

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, June 6, 2009. President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Robert Berry
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer
Attorney Norman Rosen

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting May 2, 2009, were approved with minor corrections. Motion made to approve by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

1. President: None
2. Vice President: Reported to the entire board that the revised policies and procedures were presented to the district's full time employees and that after they had a few questions answered, the employees indicated that they understood the new policies and presented no objections to them.
3. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read June financials as well as June bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$19,306 total disbursements were \$106,645 and total end-of-month operating funds showed a deficit of (\$87,340). Total assets of \$1,519,783. (All numbers rounded to nearest dollar.) Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Blustein and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

Secretary: **None**

Vice President. **None**

III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL: None

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Action Items: None

Information Items

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Superintendent Berry thanked the board for the condolences sent on the passing of his sister. 11 NSMAD employees took pesticide licensing test and 6 passed. Several others came within a few points of passing the test. This should not present a problem for the district since all of the temporary employees can participate larvaciding. Superintendent Berry said the test includes many questions aimed at working farmers which may account for some of the lower scores by temp. summer workers. He said this year the district workers were able to take the test in the Morton Grove Civic Center. Last year it cost the district \$400 for 4 people to travel to DeKalb for the test. This year it just cost \$30 to rent the Civic Center room. Four employees from the Northwest MAD also took the test, saving that district extra expense. Mr. Berry explained that the Illinois Ag Department gives the tests based on the best time for farmers so NSMAD has to take it at a "special" time. This makes it more expensive to taking the test locally may not happen next year. The testing Ag Extension Office is primarily for farmers.

Ceiling tiles will be replace next Saturday and Sunday (June 13-14). By agreement, the vender will be paid \$1,200 upon completion with the balance of the estimated total (\$2,200) paid upon approval of the completed work. Waste disposal has been arranged. Painting estimates are now being solicited with the criteria that the painting be finished in a two day weekend. New carpeting will follow.

Our payroll service, Paychex, as refunded \$1259.55 for funds paid in error to the Federal government for unemployment in 2008. We are still in discussion with ADP regarding payments made in previous years.

Mr. Berry passed around print-outs of a photo report created by Mr. Zazra, Mr. Henry and Ms. Runde after the discovery of an abandoned property with many examples of mosquito breeding sites. It cost almost \$100 to treat the property's abandoned pool, patio pots, trash, etc. plus the cost in time for a crew of two. Mr. Zazra took the photos. These materials are being used when talking with public health people and when asking banks to alert the NSMAD and public health departments when they foreclose on properties.

Mr. Berry distributed a copy of final audit from the district's auditors.

V. LAB REPORT

Superintendent Berry reported that the public works people in Evanston are vacuuming out local catch basins. The district will delay larvaciding there until the vacuuming is finished. He said that Niles and Glencoe have licensed people to larvacide in their communities after cleaning catch basins.

To date: 131 samples have been tested. Further RT/PCR testing by Illinois Natural History Survey resulted in identifying two pools positive for West Nile Virus. The pools were collected in Evanston and Wilmette on May 11. The district has notified the public health people in those communities.

Last year, the first WNV positives were found in the middle of May in the Northwest MAD. The district is obligated to notify local health agencies when a positive is found in a pool. Notices to the press come from state and sometimes the local community agencies.

Superintendent Berry report that cool weather has held off mosquito problems but “there are a lot of mosquitoes coming from what we see in forest preserves.” Hot weather may bring on WNV. He also said that the district ecologist is working out well. He added that the Culex Japonicas mosquito -- a day biter --- is moving north and may reach here. The district is keeping alert for this potential migration problem.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Blustein mentioned that the board should schedule a review of insurance with the district’s insurance broker at the August 1 board meeting since the policy renewal date is approaching in the fall. Trustee/Treasurer Zbesko is checking schedule. If he cannot attend the meeting it may have to be delayed to a later date.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Blustein suggested that the district’s recently hired ecologist to travel downstate to visit the Illinois Natural Survey facilities after mosquito season ends. Superintendent Berry reported that Lab Supervisor Henry has been able to go into field more often since the hiring of the lab ecologist.

Trustee Blustein recommended that Communications Director Zazra get information into *Trib Local* about the mosquito breeding problems caused by abandoned/forclosed properties in the district. Trustee Zbesko asked about the possibility of checking real estate foreclosure information to learn which properties were being vacated. It was suggested this information might be available through the county. Superintendent Berry said that working with a 7 to 10 day breeding cycle, abandoned properties become problematic before the situation if public knowledge. The situation needs quick action. Community sanitarians are our frontline for reporting this. Glenview is working with GIS program to map swimming pools in their community.

Trustee Blustein moved to adjourn, President seconded, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

ATTESTED
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED
Secretary, Nelson Howard