

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, July 31, 2008, in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 13 municipalities were present:

Dave Wood, Amalga
Perry Spackman, Trenton
Tom LaBau, Hyrum
Elaine Nelson, North Logan
Karen Blotter, Millville
Deon Johnson, Providence
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Robert Mather, Smithfield
Mike Carlson, Mendon *arr. 7:05*
Leslie Erickson, Richmond
Richard Rigby, Newton *left 8:20*
Scott Larsen, Nibley *arr. 7:08*

Excused: Ed Rigby, Wellsville; Jeff Ricks, unincorporated. Absent: Boyd Pugmire, Clarkston; Nick Murphy, Cornish.

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

Chairman Perry Spackman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 26, 2008 meeting were reviewed. One grammatical error was corrected in the Clerk's report.

Tom moved, and Dave W. seconded, that the minutes be approved with the correction; motion passed unanimously with Perry and Dave G. abstaining.

BRHD REPORT

Chris passed out a report showing time spent on mosquito abatement as well as mosquito counts for the season thus far. He's seen a big jump in mosquito numbers this last week. Trustees shared comments they'd received from citizens.

Chris reported that two ATV's and one truck need to be replaced before next season. The District needs to look for vehicles that are more fuel efficient yet still offer 4WD. Currently, the District owns 5 trucks and 3 ATV's with BRHD providing use of a fourth ATV. Due to the oil costs, malathion is seeing a jump of almost \$10 per gallon, making it much closer to the price of Kontrol or other pyrethroids. Since fuel costs are so high (were budgeted at \$3.56 per gallon), the budget is strained.

Scott asked about the impact of moving to a four-day work week. Chris's schedule will see the greatest impact. The larvacide and fogger personnel are already on a four-day work week. Scott expressed concern that with the reduced days some areas may not get the amount of abatement in

past years. Chris responded that the District has already been split up into areas so there wouldn't be much, if any, difference in the time spent in each.

Mike passed on a request from Mendon that fogging be done to provide mosquito control for the Monday concerts in the park for August. Since Mendon was skipped on Tuesday due to the high wind, it will be getting fogged this Friday. He will change the fogging day from Tuesdays to Fridays for August. Due to the no spray requests, the guys have spent more time larvaciding in Mendon in an effort to keep the adult mosquitoes down. If numbers keep rising, this may have to change to fogging.

UDAF GRANT

The trustees discussed how to proceed with the grant awarded from UDAF (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food). Chris said that they could use the RAMP (rapid analyte measurement platform) still this season.

Robert moved, and Tom seconded, to purchase the RAMP, accessories, and four cartridges of tests as requested in the grant; motion passed unanimously.

MEETING WITH CLARK BURGESS & GARY HATCH

The information from the July 7 meeting with Clark Burgess, UDAF, and Gary Hatch, Davis MAD, was reviewed. Both men strongly encouraged as many trustees as possible to attend the UMAA (Utah Mosquito Abatement Association) conferences. The fall conference will be held in Park City October 6-7; CMAD will give their report on the grant use on the morning of October 6. Trustees are to look at their calendars and come to the August meeting with their decision on attending UMAA.

DISCUSSION ON CMAD SPRAY POLICY

The draft of the CMAD spray policy was reviewed. Tom (and others) wanted to see three changes: the zone drops from 300 ft to 100 ft from the property boundary; CMAD decides the "value" judgment, not the neighbors or the city; and there should be only three valid reasons for no spraying (organic farm, beekeeper, and health certificate). Many felt that the first page of the document is already covered in the integrated pest management fact sheet and wanted to see it shortened. The biggest issue seems to be philosophy versus health concerns: a very few people philosophically opposed to insecticide use are holding hostage a greater number who want mosquito control. In order to be on the no spray list, a person needs to have a legitimate reason rather than just not wanting it. Organic farmers that offer their produce to the public need to be certified by the state; we could request they provide CMAD a copy of the certificate. Terrie will condense the draft document for discussion at the August meeting.

DISCUSSION ON CMAD FUTURE DIRECTION

The three-year contract with BRHD ends this December 31st. Scott is concerned that CMAD progressing towards independence as evidenced by the reserve fund getting 'raided' every year. General opinion is that the 2009 budget needs to be looked at sooner; this will be on the agenda for August. The Board will contact BRHD (Lloyd Berentzen and Todd Barson) to see if they would be interested in extending the contract or putting in place a new multi-year contract for abatement. Even if CMAD continues its relationship with BRHD, we still need to look at

purchasing land and building a storage shed for chemicals, equipment, and vehicles. The capital improvements fund must be built up. Scott described how Nibley keeps their tax revenue caught up with inflation by adjusting it upwards every other year. General consensus is that CMAD needs to look at what funding level will be necessary to perform the services and build for the future. Deon said that it was obvious after meeting with Clark and Gary that CMAD needs a larger tax base/revenue.

Dave W. reported that he had been talking with Mayor Watts and Councilmember Monson from Logan. They are open to the idea of joining CMAD not as a member community but with a contract for abatement services. In the past, CMAD gave a generous incentive to communities who wished to petition for annexation; in the case of Logan, it would have to truly be a fee for service with no discount. Perry will contact Mayor Watts to see if CMAD can set up a meeting with the Logan council.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The second quarter financial report was reviewed and the expenditures report from BRHD discussed.

Elaine moved, and Scott seconded, that the financial report be accepted; motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Terrie presented the bills. Elaine moved, and Tom seconded, that the following bills be paid; motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$265.51
T-Mobile	34.42
Trustee comp	620.00
Officer per diem	120.00

ADJOURNMENT

Perry moved, and Elaine seconded, that the meeting adjourned; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga 8/28/08
Clerk Date