

## **Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees**

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 14 municipalities were present:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston  
Shane Lewis, Richmond  
Mike Carlson, Mendon  
Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston  
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park  
Elaine Nelson, North Logan  
Kermit Price, Millville

Richard Rigby, Newton  
Tom LaBau, Hyrum  
Dave Wood, Amalga  
Deon Johnson, Providence  
Perry Spackman, Trenton  
Joe Hansen, Cornish  
Gary Bates, Wellsville

Excused: Scott Larsen, Nibley; Jeff Ricks, unincorporated; Robert Mather, Smithfield.

Also in attendance: Chris Nelson, Bear River Health Department; Matt Regen, CPA.

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

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEW, 2010**

Matt Regen presented the financial statements review for last fiscal year. Revenue and expenses are pretty solid from year to year. Most of the assets are in the PTIF (Public Treasurers Investment Fund) while some are in equipment. Elaine asked about having all the funds in the General Fund; would it be better to have them separated into a Capital Improvements Fund? Her concern is that most citizens would see just the bottom line and not realize that a big part of the money is set aside for vehicle and equipment purchases currently with the plan to purchase land and build or lease a building. Matt said simple is better but can understand it would be easier for citizens to realize what funds are committed and what aren't. Deon asked how easy it is to move money from the general fund to the capital improvements fund; Matt said it would be simple.

The board thanked Matt for his presentation and help.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 24, 2011 meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Richard moved, and Joe seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously with Dave G., Mike, and Kermit abstaining.

### **BRHD CONTRACT**

A new contract proposal from BRHD was presented to reflect the higher costs for fuel and chemical. The new total is \$167,609.75, up from the contract approved in February for

\$161,169.87 that was never formally signed. Chris explained that chemical costs on Malathion were higher than the original bid estimates; also, fuel prices had risen markedly from the \$3 per gallon. Some changes that BRHD will make is to ensure all vehicles and equipment use the state fuel suppliers.

Elaine moved, and Perry seconded, that the revised contract for \$167,609.75 be approved; motion passed unanimously.

Chris reported that maintenance of vehicles and equipment will have to be adjusted. In the past, the cost has been absorbed by BRHD; that is not possible now. One fogger needs \$450 part to repair it; several vehicles needed new tires. There is also a distinct possibility that more malathion will be needed given how wet and cold the spring has been. We could see a huge jump in adult mosquitoes once the weather warms up.

### **VEHICLE PURCHASES**

The officers reported on the vehicle purchases. Shane said he and Scott had looked into the pickup. On the state contract, a new pickup can be purchased for around \$18,000. They suggest the board consider buying a new pickup every other year instead of every year. The new pickup will be a F150, 4WD, V6, regular cab, long bed. There is still room behind the seat to put a box carrying the supplies for the field workers. Chris asked about keeping an old truck as a dedicated fogger truck; Shane said they'd rather see the new one put on as a dedicated fogger given the appreciable increase in fuel efficiency.

Darwin had checked into the ATV. He found a six-wheeler that he had Chris, Grant, and Richard check out; advantages are that it's nearly impossible to get it stuck and it will float. The price on a demo Max 4 is \$8250. Gary said they use a six-wheeler at his workplace but only about 10-15 hours a month. He agreed with Darwin's points but also said maintenance is a concern. The chain drive is exposed and needs replaced at fairly short intervals; there was also excessive bearing wear. A demo unit they'd purchased broke an axle the first year, so he recommended we purchase new. The standard four-wheelers were discussed, with many expressing a preference for the Honda. Terrie will send the state contract information to Darwin. At one time, BRHD had expressed interest in buying the old ATV; will check into trade-in value and see if they still want it.

### **PHONES**

Terrie reported on the cell phone plans for the field phones as well as the district phone. Verizon was chosen because it has the best coverage. Five phones would cost around \$120 per month (excluding taxes and fees). Ruggedized phones were chosen for the field. The T-mobile phone will be dropped.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The first quarter 2011 financial report was presented and reviewed. Shane moved, and Richard seconded, that the report be approved; motion accepted unanimously.

**BILLS**

The following bills were presented. Tom moved and Kendon seconded that the bills be approved; motion passed unanimously.

Wages	238.00
Phone	35.33
PO box rental	56.00
Bonding (treas & trustees)	260.00
1 <sup>st</sup> qtr meeting comp & mileage	1438.30
1 <sup>st</sup> qtr officer per diem	120.00
Univar (fogger)	7975.00

**ADJOURNMENT**

Shane moved, and Elaine seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga

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