

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 11 municipalities were present:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Shane Lewis, Richmond
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Perry Spackman, Trenton
Karen Blotter, Millville
Robert Mather, Smithfield *arr. 7:24*

Richard Rigby, Newton
Tom LaBau, Hyrum
Scott Larsen, Nibley
Deon Johnson, Providence
Elaine Nelson, North Logan

Excused: Ed Rigby, Wellsville; Jeff Ricks, unincorporated. Absent: Dave Wood, Amalga; Boyd Pugmire, Clarkston; Nick Murphy, Cornish; Mike Carlson, Mendon.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by chairman Perry Spackman.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 27 meeting were reviewed.

Darwin moved, and Karen seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously with Tom abstaining.

CALL LOG/PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no public to offer comments, Terrie reviewed the call log. The last calls were in September, one to ask when fogging would stop and one to report mosquitoes.

BRHD REPORT

Chris reported that the foggers and other equipment have been cleaned, winterized, and put into storage. There were no WNV (West Nile Virus) cases in horses or humans this year in Cache County. Perry thanked Chris and the workers for the job done this season. Darwin asked what equipment needs to be replaced; Chris replied that one ATV and one pickup need replaced and three traps. The Board discussed a possible schedule for replacing vehicles and equipment: ATV's, every 2-3 years; foggers, every 7 years; pickups, unsure. Chris will put together a schedule for Terrie to distribute prior to the next meeting.

WRITTEN MINUTES POLICY

Due to the new legislation adopted this year, the Open and Public Meetings Policy of CMAD needs to be updated to describe how and when written minutes are approved. Terrie distributed the proposed wording change; Tom and Scott endorsed the proposal.

Tom moved, and Scott seconded, to accept the changes to Section V, Part E; motion passed unanimously.

Scott asked about the website and how often minutes are requested. Other than the request two years ago, no one has asked for any records. The minutes (once approved) are converted to PDF and posted on the website. Terrie will report on the statistics of web visits at the next meeting.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON 2010 BUDGET

Discussion was held about the possibility of increasing the budget for next year; the main reason would be to cover the cost of switching from malathion to Kontrol (organophosphate compound vs permethrin). There's been no indication of resistance developing in the mosquito population. Chris reported that other districts generally change to a different abatement compound every 5-7 years. Currently, both larvacide and adulticide are organophosphates. Best practices are to have compounds from different families. Richard commented that the Board needs to decide whether to be reactive or proactive on the potential for resistance. Scott said that currently all revenue goes for abatement; none to very little is set aside for capital improvements. Tom said the Board needs to think about the future: do we ever plan to go on our own or will we always work with BRHD?

Robert arrived.

In reference to a possible tax increase, Dave said the District needs to be prepared for a public relations campaign. If we switch to Kontrol, all people will hear is the fogger going but there would be no smell, leaving people to think the District isn't using pesticide. Tom felt we didn't have to worry about people not smelling the pesticide; switching to a different compound should be done because it's the right thing to do. Perry suggested that the budget planning committee prepare budgets for both options (malathion and Kontrol).

Elaine moved that the budget planning committee consist of the officers and Terrie; Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris asked the Board about changing surveillance services. Scott feels strongly that surveillance must be emphasized. He'd like to see 16 or 18 traps versus the 13 currently in use. He feels it's good to have the numbers (or lack thereof) to back up not doing fogging in an area. Dave doesn't feel as strongly about surveillance since the routes are pretty much fixed. Darwin suggested keeping one trap as a floater that can be moved around the District as needed. Two traps need to be replaced; possibly purchase two more.

The budget planning committee will meet October 29 at 7:00 pm; Chris will check with Julie at BRHD to see if the conference room is available.

A survey of the Board was taken to see if there'd be support for a tax increase for next year. Most felt an increase of 10% to 50% could be justified. Dave is concerned if the Board did a big increase yet service remained the same or was even reduced. Scott was in favor of an increase to go towards capital improvements. Shane said people grumble about taxes, yet if they were truly

upset they'd be at the meetings. If a tax increase is implemented, education efforts need to be emphasized.

UMAA MEETING REPORT

Tom reported on the UMAA (Utah Mosquito Abatement Association) conference he attended October 5-6. He listened to 19 of the 25 presentations; the others he missed because he was in trustee training. A woman from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) reported that very few districts do resistance testing. She will send him a copy of her paper. NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permits won't apply until April 2011. A homemade mosquito attractant (MesaMagic) recipe was given. The Salt Lake City District reported that Asian tiger mosquitoes are becoming more of a problem. They are an aggressive daytime biter. One presentation described using GIS for vector-borne surveillance. Jerome, ID district uses it and notifies everyone within a one mile radius when a mosquito pool positive for WNV is found.

In the trustee training, district involvement with local legislators is encouraged. Have a map of your district when talking with your representative. Don't just say you don't agree with proposed legislation, but offer suggestions as to what you'd like to see. Training is required every year for trustees. The difference between a closed meeting and an executive meeting was defined. The Board will continue to schedule training with Van Christensen from the State Auditors Office.

CONFERENCE AND LEGISLATION UPDATE

The UASD (Utah Association of Special Districts) will be held November 5-6; no trustees plan to attend. The taxation issue is still being discussed, but the proposal has been changed so that if a Board consists of 50% elected officials appointed by the entities, then it could still levy taxes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Terrie distributed the 3rd quarter financial report. The Board reviewed it.

Richard moved, and Darwin seconded, that the report be approved; motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

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

Wages	\$148.50
Phones	34.74
Meeting Compensation	560.00
Officer per diem	120.00

ADJOURNMENT

Richard moved, and Elaine seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga

Date 10/31/09

Approved: 11/10/09