



MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Minutes

May 10, 2016 7:00 PM

Clark County Mosquito Control
8115 NE. St. Johns, Bldg. P
Vancouver, WA 98662

1.0 – OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Board President, Linda Dietzman

1.2 Roll call

Board members present: Chris Regan, Linda Dietzman, Trudy Linson, Earl Fleck, Larry Lewton and Wade Holbrook.

Board members absent: Josh Karl, Michael Elerath and Greg Walter.

Others present: John Jacobson, Kyle Kirby and Rebecca Baxter

1.3 Review / approval of minutes

Motion to approve the February 9, 2016, Board of Trustees minutes was made by Earl Fleck, seconded by Larry Lewton, all approved, motion passed.

1.4 Review / approval of agenda

Motion to approve the May 10, 2016 agenda, was made by Earl Fleck, seconded by Larry Lewton; all approved, motion passed.

2.0 – RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/OTHERS

2.1 Introduction of visitors – Charles Bennett, Vice President State Beekeeper Association, Past President of the Pacific Northwest Queen Rearing Club, teaches the Master Beekeeper program.

2.2 Citizen comments – Came to see what goes on in the meetings. Looking for agenda of when we spray and what we spray. Expressed concerns about spraying near where bee hives are in Clark County. John explained our process of initially trying to remove or reduce habitat wherever possible and that we prefer to get them when the mosquitos are larvae. We do very little adult fogging. Traditionally all of the fogging performed is on the west side of Clark County and is usually done late afternoon or early evening. The adult mosquito population will determine if we fog. Duet is the adulticide that we use. It's an irritant to the mosquitos. BTI is what is used on the larvae and is used on the floodwater mosquitos. We don't use anything that is a barrier spray, won't leave a residue. John and Charles will exchange information to set up possible attendance at

monthly meeting held at Heritage Farm at 6:30pm and to send spraying information to the beekeeper association. We can also supply product labels to the association. If we ever come into a situation where we need to use a barrier spray we can let the association know. Most of the aerial spraying would be using Duet and there would be a public notification issued to media. Larry asked if it was possible to keep the bees covered. Charles indicated that they could and would be able to keep covered for 24 hrs.

3.0 – BOARD UPDATE

- 3.1 City of Washougal position – still haven't received any interest in the open position.

4.0 – BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Reappointment of Earl Fleck for County Commissioner position
- 4.2 Reappointment of Wade Holbrook for City of Vancouver position

5.0 – FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 **First Quarter 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Report** – Reviewed First Quarter 2016 Expenditure Report.
- 5.2 **Approval of January - March warrant register** – Reviewed January – March warrant register. Motion to approve the January – March 2016 warrant register in the amount of \$7,104.10 by Earl Fleck, seconded by Larry Lewton, all approved, motion passed. Board requested the addition of a header to the warrant register.

6.0 – OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

- 6.1 **Updates** – Clarke Mosquito Control renewal contract. John has been in contact with the rep for our region. Once contract is signed it auto renews every year unless there is a requested change from either party. We've requested an updated contract with updated contact info. When Clarke Mosquito Control is contacted for emergency treatment they will bring in planes, pilots, staff, public relations person. All media announcements will be vetted by Mosquito Control and Public Health. Minimum treatment is 20,000 acres, 2-3 times in a week to effectively knock down virus. \$34,000 for 20,000 acres treatment plus \$30-34,000 for the chemical. So \$60-70,000 per treatment and 2-3 treatments in a season. May need to review the emergency treatment reserve fund. When new contract comes in, it will need board review and signature by Linda. Board requested asked that we put in a clause that it be reviewed every three years for accuracy.
- 6.2 **Status report on new traps** –Started crews 3 weeks early. April 1st is usual start date and most crews started 2nd week of March. There are 15-18 species of mosquitos in the Portland Metro area. The species will tell you where the mosquito is breeding, for example catch basins, retention ponds. John reviewed the surveillance that crews are doing and identification of mosquito species, the life cycle of mosquitos and passed around jars with larvae and adult mosquitos. We can determine if we need to treat based on the stage of

mosquito being found. Since everything is ahead of schedule we are working the flood water/wetland areas while also treating the retention ponds catch basins. Linda educated the board on the definitions of Midge and Vector.

7.0 – CONTINUING BUSINESS

7.1 Capital Reserve Replacement – discussed enhancing equipment replacement fund. The discussion evolved to moving funds to both the equipment replacement fund and the emergency treatment reserve. Motion was made by Earl to allocate from the fund balance \$75,000.00 to the Equipment Replacement Reserve and \$25,000.00 to the Emergency Treatment Reserve, seconded by Wade and passed. The updated capital replacement reserve chart will be distributed in the next board packet for board members.

8.0 – NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Letter to Board of Health – The board reviewed the letter drafted by Earl for the Board of Health. Both Earl and John attended the Board of Health meeting in April where the Public Health Department was giving an update on Zika Virus. Earl said that Dr. Melnick and the Epidemiologist have a pretty good grasp of Zika. Earl said that his impression is that the Board of Health really isn't sure what the Mosquito Control District does nor what its relationship is with the Health Department. The district was asked to do a joint presentation with Public Health at the next Board of Health meeting in June. Basically, the Board of Health knows about Mosquito Control but doesn't understand it's function. It was decided to use the letter as a basis for a presentation to the Board of Health.

Adjourn

With no further business the Board President, Linda Dietzman, adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Rebecca Baxter, Recorder


Earl Fleck, Secretary-Treasurer