

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
NORTH SHORE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the convened monthly meeting for the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees held at the district office, 117 Northfield Road, Northfield, Illinois, Saturday, April 11, 2009. President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee John ZbeskoPresent
Trustee Otto CesarioPresent
Trustee Carol BlusteinPresent
Trustee Nelson HowardPresent
Trustee William Zimmer.....Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Robert Berry absent due to passing of his sister...
Attorney Norman Rosen
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting April, 2009, were approved with corrections: Trustee Zbesko read financials in April not Trustee Cesario, David Zazra was also in attendance in April, the employee adjusted compensation due to family insurance premium changes was clarified. Motion made by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Blustein. All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

1. President: None
2. Vice President: None
3. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read financial as well as April bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$39,474 total disbursements were \$78,259 and total assets were \$1,604,865. Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Zimmer. All ayes.

Office Manager Zimmer presented forms requiring trustees' information to be provided to the Glenview State Bank for purchase of a \$100,000 6-month CD. This is part of the district's policy to use local banks for some of our transactions.

4. Secretary: None
5. Assistant Treasurer: Trustee Cesario suggested the district allocate a money contribution to a selected charity in lieu of flowers as a condolence to Superintendent Berry for the loss of his sister.

III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL

Attorney Rosen reported that he has sent a letter to the district's auditor stating that no lawsuits are pending against the district. This allows the auditors to complete their audit.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In Superintendent Berry's absence, Lab Supervisor Marlon Henry gave the Superintendent's Report.

Informational Items:

Supervisor Henry reported that four seasonal workers have begun working in the field, larvaciding potential mosquito breeding areas. For the rest of May, more seasonal workers will be added to the workforce. Cool temperatures this spring have slowed down mosquito breeding but as the temperature rises we know we will see more intense breeding. The district workers found larva early in the season but no real activity yet.

Supervisor Henry said that the district has begun treating catch basins with two larvacide products in order to more effectively kill larva in basins that are not cleaned out. When basins have too much debris, purely water soluble larvacides do not work as well for residual control. The district is aiming to complete larvaciding across the district by June 30. All of the larvacide placements will be entered in the district's database. Light traps and gravid traps are now being put in place.

Action Items: None

Supervisor Henry reported that Superintendent Berry has requested that the board approve the purchase of variable flow GPS equipment for five more trucks. The system is presently used in one truck and has proven successful. The five trucks that will receive the new equipment presently have a "constant flow" system on board. This system sprays the same amount of mosquito control product no matter what speed truck is moving, wasting spray and altering efficacy. A variable flow system adjusts spray to the speed of the truck. This keeps droplet size consistent no matter what the truck's speed. Residential areas, requiring frequent speed changes would receive a more effective spray application, less spray product would be wasted, and work should be done somewhat more quickly.

The price for this variable flow GPS equipment has come down since last year by more than half. Last year the cost would have been \$1500 per truck. It is now \$625 per truck.

Trustee Blustein made a motion to purchase five Clarke Mosquito Control GPS/Smartflow assemblies at a cost of \$625 each (total price with shipping, \$3133.50).

Trustee Blustein noted that the summary of revised employee benefits provided to the board did not clearly state how unused employee sick days will now be accumulated following IMRF policies: for every 20 days of unused sick leave, the IMRF Pension Plan allows one extra month credit towards retirement. Employees may accumulate retirement credit up to 240 days (one year's worth). Sick days accumulated beyond a total of 240 may still be used as sick days but will be lost upon retirement or termination.

Office Manager Zimmer asked the board to clarify that all present employees will retain the allowed vacation time they now have. This confusion was the result of an incorrect entry in earlier minutes. She was assured by the board has "grandfathered in" whatever levels of vacation time present employees are entitled to.

The Board agreed that a new and revised benefits presentation should be made by the Board to district employees ASAP. The board will ask Superintendent Berry to set up a time for this presentation.

Progress on the refurbishing of the district facilities continues. The new lighting is a noticeable improvement. The order of future work will be ceiling tiles, followed by carpeting, then painting, then furniture.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

Trustees Zbesko motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Zimmer seconded. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

ATTESTED
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED
Secretary, Nelson Howard