

Mosquito Abatement District Board Appointment – Dagmar Vitek M.D.

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Becker is recommending Dagmar Vitek be appointed to the Mosquito Abatement District. If appointed, Ms. Vitek will serve the term extending through December 31, 2012 and will be replacing LaVone Liddle-Gamonal whose term has expired.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Ms. Vitek resides in District 6 and is currently the Deputy Director for the Salt Lake Valley Health Department Medical Office Division. She supervises and oversees the Travel Clinic, Occupational Health Clinic, Infectious Disease Bureau and other departments. She states on the application that the Salt Lake Valley Health Department collaborates closely with the Mosquito Abatement District because of the West Nile Virus and this is why she wants to serve on the Board. Ms. Vitek graduated from the University of J.E. Purkyne College of Medicine, Brno, Czech Republic in 1980 and in 2003 graduated from the U of U School of Medicine with a M.P.H., please see her resume for an impressive list of accomplishments.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Chris know January 09, 2009. Thank you.

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT BOARD:

There is no City residency requirement for the five-member Mosquito Abatement District; however, all members reside within City limits. Current members are LaVone Liddle Gamonal, District 6; Heidi Hadley, District 5; Blaine Linck, District 1; Todd Erskine, District 1 and Raymond Uno, District 3.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

The Mosquito Abatement District is organized under Title 17A, Special Districts, Utah Code Annotated. In general, mosquito abatement districts have broad powers to act expediently to meet the emergency needs of rapid mosquito development and avoidance of public health and nuisance hazards. The Mosquito Abatement District may: take all necessary and proper steps for the extermination of mosquitoes, flies, crickets, grasshoppers and other insects within the district and to abate as nuisances all stagnant pools of water; enter upon property to inspect and examine same, and remove without notice, any stagnant water or other insect breeding areas; purchase supplies/materials and employ labor necessary to build, construct, repair and maintain levees, cuts, canals or channels upon any land within the district; and make contracts to indemnify or compensate any landowner for any injury or damage caused by the exercise of its powers or arising out of the use, taking, or damage of property.