

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 15 municipalities and the unincorporated area were present:

Dave Wood, Amalga	Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston
Joe Hansen, Cornish	Kermit Price, Millville
Tom LaBau, Hyrum	Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Richard Rigby, Newton	Scott Larsen, Nibley <i>arr. 7:45 p</i>
Elaine Nelson, North Logan	Deon Johnson, Providence
Shane Lewis, Richmond	Robert Mather, Smithfield
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated	

Excused: Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park. Absent: Gary Bates, Wellsville; Mike Carlson, Mendon; Perry Spackman, Trenton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chairman Darwin Pitcher.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 26, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

Richard moved, and Joe seconded, that the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously; Robert abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terrie reviewed the phone log for calls received through June 23 and reported on the interviews she gave to various media. She also read an email from a USDA pollinating insect researcher who commended the District to minimize the impact of pesticides on bees.

BRHD REPORT

Chris was not able to attend this meeting so sent his comments via email: the cooler weather and constant increase in flood levels means cooler waters. This has contributed to lower than normal adult mosquito counts. The larvaciders have been in action for a month now and I believe their actions have also contributed to lower adult mosquito counts. This past week was the first regular fogging of the season. We normally fog starting the first of June.

There is a concern that with the high amount of water and by extension higher numbers of mosquito larvae that there will not be enough larvacide to last the rest of the year. At our current rate of use, we will most likely use up our supply by mid-August. The amounts of pesticides we are currently using were based on what was used last year, which was a relatively dry year. The workers do not pre-treat areas but have been instructed to treat waters if larvae are found. Deeper waters tend to not have larvae but once the snow melt ends and the waters start to go down, there

will be far more areas to treat than normal. Richard met with Grant Koford, Bear River Health Department, to discuss what larvacides and their amounts were needed to comfortably finish the season. BRHD would like 2500 pounds of Abate and 8 barrels of BVA oil. This is felt to be somewhat of an emergency issue; several years ago, chemicals were on backorder by August and it took 3-4 weeks longer for them to arrive than expected.

Robert moved, and Tom seconded, to authorize the emergency purchase of additional Abate and BVA oil due to the expected shortfall of current stock and fear of extended wait time for delivery. Motion passed unanimously. The charge will come from the budgeted emergency line item.

In his email, Chris also asked if any communities would like fogging done for special events for the July 4th and 24th celebrations. Darwin requested fogging for Lewiston; Tom will check with Hyrum on the event schedule. Richard said he expected both Trenton and Newton would like fogging for the July 24th activities. Darwin was also concerned about the lack of fogging because of the July 4th holiday. In the past couple of weeks the fogger couldn't operate due to weather, and there are a lot of mosquitoes present throughout the Lewiston area. Richard will talk with Chris about fogging Lewiston the week of the 4th.

SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY

Terrie presented the proposed surplus property policy. The Board thought that it was acceptable.

Elaine moved, and Shane seconded, to approve the Surplus Property Policy; motion passed unanimously.

2012 PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY DISCUSSION

Tom said he was a little stunned by Lloyd Berentzen's (BRHD) proposal from last meeting. He agrees that CMAD could probably take over the program and would like to keep the door open to working with BRHD in some areas, such as surveillance. Richard said Grant indicated that BRHD would still be interested in sharing a building with CMAD. Shane is concerned about the wait since that's still 2-3 years out and also the location since it would make sense to base it in the major population center which is Logan. Darwin is hesitant to commit to a new building with BRHD due to concerns of the cost (brick vs steel, etc.) and how maintenance, overhead, and other in kind issues would be portioned.

Kermit asked what the benefits are to sharing a building; Shane described the original idea of BRHD being tasked with emissions check for vehicles and CMAD having one or two bays as well as sharing the shop and conference room. Robert said that CMAD can't afford to build a new building by next year. Terrie passed on Scott's suggestion of the Board meeting in different communities, perhaps six months in one city and six months in another. The Board thought this was a good suggestion.

Elaine described the new buildings North Logan has constructed recently for the parks and recreation department. They are very cost effective. She also agrees with Lloyd that the Board has the expertise at this point to run the program.

Scott arrived at 7:45 pm. Jeff wanted to know if the Board would see if Chris would be interested in coming on full time. Scott said he felt that the program could be run with a lead field worker or field supervisor while other aspects could be handled by an administrative person such as Terrie. In other districts, it's typical for the manager to handle everything; many of the larger districts are year-round operations. He feels that the lead field person could report to work a month or two before the rest of the field workers to get things organized and ready to go; Robert agrees with this approach. Using Richard as an example, a teacher or retired person would be an excellent choice for this type of seasonal position while administration would be year-round. Kermit agrees, stating that this is how the canal company works; he works all year on administrative duties while the others work May through October.

Darwin asked Terrie if she would be interested in increasing her hours; she said yes since she will be off of the Richmond City council this December. He asked Richard if he thought the lead field position would be of interest; he said yes. It was pointed out that he could no longer be a trustee if he was an employee. Elaine said that Terrie's wages would have to be increased; Scott and others agreed. Tom suggested surveying other districts to gauge pay. Darwin and Scott both feel that there are areas to be more frugal than present.

Jeff and Richard suggested that perhaps CMAD could arrange a monthly lease or rent for a meeting room and a maintenance bay. All want to remain on good terms with BRHD; they've done a great job in getting the District started and educating the trustees. Deon asked how BRHD got involved in the District to start with; Scott and Terrie told him about the 2004 UDAF grant for mosquito abatement and to aid in creating a mosquito abatement district. Elaine suggested the Board send a letter to BRHD expressing our gratitude for their help over the years in controlling mosquitoes and that we'd like to discuss how we can continue to work together as CMAD takes full responsibility for the program.

Darwin thanked the Board for the discussion that took place. In light of the proposed change, he'd like to hold the July meeting as scheduled and asked Terrie to compose a letter to bring to the meeting for all trustees to sign. Tom suggested that the officers could sit down with Lloyd to discuss an orderly transition.

Discussion then turned to a storage area for the equipment and vehicles that will be transferred back to CMAD in October. The Board decided to have each trustee look in their respective areas for possible buildings with fenced areas and bring the options to the July meeting. Joe and Scott also proposed looking at setting up a lease/purchase deal for a new building. The immediate need is a secure place to store things over the winter.

BILLS

The following bills were presented. Richard moved, and Robert seconded, to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$ 210.00
Verizon	\$ 132.33
Checks	\$ 95.50

ULGT ins. \$3305.00

ADJOURNMENT

Richard asked about the possibility of purchasing a basic set of wrenches and sockets for the pickups. The Board told him to go ahead if the price didn't exceed \$100.

Richard moved, and Elaine seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga

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