

## **Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees**

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 11 municipalities and the unincorporated area were present:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston  
Shane Lewis, Richmond  
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park  
Karen Blotter, Millville  
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated  
Deon Johnson, Providence

Richard Rigby, Newton  
Ed Rigby, Wellsville  
Perry Spackman, Trenton  
Elaine Nelson, North Logan  
Dave Wood, Amalga  
Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston

Excused: Tom LaBau, Hyrum; Scott Larsen, Nibley. Absent: Theron Weston, Cornish; Mike Carlson, Mendon; Robert Mather, Smithfield.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Perry Spackman. New trustee Kendon Godfrey was welcomed to the Board.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

Richard moved, and Shane seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously with Ed abstaining.

### **ABATEMENT SERVICES IN OUTLYING AREAS**

Larvacide pellets, good for 30 days, might be possible to try at Beaver Mountain. Fogging without larvacide efforts will not do much good. Dave Wood asked how much standing water would be up there; with Beaver Creek running nearby there'd likely be some pools from overflow. Shane is concerned that CMAD doesn't have the resources to deliver abatement to every single concern such as private campgrounds, Dry Lake, etc. It would take a lot of time and money to satisfy only two or three people. Deon feels that if the tax is levied, then the District should at least try to meet abatement needs. He's talked with the owner of the lodge, and they are satisfied with whatever is done. Karen feels it would be worthwhile to at least try a couple of times with larvacide or fogging to see if it helps.

The objective of the District is to control mosquitoes. Given the current budget and resources, it's a scramble just to provide services in contiguous areas. Right now, the District relies on surveillance to drive the larvacide and fogging. Several trustees feel that a policy addressing abatement in outlying areas may need to be developed. All understand that if someone pays taxes, they like to see the benefit of it. However, as Shane pointed out, we all pay taxes for services we may not use. It's up to the property owner to request a waiver, not the District.

Dave G. and Shane will draft a policy on abatement services in outlying areas.

## **DISTRICT GOALS**

Perry and Darwin met with Lloyd, Grant, and Todd from BRHD (Bear River Health Department) to discuss the possibility of sharing a building and concerns raised in the letter from BRHD. Generally, BRHD is willing to enter into a long-term relationship with CMAD and share a building. CMAD would be interested in obtaining land outside of Logan and more centrally located for mosquito populations, and BRHD is willing to consider that.

A major concern of BRHD expressed in their letter was their perception that CMAD didn't trust the accounting under the contract. Perry and Darwin explained that was not the case. CMAD signs a contract for BRHD to provide abatement and surveillance services; it is not a cost-plus type of contract. Therefore, it's not critical that CMAD know the cost of a single bolt or exactly how much fuel was used. What's important is that the services are provided. The reason some trustees want to know expenditures down to the penny is so the District can begin to understand how much it would cost if we were to have to provide services on our own. The current invoices provided by BRHD, broken down into categories according to the contract, give us a general idea. The intent in asking for more details is not to question the service provided, but to learn what it would cost if CMAD had to go it alone. Currently, having both entities in partnership allows for a much broader abatement effort than either one by itself.

The building is probably still two or three years away. BRHD is receptive to a joint venture with CMAD and are willing to provide a long term lease and build in a mutually agreeable location. Both entities would figure out what percentage of the real property and utilities would go to each, and a contract would be drawn up accordingly.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors for BRHD is March 2; Perry is on the agenda. The trustees discussed what items he should bring up to the Board. Terrie will draft a letter and send it out for feedback tomorrow.

Discussion returned to getting an accurate figure of how much it would cost CMAD to provide the current level of service if we were to go it alone. The list of program management items to consider was reviewed and discussed. Elaine suggested having the auditor provide an assessment; however, he only does a financial statement review and not an audit. Dave G. feels that CMAD should get the assessment, then put the matter to rest and concentrate on education and interaction with the community. Those present feel that there's no doubt we have a great deal by working with BRHD, but we do need hard numbers to prove that. Perry will make sure Lloyd knows why we're looking for this information.

## **CAPTITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

A CI plan is needed in order to set aside funds for such. The building is the most immediate need identified. Now that the tax increase was approved in December, we need to be able to show what the money will go towards.

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

Perry said that BRHD provided an updated contract from the one discussed last November. This one includes the purchase of another pickup and ATV and adjusted for the costs of chemical.

Deon said he'd been asked by the council why they no longer heard the fogging pickups. He explained about the emphasis on larvaciding and the surveillance driving the fogging, and they were happy. Darwin expressed appreciation for the larvaciding efforts this last year.

### **BILLS**

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

Wages	\$243.00
Phone	34.83

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Richard moved, and Darwin seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; motion was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga Date 3/13/10 Approved: 3/25/10