

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 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 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

Richard Rigby, Newton
Tom LaBau, Hyrum
Perry Spackman, Trenton
Elaine Nelson, North Logan
Ed Rigby, Wellsville
Dave Wood, Amalga

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

Also in attendance were Chris Nelson, BRHD (Bear River Health Department); and Tom Stoddard, Dennis Jensen, and Ted Seeholzer, Smithfield.

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 Tom seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously.

Tom moved, and Deon seconded, that the regular meeting be closed and the public hearing on the proposed 2010 budget be opened; motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Comments from the public were received. Ted requested that the District fog his property in Logan Canyon (Beaver Mountain Resort). Options were discussed and will be put on the agenda for the January meeting. Granted the actual dollar increase is minimal, Dennis wanted to know why the District was proposing a 25% increase in property tax assessment. Robert explained that the District was reluctant to increase taxes; however, the cost of chemicals and supplies has risen markedly. Dennis said he'd rather see annual small increases rather than one large one every few years. He asked what the current tax rate is and how high CMAD can go; Terrie replied that the current rate is 0.000067 and the highest assessment allowed by law is 0.0004.

Tom Stoddard said he heard the fogging truck come around the first year but has not heard it since then and wanted to know why. Trustees explained that fogging schedules change depending on weather, mosquito counts, etc. and that larvacide was still taking place. Ted

suggested that the District show where the budget is going, for instance what the prices are from year to year for the chemicals. All said there needed to be more emphasis on public outreach and education.

Tom LaBau moved, and Elaine seconded, that the public hearing be closed and the regular meeting opened; motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2009-1

Resolution 2009-1 is to increase meeting attendance compensation to \$25, keep officer per diem at \$10 per month, and to provide mileage reimbursement to trustees attending the meetings. Terrie passed out the information Scott had gathered, consisting of what amount other districts compensate their trustees, how often the board meets, and what their district budgets are.

Tom moved, and Shane seconded, that Resolution 2009-1, amending CMAD trustee compensation and per diem and establishing a reimbursement policy, be adopted; motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2009-2

Discussion was held on Resolution 2009-2, a resolution to adopt the 2010 budget (with a tax rate increase of 25%) of \$259,163. Most felt a tax rate increase was needed to meet the increased costs of chemicals and to prepare for capital improvements (such as a building).

Elaine moved, and Richard seconded, that Resolution 2009-2, setting the 2010 budget at \$259,163.00, be adopted. All trustees but Dave G. voted aye; he voted nay. Motion passed.

The 2010 budget line item for trustee compensation may need to be adjusted, but that can be looked at during 2010. Robert clarified that trustees could decline the mileage reimbursement if they wanted.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The question of whether to adjust the meeting schedule for 2010 was discussed. A couple of trustees would like to have the meeting earlier in the month or on a different evening. General consensus is that there will always be a conflict for someone. Jeff would like to see the Board omit one or two meetings during the year. For now, meetings are scheduled the 4th Thursday of each month except for November and December, when they'll be moved to the 2nd Tuesday in order to avoid the holidays.

GOALS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Board discussed the items put together from past meetings and considerations suggested by Chris. Perry will contact Lloyd to discuss an informal offer from BRHD to share a building. As Environmental Health grows, they will probably need someplace that could share some common areas (maintenance shop, etc.) with CMAD's needs. Lynn Lemon suggested to Jeff that the District consider changes to the boundary if not able or practical to service outlying, separate parcels of land. When the tax rate increase ad appeared in the paper, it seems that BRHD and the

county received “many” calls despite their phone numbers not being listed therein. The District received no calls at all about the proposed increase. Karen and others had a more items to add to the list of considerations.

BILLS

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

Wages	\$405.00
Phone	34.70
BRHD	186,981.33

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 28th. Richard moved, and Dave W. seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Prepared by Terrie L. Wierenga

Date 12/31/09

Approved: 1/28/10