

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 13 municipalities were present:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Shane Lewis, Richmond
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Karen Blotter, Millville
Tom LaBau, Hyrum
Deon Johnson, Providence
Scott Larsen, Nibley *arr. 7:10*

Richard Rigby, Newton
Ed Rigby, Wellsville
Perry Spackman, Trenton
Mike Carlson, Mendon
Dave Wood, Amalga
Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston

Excused: Jeff Ricks, unincorporated. Absent: Theron Weston, Cornish; Elaine Nelson, North Logan; Robert Mather, Smithfield.

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 25, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

Richard moved, and Karen seconded, that the minutes as corrected be approved; motion passed unanimously with Mike and Tom abstaining.

ABATEMENT SERVICES IN OUTLYING AREAS

Dave G. and Shane discussed the policy for abatement services in outlying areas. An outlying area is defined as land within the District but isolated from populations. Ideally, requests for service would be received the year before so that budget adjustments could be made. Generally speaking, abatement service to such areas is at a higher cost than contiguous areas primarily because of the time and expense spent traveling to and from the outlying area. Fogging would be the least effective control method and probably would not be done. Instead, the area could be surveyed a couple of times the season before to decide what would be the most effective means of abatement. A number of the outlying areas/sections are within the boundaries of federal and state forests or other specified land and would require additional time spent in working with those agencies.

Education for ALL areas needs to be emphasized. Chemicals are not the only answer to controlling mosquitoes. Surveillance (both mosquito traps and surveying the area for breeding areas) should dictate what abatement is done. If WNV (West Nile Virus) positive pools are found, the response could be ramped up, just as it is here in the valley.

The purpose of the District is to control mosquitoes and other insects. Given the budget, emphasis must be on the greatest good for the greatest number of people. The goal is to take care of the majority. Some areas will not receive all services; a few may not directly benefit.

Perry will talk with BRHD (Bear River Health Department) to see what policies they have for servicing isolated (outlying) areas. The District needs to let Ted know that CMAD is working on a solution to his request for services at Beaver Mountain Resort.

BRHD MEETING

Perry and Darwin reported on the meeting with BRHD Board of Directors. Both feel that the letter and discussion with the board helped ease the friction developing between us. BRHD is willing to continue the partnership indefinitely; the CMAD trustees' consensus is that we are stronger with BRHD than standing alone. All in all, a positive outcome.

Richard said that BRHD has gotten some bids on buying a new ATV to replace one of the old ones. Trade in allowance by the two shops does not match what the Blue Book value (\$2355) is. BRHD wants to know if CMAD would consider accepting the \$2355 as a credit on the purchase of a new ATV. The old one would be kept by BRHD for moving snow on their property. Scott feels that CMAD could get a better deal by offering the ATV for sale; Shane and others disagreed.

Perry moved, and Darwin seconded, that CMAD accept the \$2355 credit from BRHD on the purchase of a new ATV. Scott voted nay; all others aye; motion passed.

CAPTITAL IMPROVEMENT/BUSINESS ANALYSIS PLAN

BRHD has proposed sharing a building with CMAD. It would be more cost effective to share resources, similar to our current contracts; there's definitely a synergistic relationship with BRHD. Tom and others strongly feel that BRHD management has been more than fair over the years and want to continue the arrangement. Scott's concern is that BRHD wants to build in a higher priced area than CMAD needs; also, that they'd want a fancier building than CMAD. Shane said they were considering property outside of Logan that was already zoned industrial/commercial. It won't be another Bailey Building (bricks and mortar) but rather more of a service area for emissions testing. We'd need a shop area as well as a conference room. A contract would be entered into clearly outlining the procedure to follow IF there would be a split in the future.

Consensus is that now is an ideal time to purchase land. Scott wants to make sure that growth of the District is allowed for. Deon repeated what Gary Hatch and Clark Burgess told the board a couple of years ago: the partnership with BRHD is very beneficial; if CMAD tried to go it alone, the budget would probably be double what it is.

Tom moved, and Deon seconded, that the officers start negotiations with BRHD for a joint facility. Motion passed unanimously with Scott and Mike abstaining.

The business plan analysis was discussed. Terrie told what she'd found in researching how to word a RFP (request for proposal) for a formal analysis. Some feel it's not needed since CMAD

wants to continue the relationship with BRHD; others would like to know what the cost would be if CMAD had to provide everything instead of contracting for some.

Dave W. moved, and Deon seconded, that Terrie does the business analysis. Aye: Perry, Darwin, Richard, Karen, Kendon, Tom, Dave W., and Deon. Nay: Scott, Dave G., Mike, Shane. Abstain: Ed. Motion passed.

Terrie will review the previous minutes and recordings to see if having an independent analysis was ever approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Because CMAD approved a tax increase for 2010, another public hearing and truth in taxation notice must be held. The public hearing must be between August 2nd and 17th. Thus the August meeting will be moved from the fourth Thursday to either August 12th (first choice) or 10th, depending on if there are conflicts with other entities holding similar hearings. Terrie will check with Tamra Stones as to which is available.

Various training opportunities are available. On March 31, the State Auditor's Office and other agencies will conduct training in Logan on retirement changes, legislative updates, online forms, and other topics. The UMAA (Utah Mosquito Abatement Association) spring workshop will be held on April 10; Darwin is interested in attending. And on May 5-6, the State Archives Office will hold training on GRAMA and records management in Logan.

Perry moved, and Richard seconded, to approve travel for Darwin to the UMAA spring workshop. Motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

The following bills were presented. Tom moved, and Dave G. seconded, that the bills be paid; motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$270.00
Phone	34.83

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 22nd. Richard moved, and Shane seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga Date 4/11/10 Approved: 4/22/10