

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008, in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 11 municipalities and the county unincorporated area were present:

Dave Wood, Amalga
Ed Rigby, Wellsville
Richard Rigby, Newton
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated
Perry Spackman, Trenton

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Leslie Erickson, Richmond
Deon Johnson, Providence
Robert Mather, Smithfield
Elaine Nelson, North Logan
Karen Blotter, Millville

Excused: Mike Carlson, Mendon; Scott Larsen, Nibley; Tom LaBau, Hyrum. Absent: Boyd Pugmire, Clarkston; Nick Murphy, Cornish.

Also in attendance was Grant Koford, BRHD.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 27, 2008, meeting were reviewed.

Dave G. moved, and Richard seconded, that the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously with Jeff, Robert, and Perry abstaining.

COLLEGE-YOUNG MAD REPORT

Jeff is in contact with Brad Tolman, but still hasn't met with the C-Y MAD board due to incorrect information being given to him. They are interested in contracting with us, but it's getting pretty late to add that much area to larvacide or fogging efforts. They still have not paid the \$3500 due from last year; Terrie will send a third notice to them. Ed asked why CMAD should seek to work with them if they don't pay their bills. Jeff responded that the idea is to get them annexed into CMAD. Dave W. asked why they don't come to our meetings; Terrie sends notice to them each month. Perry said he feels that there was miscommunication and misunderstanding on both sides over last year's contract. College-Young is seeing their tax base disappear; he feels they may be waiting until they don't get enough revenue to mount a program before joining CMAD. Dave G. said it sounded as if one or two trustees are against CMAD while the remainder and the community seem to be in support of joining CMAD. Jeff and Perry will continue to pursue a meeting with the C-Y MAD board to obtain payment from last year and then discuss the future.

BRHD REPORT

Grant reported that the chemicals are in and the equipment is ready to go. Larvacide will start the week of May 19; training for the workers is May 12. Chicken flocks and CO₂ traps will be placed generally in the same areas as last year. The flocks will be picked up May 19; flocks from College-Young Wards, Petersboro, and Richmond may be relocated. Trapping will start sometime the first half of June, depending on weather and mosquito activity.

Grant and Chris have received a number of calls from the southwest area of Smithfield requesting that there be no fogging done there. This is in response to a flier being distributed that contains alarmist statements about Malathion; the statements all are from internet sources and not based on research. There have been enough requests that essentially that section of town won't be fogged. If CMAD starts receiving request to fog (when mosquito activity rises), then we will approach the city council and ask them what they want us to do. Robert will deliver the education information (CMAD history and integrated pest management plan) to the council; Terrie is sending out both articles to all mayors in the district for inclusion in city newsletters and reports to the council.

Two of the ATV's will need to be replaced next year. Perry asked Grant if he and Chris would come up with a life cycle schedule for the vehicles and equipment that the Board could discuss in the next few months. This would allow for earmarking funds in next year's budget.

UDAF GRANT PROPOSAL

The Board discussed the grant proposal for a RAMP system and a technician to run the assays. Ed expressed his concern that the matching funds are not identified in the budget and instead generally are pulled from the contingency/capital improvements fund. Others agreed. The amount requested was adjusted to a 50/50 grant/match basis. Terrie will put a note with the budget materials to remind the Board to set aside funds in the 2009 budget for grant matches.

Perry moved, and Karen seconded, that the grant proposal with the adjustment to 50/50 be submitted. Eleven voted aye; Ed voted nay. Motion passed.

POLICY UPDATES

Because of changes in the *Utah Code* these last two years, several of the policies need to be updated. Terrie provided summaries of the changes for the Bylaws, Open & Public Meetings, and Procurement procedure. The Board reviewed them.

Elaine moved, and Ed seconded, that the proposed changes to the Bylaws be adopted; motion passed unanimously.

Elaine moved, and Richard seconded, that the proposed changes to the Open and Public Meetings Policy be adopted; motion passed unanimously.

Elaine moved, and Leslie seconded, that the proposed changes to the Procurement procedure be adopted; motion passed unanimously.

MEDIA/EDUCATION PROGRAM

The CMAD Information sheet and the description of CMAD's integrated pest management program were distributed as well as the comments received from the outside experts: Dr. Howard Deer, extension pesticide specialist; Dr. Roger Coulombe, USU environmental toxicologist; and Dr. Erin Hodgson, USU integrated pest management. In addition, the articles were also sent to Dr. Ed Redd, Department of Health physician, and Dr. Jeff Hall, Utah Diagnostic Laboratory toxicology pathologist. All agreed that the pesticides used by CMAD represent a very minimal impact on animal or human health, and that the benefits (such as reducing mosquito populations carrying the WNV) outweigh any miniscule risk. As state earlier, these will be sent to each city for use by their councils and in city newsletters. Terrie will also post them on the website. They will only be provided to the media if requested.

Terrie will be gone from May 20–June 5 which could be when fogging will start. Grant said that Jill Parker (BRHD PIO) could post the fogging schedule if that occurs. Terrie will give Jill the contact information for Scott, who will cover the phone and meeting in Terrie's absence.

Robert and Dave G. have both had members of their respective communities approach them about speaking to the Board and describing their WNV experiences. Both had more serious forms of the disease and would like to share the importance of preventing WNV infection. Both trustees will contact the citizens about speaking at the May meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILLS

Terrie presented the 1st quarter 2008 financial report. Richard moved, and Dave G. seconded, that the following bills be paid. Motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$ 312.50
Software reimbursement	159.81
T-Mobile	34.35
Trustee compensation	700.00
Officer per diem	120.00
Post office box rental	52.00
ULGT bonding	<u>226.00</u>
	\$1604.66

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Richard moved and Elaine seconded to adjourn the meeting; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted: /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga
Clerk

May 22, 2008
Date