

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2008, in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 10 municipalities and the unincorporated area were present:

Dave Wood, Amalga
Elaine Nelson, North Logan
Robert Mather, Smithfield
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated
Perry Spackman, Trenton

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Leslie Erickson, Richmond
Richard Rigby, Newton
Ed Rigby, Wellsville
Scott Larsen, Nibley

Excused: Tom LaBau, Hyrum; Bryan Cox, Providence; Mike Carlson, Mendon. Absent: Boyd Pugmire, Clarkston; Mike Kelly, Millville; Nick Murphy, Cornish.

Also in attendance were Chris Nelson, BRHD; Brad Mitchell, Barton Boothe, Jackie Persian, Smithfield; Joyce Stokes, Bert Stokes, Tara Klein, Doug Klein, Logan.

Chairman Jeff Ricks called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Board agreed to field questions and hear comments from the citizens first. Following is a summary of statements and concerns.

Most are against the use of Malathion or any pyrethroid in control of mosquitoes and especially use of the fogging to control the adult mosquitoes. Despite announcements on the radio, in the newspaper, in city newsletters and on the website, all said they had no idea that there was a mosquito abatement district in Cache County. Most also dismissed the scientific research on Malathion and claimed the EPA was wrong, but offered no objective evidence to back up claims of harm done by our fogging. After 45 minutes of allowing their comments, each was given the opportunity to sum up their feelings.

Doug and Tara felt it important to let people know they could request fogging not be done in front of their property and fogging schedules be publicized. Bert wanted to know just how prevalent West Nile Virus was and how its effects stacked up against poisoning by Malathion. Joyce asked the Board to consider chemicals other than Malathion or Kontrol for use in controlling adult mosquitoes. Jackie wanted more information on what chemicals are used and asked if fogging could be moved back to later than 11:00 pm since kids were still outside playing as late as 10:30. Barton said that since New York banned Malathion, why should CMAD still be using it and that the effects of Malathion were much more intense than WNV. Brad said he had heard that there were many absences in school the day after the fogging.

The Board will consider these comments and act upon them as appropriate.

There being a call for orders of the day, the agenda was taken up at 7:47 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2007, meeting were reviewed.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were opened for the following offices and the following were elected by a majority:

Chair: Perry Spackman

Vice-Chair: Darwin Pitcher

Treasurer: Scott Larsen

Financial Officer: Ed Rigby

BRHD CONTRACT

Scott shares the concerns mentioned by Ed at the last meeting, that while the budget expenditure is increasing by about 5.5% each year, the revenue is only going up by less than 3%. Plus the Capital Expenditure/Emergency fund is not being added to. Ed said that there will always be an emergency. Scott feels that CMAD needs to work closer with BRHD to set up maintenance and upkeep plans for the equipment. Richard said that it is important to set up reserve funds and pointed out that realistically, these last three years were very much start up years. Robert said that although the Board decided to not ask for a tax rate increase this year, perhaps that needs to be revisited. Ed emphasized again that the Board needs to be very careful with the funds we receive and needs to work closer with BRHD. Dave G. agreed that CMAD is too young yet to see valid trends in budget but we must find opportunities to save. Scott and Terrie met with Todd Barson (BRHD) in December to review the proposed budget; Scott pointed out a few line items he had questioned Todd on.

Ed moved to table the decision on approving the contract for 2008; Richard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Terrie presented the financial report and asked what the Board wanted to do about checks issued in 2006 (Boyd) and early 2007 (Leslie and Robert) but never cashed. She will re-issue the checks for Leslie and Robert and void those for Boyd.

Scott moved, and Elaine seconded, that the financial report for the 4th quarter of 2007 be accepted; motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS—CONFERENCES, AUDIT, PUBLICITY, JULY MEETING

The WCMVCA annual meeting is in Colorado February 5-6. If any trustees decide to attend, they are to contact Terrie for registration fees, etc.

The Board needs to have a CPA do the financial review for 2007. Scott moved, and Elaine seconded, that Terrie contact Matt Regen to see if he'll do it again. Motion passed unanimously.

Terrie briefly described some ideas she had for the publicity campaign and asked the Board for suggestions. Radio spots, the Valley Channel, Channel 8, and other interview shows were suggested. Also, see if the *Herald Journal* would be interested in doing one of their question & answer articles. BRHD set up at a football game last year and asked citizens what they knew about WNV; possibly have CMAD set up information booths at valley celebrations.

Currently, the July meeting is scheduled for the 24th. Since that's a state holiday, it was decided to move it to July 31.

BILLS

Richard moved, and Leslie seconded, that the following bills be paid; motion passed unanimously.

Terrie's wages	\$ 193.75
Worker's Compensation Fund	401.08
UASD dues	350.00
Trustee Compensation, 4 th qtr 2007	740.00
Officer per diem, 4 th qtr 2007	120.00
T-Mobile	34.13
Herald Journal Legal Notice	30.50
Petty cash replenishment	<u>81.27</u>
	\$ 1950.73

ADJOURNMENT

Richard moved, and Dave W. seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted: /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga

Date: 2/28/09