

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 14 municipalities and the unincorporated area were present:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Shane Lewis, Richmond
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Karen Blotter, Millville
Robert Mather, Smithfield
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated
Deon Johnson, Providence
Theron Weston, Cornish

Richard Rigby, Newton
Tom LaBau, Hyrum
Perry Spackman, Trenton
Elaine Nelson, North Logan
Scott Larsen, Nibley
Dave Wood, Amalga
Mike Carlson, Mendon

Excused: Ed Rigby, Wellsville. Absent: Clarkston trustee.

Also in attendance was Chris Nelson, BRHD (Bear River Health Department).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Perry Spackman.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed.

Darwin moved, and Karen seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously with Scott abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT, CALL LOG, WEBSITE STATISTICS

Terrie reported that one call came in December 14th from a resident wanting to know if the tax increase had been adopted. She also reported on the statistics for visits to the website: high months were June, July and August.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Perry reviewed the list of officers for the Board of Trustees.

Tom moved, and Karen seconded, that the slate of officers remain the same as 2009. Perry expressed regret that he let some stuff slide and said that Ed had asked to be removed from the nominations for office. Tom then moved to amend the motion to remove the Financial Officer from the slate; Karen agreed. The amendment passed unanimously with Scott, Perry and Darwin abstaining. The amended motion (to re-elect Perry as President, Darwin as Vice-president, and Scott as Treasurer) was then passed unanimously with Perry, Scott, and Darwin abstaining.

Nominations were opened for the position of Financial Officer. Dave G. nominated Richard, and Tom seconded. Nominations were closed; Richard was elected unanimously (he abstained from voting).

DISCUSSION WITH BRHD

Perry still hasn't gotten hold of Lloyd to discuss the possibility of sharing building space with Bear River Health Department (BRHD). The Board must adopt a written capital improvements plan before setting aside the funds. Tom feels that the BRHD will be moving quickly to find land and put up a building due to the air quality issues and setting up an emissions testing station. He really feels it makes sense for CMAD to continue to share space with BRHD. Scott wants to see a business plan evaluation first; the board has been talking about this since the first year but nothing seems to happen. Theron recommended a financial planner as well as Elaine. Deon wants to be sure that BRHD is willing to stay with CMAD for the long run. Elaine said that BRHD has a financial planner on staff that could help, but Scott wants someone independent of both groups. Robert said that whomever is hired would still be able to go to BRHD for figures. Perry said the priority is to meet with BRHD to find out which direction to take. Shane is concerned that the expanded air quality program may take a huge chunk of personnel and time that BRHD is currently able to allocate for CMAD and wonders how many years BRHD would feel they could commit to CMAD. Jeff shared that when he was president, BRHD was very willing to work with CMAD for as long as the board wanted. When asked, Chris said he's not aware that attitude has changed.

Perry said his goal will be to get hold of Lloyd next Monday to set up a meeting to discuss sharing a building and where it might be located. Jeff would like to interview financial planners before hiring one to do an evaluation of CMAD standing on its own vs. contracting with BRHD. Scott said that the Board will have to put together a RFP (request for proposal) that outlines what the job will entail, then advertise. He's concerned about building costs since BRHD will likely want to locate within Logan city limits which would be higher costs than if the building were elsewhere. Terrie will send out the summary of management considerations for the trustees to consider for the next meeting.

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Terrie distributed maps of where abatement is carried out vs private and public property in the county. She also reviewed the portions of the *Utah Code* dealing with how to proceed..Scott and Shane feel that there is no need to make a special effort to hit the property up the canyon. Elaine would prefer to not have the county involved; the owner should be the one to appeal for removal from the property tax assessment for CMAD. Several trustees felt that abatement (specifically fogging) could be done perhaps twice a month. The cost would still be less than what he says he is paying. Scott was opposed since fogging without larvacide is ineffective. Deon spoke with another property owner and said that he wouldn't mind having fogging done for several weeks. Dave W. feels that the district should at least make an effort up there. Chris said it would help if the field workers could be shown suspected sources for mosquito breeding. Dave G. said he'd have questions if services were cut back in Hyde Park with the resources devoted to driving up the canyon to treat one area with less population at risk. He'd like to see the fogging go back to a weekly routine if the canyon property is put on a regular loop. Scott is concerned about fogging in pristine places. Anglers count on the bug hatch and this could negatively impact that. Mike

feels that it is a waste of tight resources (funds) and time to go up there when it's a struggle to meet the needs in the valley.

Elaine suggested providing the owners up the canyon with a case of DEET spray or lotion to pass out to their customers. Jeff suggested seeing if there a couple of times in the summer that would be most beneficial to fog around the campground. Robert said the goal of the owner is to fill the parking lot/campground all the time. Theron suggested either providing the DEET spray or possibly purchasing a small fogger that the owner could use. However, there'd be a problem with providing pesticide to a non-licensed applicator. Scott is concerned that if the board made special accommodation for this one owner, then others (such as the LDS camps up Porcupine) would also expect it. Chris said that the pesticide currently used technically doesn't require a handler's permit but the permit gives an added layer of protection to the district and for the people doing the abatement.

Perry directed the board to think about the issues brought up tonight and come next month prepared to make a decision. In the meantime, if the owner calls he'll be told that the board is working on his request but the budget is too tight to allow for full services at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT

Terrie distributed the annual report. It's been summarized on the website with a link to the complete report given by Chris at the August meeting. Now that contacts for the newly elected mayors have been posted, she will be sending out the report to the communities in the district.

POLICY REVIEW

The policies for personnel, open and public meetings, procurement, and records management were reviewed by Terrie and are in compliance with current *Utah Code*.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The 4th quarter 2009 financial report was reviewed. Richard's check will be re-issued; Nick's (from 2008) will be turned back.

Dave W. moved, and Dave G. seconded, that the financial report be approved; motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

The following bills were presented. Tom moved, and Robert seconded, that the bills be paid; motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$121.50
Phone	34.83
Legal notice	464.94
Officer per diem	120.00
Trustee compensation	760.00
UASD dues	350.00
WC Insurance	400.62
UMAA dues	350.00

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 25th. Richard moved, and Robert seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga Date 2/13/10 Approved: 2/25/10