that is no longer going to be able to happen. Both have jobs that don't allow this to happen anymore. Brian stated that we need to wait until January to have elections and hopefully we will have new Board members at that time.

Meeting adjourned. Brian suggested that Tammy let him know when she had gathered all the information and then he would set the next meeting. Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Layne seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 7:15.