

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012, 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:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Shane Lewis, Richmond
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Scott Larsen, Nibley *arr 7:30*
Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston
Elaine Nelson, North Logan
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated *arr 7:04*
Robert Mather, Smithfield
Mendon position vacant

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

Also in attendance: Larry Kane, Clarke (mosquito products).

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Tom moved, and Deon seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously with Perry, Gary, and Robert abstaining.

UMAA DIRECTORS MEETING

Larry Kane spoke to the Board about the chemical order and other products that could be considered for mosquito abatement. He said the trend is to move away from the “heavy” chemicals such as malathion to “lighter” ones such as Anvil or Duet (both Clarke products). The other chemicals tend to have a reduced environmental impact; all have been introduced within the last 10-15 years. There is less residual as well as little to no odor. As of this year, the only pesticide labeled for crops is Anvil. They cost more than malathion but we would use less; for example, 25 drums of malathion vs 10 drums of Duet. Both contain sumethrin as an active ingredient; sumethrin breaks down quickly in sunlight (9 hour half-life) so would present an even lower threat to bees or other pollinators. He’s not heard of any human sensitivity to Anvil such as occur with the organophosphates. Natular is the only larvacide currently rated for use on organic farms and crops.

Terrie updated the information sent out on the UMAA directors meeting. The most recent action by the legislature is to appropriate funds to cover the costs of the NOI permit this year. The NOI (notice of intent) was submitted before the February 15th deadline but will need to be updated once the Field Operations Manager is hired.

CLOSED MEETING

The public meeting was closed at 7:25 pm to discuss the applicants for the field operations manager position and to discuss salaries for the managers and resumed at 8:00 pm.

2012 SEASON OPERATIONS

Perry moved that the Field Operations Manager position be offered to Richard Rigby; Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Richard abstaining.

Scott moved that the salaries/wages be set at \$15/hr for the Field Ops Manager and \$14/hr for the Administrative Manager; Robert seconded. Ayes: Dave W., Kendon, Joe, Dave G., Darwin, Kermit, Scott, Elaine, Deon, Shane, Robert, Perry, Jeff, and Gary. Nays: Tom. Abstain: Richard. Motion passed.

A contract will be offered to Richard with a probationary period and provisions for annual performance review. It will also include the procedure for leaving the position. The other applicant will be sent a letter of thanks for his interest.

Discussion was held on an operations location for this season. The Board discussed authorizing Darwin to negotiate with the owner of the Hyde Park property and to pursue any needed permits etc. from the city or county. Any lease contract would be contingent upon obtaining approval or permit from the city. Gary moved, and Tom seconded, to have Darwin, Scott, and Richard negotiate for the property. Scott doesn't feel that it's necessary and is comfortable with the proposed lease price. Gary then amended his motion to read that CMAD officers and the field ops manager pursue obtaining the Hyde Park property; Toms seconded. The amended motion passed unanimously.

The spring workshop will be held April 21, so the field workers should be hired by then. Terrie was authorized to place the chemical orders for the season since some vendors offered discounts if the orders were placed by March 1.

BILLS

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

Wages	455.00
Phone	132.09
Petty cash replenishment	95.82
ULGT Workers Comp	379.44
Hyrum rental	600.00

ADJOURNMENT

Elaine moved, and Perry seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga Date 3/10/2012 Approved: 3/22/2012