

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 10 municipalities and the unincorporated area were present:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Shane Lewis, Richmond
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated
Joe Hansen, Cornish
Karen Blotter, Millville
Robert Mather, Smithfield

Richard Rigby, Newton
Tom LaBau, Hyrum
Kendon Godfrey, Clarkston
Mike Carlson, Mendon
Deon Johnson, Providence

Excused: Ed Rigby, Wellsville; Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park; Perry Spackman, Trenton; Scott Larsen, Nibley; Elaine Nelson, North Logan. Absent: Dave Wood, Amalga.

Also in attendance was Chris Nelson, BRHD (Bear River Health Department) and Matt Regen, CPA.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chairman Darwin Pitcher.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 27, 2010 meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Tom moved, and Deon seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously with Robert and Kendon abstaining.

CALL LOG

Terrie reported on the calls received since May 27. Most calls are requesting larva checks or reporting lots of mosquitoes. Joe reported there are lots of mosquitoes along the creek.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REVIEW (MATT)

Matt Regen distributed the financial statements review for 2009. The District is doing well; minimal amount of liabilities. Actual vs. budgeted expenses were all in line. Equity is good. There is a good balance and trend on revenue and expenses, i.e. revenue a bit more than expenses. He said Terrie is keeping the books as required. Jeff asked how the BRHD personnel costs are viewed; they're part of the abatement contract.

BRHD REPORT

Chris handed out a chart showing the abatement and surveillance activities for the last month. There are a lot of larvae by Amalga. He appreciates Terrie fielding the calls. GPS maps are proving very helpful. PacifiCorp is locking up even more land around the marina which makes it

very difficult to access for larvae checks. He's tried to talk with them to work things out but folks aren't returning calls. Jeff suggested he contact Jim Watterson.

Deon asked if the crews were seeing larvae in the detention ponds. Chris said there were lots of larvae earlier in the season, but the numbers had gone down significantly in the last few weeks. Robert said there were lots of mosquitoes along 3rd South and 9th East in Smithfield.

The equipment is generally in good shape and working well. One pickup had a fuel or steering pump go out and it's being fixed. Both Hyrum and Lewiston have requested fogging for their Independence Day celebrations on July 5. Mendon and Newton will be celebrating July 24th.

Adult mosquito numbers haven't spiked—yet. Now that the first cutting of hay has happened, flood irrigation begins and Chris expects the numbers to start spiking up this weekend. The urban species (*Culex pipiens*) will start appearing in higher numbers; they especially like detention ponds. Darwin commented that lots of mosquitoes are in the Lewiston area; Chris said they've found lots of larvae there. Darwin asked about the treehole mosquitoes found in Salt Lake City. There was a news report this week; they're quite aggressive biters. Chris said that none have been found here. They don't carry WNV (West Nile virus) but do carry the parasite that causes heartworm in dogs.

NPDES PERMIT

Terrie and Chris reviewed the current status of NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permits. A permit will be required by April 10, 2011. It's possible that all mosquito abatement districts could be covered by a permit obtained via UMAA (Utah Mosquito Abatement Association). That's only one option. UMAA is meeting with UDAF (Utah Department of Agriculture and Foods) officials next week to discuss the permit system for Utah. Regardless of who obtains the permit, there will be a strong requirement for monitoring the treatment areas. Primarily, it would be a visual check, i.e. are larvae numbers reduced after the standing water is treated. Chris reported on the EPA webinar on this topic; it will probably be posted online shortly.

BUILDING NEEDS

Tom wanted to get fellow trustees thinking about the minimum needs in a building most likely to be shared with BRHD. Conference room and parking definitely shared space with BRHD; office maybe not so much. [Shane left 7:45 pm] Vehicle storage, maintenance, and chemical storage would best be located on one end in case the two districts would decide to go separate ways. There really isn't a timeline as to when BRHD may need to put up a building; it pretty much depends on when EPA will require a higher level of monitoring/improving air quality.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tom moved, and Jeff seconded, that the July 22 meeting be canceled. Motion passed unanimously. Tentative plans are to hold the social/potluck in conjunction with the September meeting and to invite the field workers and maintenance folks as our guests. The UMAA conference is October 3-5; Darwin, Karen and Richard are interested in attending either one day or the whole conference.

BILLS

Karen moved, and Richard seconded, that the following bills be paid; motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$ 391.50
Phone	35.02
Ins. Premium	3,304.00

ADJOURNMENT

Robert moved, and Richard seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Prepared by /s/ Terrie Wierenga

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