

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 10 municipalities were present:

Elaine Nelson, North Logan	Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston
Gary Bates, Wellsville	Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Tom LaBau, Hyrum	Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Richard Rigby, Newton	Scott Larsen, Nibley
Shane Lewis, Richmond	Robert Mather, Smithfield

Excused: Joe Hansen, Cornish; Kermit Price, Millville; Jeff Ricks, unincorporated. Absent: Deon Johnson, Providence; Mike Carlson, Mendon; Perry Spackman, Trenton; Dave Wood, Amalga.

Also present: Chris Nelson, Bear River Health Department.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by chairman Darwin Pitcher.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 23, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

Tom moved, and Kendon seconded, that the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously; Dave and Gary abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terrie reviewed the phone log for calls received from June 23 through July 27.

BRHD REPORT

Chris distributed the season to date abatement report as well as the latest mosquito trap numbers. He reported that extra event fogging was done for Lewiston, Hyrum, Newton, Trenton, and Benson this month.

The field workers are seeing lots of adult mosquitoes early but few larva. It may be worth considering an early pass with the fogger to knock back the adults, then concentrating on larvacide. Natular has given at least three weeks of larva kill; with Abate, workers typically need to treat the standing water each week. The water pond where Natular was used has dried up; however, when water comes back (due to rainfall or irrigation flooding), there should be a residual effect that will kill the mosquito larva. Although the cost of the Natular is more, the control and residual effect is much better than Abate. He recommends using both: Natular for the common problem water areas and Abate for the occasional problem areas.

The pickup ordered May 2 finally arrived and is now here. Shane will order the wiring harness and hitch; Terrie will register the pickup and start the insurance.

Chris asked the Board for guidance on how to handle conflicts with no spray requests. The Board told him that fogging should occur when requested, even if the property is bounded by others requesting no fogging for their properties. There are some areas he's had marked as no fog despite there being nothing on record for that request; these may date back to 2004 before the District was even formed. Terrie will check with some of the people to see if they had requested no fogging or not; otherwise, the Board recommends that fogging begin. Given that the District will be taking over all operations this next season, now would be an excellent time to update all the requests. Shane recommends a strong educational outreach to inform people of the change and to fill out the no fog request forms.

The mosquito traps are working well but only give mosquito numbers for that specific area. Calls reporting lots of mosquito activity are appreciated.

2012 PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY DISCUSSION

The letter to the Board of Health thanking them for their help and expertise over the years was distributed and discussed. Richard asked about surveillance; currently, mosquitoes are trapped, counted, speciated, and pools are sent to the state for testing. Scott doesn't feel that all of the surveillance is needed; perhaps just trap and count, then give the mosquitoes to BRHD if they want further information. Chris said that knowing the species is critical to effective control. State testing is free of charge, so why not take advantage of it. Scott remains reluctant to continue a full surveillance program. The letter was accepted and the trustees present were given the opportunity to sign it.

Darwin asked if anyone found building space that would work for storage of the vehicles, equipment, and chemicals; Tom reported on space in Hyrum. It might not hold all the pickups; Scott said his father's district allows workers to take the vehicles home. Richard said Grant (Koford) told him that BRHD would be willing to rent to CMAD the space currently being used for vehicle and chemical storage. Robert is trying to arrange a meeting with the current owner of the old Del Monte building in Smithfield. The Board agrees that it would be ideal to find somewhere central in the District yet cheaper than Logan rates.

Chris is interested in continuing to work part-time for the District. Currently, plans are to review and transfer from BRHD to CMAD the vehicles, equipment, and other inventory at the end of this season. Salaries for permanent and temporary employees need to be decided upon.

2nd QUARTER 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

The report was distributed and discussed. Tom moved, and Scott seconded, to accept the report; motion passed unanimously. Terrie reported on the discussion she had with Ryan Roberts from the state auditor's office about properly classifying monies in the General Fund. After discussion among the Board, she will review the minutes and past budget reports to present a resolution at the August meeting that would identify the committed, reserved, and unreserved monies.

BILLS

Terrie reported that the field workers weren't aware that texting was NOT allowed and so an additional \$16 of text messaging occurred. They were informed of the no texting policy; she will also check with Verizon to block the texting feature from all lines. The following bills were presented. Robert moved, and Tom seconded, to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$ 378.00
Verizon	\$ 146.00
Trustee comp&mileage	\$ 1552.82
Officer per diem	\$ 120.00
ULGT ATV ins.	\$ 35.32
Clarke (Abate)	\$ 6900.00
Adapco (BVA)	\$ 3713.60
Ken Garff (pickup)	\$17744.29

ADJOURNMENT

Elaine moved, and Shane seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga

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Accepted: 8/25/2011