

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 12 municipalities and the county unincorporated area were present:

Elaine Nelson, North Logan	Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston
Joe Hansen, Cornish <i>arr. 7:10</i>	Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Richard Rigby, Newton	Scott Larsen, Nibley
Robert Mather, Smithfield	Tom LaBau, Hyrum
Kermit Price, Millville	Dave Wood, Amalga
Perry Spackman, Trenton	Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park <i>arr. 7:14 pm</i>
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated	

Excused: Mike Carlson, Mendon; Shane Lewis, Richmond. Absent: Deon Johnson, Providence; Gary Bates, Wellsville.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by chairman Darwin Pitcher.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 22, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

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

UMAA CONFERENCE & DIRECTORS MEETINGS REPORT

Scott, Kermit, and Darwin attended the UMAA (Utah Mosquito Abatement Association) Conference; Scott also attended the directors meetings held before and after the conference. All thought the conference was very good and took the opportunity to discuss program implementation with other districts.

Scott attended both presentations by Dr. Goddard, the keynote speaker, one stating that pesticides are designed for a purpose and are necessary for human health. One district offers three training sessions for their seasonal workers, based on when various universities and school districts. Each employee must attend one of these; it aids in preventing people from developing bad habits and passing them on the next season.

Several districts use methods other than individually counting each mosquito trapped. One uses pixelated digital print to count; another district weighs the mosquitoes. It's not unusual for this district to have 39,000 in one trap. Dave G. arrived. Real weather recording equipment on trucks that captures wind direction, temperature, etc. couple with GPS and GIS is worth investigating. Having the data to show where a truck was at and at what rate the pesticide was being applied is vital in any court case.

Zions Bank talked about the district's ability to issue general obligation bonds. Mosquito districts can borrow up to their full taxing ability, not just the rate they've adopted. Setting up our own building authority may also be of benefit.

Mosquito flight and harborage presentations were given as well as numerous reports on field uses of various abatement chemicals. Aqueous adulticides are more prevalent.

Kermit and Darwin agreed with Scott's points and shared some of the items they'd picked up. Scott said one of the big topics at the directors meetings was the NPDES permit situation.

2012 PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY DISCUSSION

The pickups, ATVs, trailers, and foggers were moved down to the Hyrum winter storage facility on October 14th. It became very clear that Hyrum is too far south to consider running the abatement season out of there, plus the facility isn't big enough. Terrie will have one set of keys at her office (where Scott and Kermit can also access them) and keep the other set with the district records.

Several trustees shared potential building and land sites that might work for next season. They will follow up with the owners to find out cost, etc. General consensus is that 2-4 acres of land with 3,000 sq ft minimum building is required. Terrie will ask other districts if they would share their building floor plans.

The Board discussed what job positions to fill. They would like to have an Administrative Manager that would work part-time year round and a Field Operations Supervisor or Manager that would work seasonally (April to October). Field workers would be hired as they were under the old contract: four for larvaciding work during the day; three for night-time fogging. The field manager must be a hands-on person that would be expected to be in the field when and where needed. Terrie will research and draft position descriptions for the field operations manager and administration manager. The job announcements will be posted on various websites. Scott left at 7:40 pm.

2012 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the preliminary budget for 2012. The UMAA directors will be putting together the chemical bid requests and will open the bids in February 2012. The cost of malathion has been steadily rising so that there is less of a monetary gap between it and other compounds. However, permethrin sources may be higher priced due to supply shortages. The aqueous formulations will be worth checking out. After 7 years of abatement, we have enough data to estimate chemical needs for an average season. Dave G. left at 8:00 pm. Terrie will review past contracts and budgets to prepare the 2012 draft budget to be sent out next week to the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Darwin and Terrie attended the River Heights council meeting on October 25. The council was interested in the information given. Terrie will be sending further information to them on how to join the District. Darwin and Richard will attend the Paradise council meeting on November 2.

3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Terrie presented the 3rd quarter financial report. Elaine moved, and Richard seconded, to accept the 3rd quarter financial report; motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

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

Wages	\$ 294.00
Verizon	\$ 130.74
Petty cash replenishment	\$ 100.00
Hyrum rental--Oct	\$ 400.00
Hyrum rental--Nov	\$ 600.00
Trustee comp & mileage	\$1,330.59
Officer per diem	\$ 120.00
UASD registration	\$ 195.00
UMAA travel reimbursement	\$ 969.10
Vehicle insp & repair	\$ 475.71
Windshield	\$ 159.90

ADJOURNMENT

The Board was reminded that meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year (November 8 and December 13). There will be two public hearings on the 13th: opening the 2011 budget and adopting the 2012 budget.

Robert moved, and Joe seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga

Date 10/30/2011

Accepted: 11/8/11