

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 5, 2010. President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustee Otto Cesario .....Present  
Trustee Carol Blustein .....Present  
Trustee Nelson Howard .....Present  
Trustee John Zbesko .....Present  
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 1, 2010, were approved with one correction (Attorney Rosen was attending to a family emergency, not out of town). Motion made by Trustee Howard 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 May bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$21,071, total disbursements were \$82,130 and total reserves were \$2,018,423 (all figures rounded to nearest dollar). Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Blustein. All ayes.
4. Secretary: None
5. Vice Treasurer: None

### III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL

None

### IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Berry said a copy of the required letter to the auditor, written by Attorney Rosen, is now in the district's files.
- The district has been receiving a lot of mail from auditors applying to help the district comply with GASB 45, a regulation requiring a calculation of potential health insurance expenses for employees if any opt to retire early. **A LOCAL ACTUARY HAS BEEN HIRED.**
- Truck # 48 -- a 1986 truck and the district's oldest -- was sold for \$1200.
- The EPA has now issued draft guidelines (112 pages) for the application of pest control **PERMITTING UNDER THE U.S. CLEAN WATER ACT.** ~~that could potentially reach fresh water resources.~~ Superintendent Berry said we should be able to handle the requirements without disrupting our mission. The threshold for applying the guidelines was for any operation covering more than 1 sq. mile. The North Shore District has 80 sq. miles.
- The comment period to respond to the guideline draft is for the next 45 days. Final guidelines will be out in December. A concern is that the guidelines may prohibit larviciding until larva is found in traps. This is counterproductive to abatement since the purpose of larviciding is to preempt the development of larva from their earliest stages. Bob is discussing with our state's IMVCA organization as to how to comment back to EPA. Another threshold question is: if larva is found in one location does that open the larviciding for our entire district?
- Another issue is what standards will be set by the Illinois EPA?
- The district's new entomologist begins work on July 6.
- Evanston city council passed a resolution on Integrated Pest Management **FOR CITY PROPERTY** -- with exemption for NSMAD.
- All July 4 parades are in the afternoon this year. Last year the district was able to be present in 4 parades because they spanned the day. This year's afternoon schedule will allow the district to appear only in Evanston and Skokie.

**Action Items -- None**

### V. LAB REPORT

- Of 123 samples taken, all were negative for WNV and St. Louis Encephalitis. Trap counts are now climbing with the biggest now close to 200. Northwest District has had some traps with 500 and has begun spraying.
- Our district has found *Aedes japonicas* in Niles and Skokie. It is a day biter. This species may have been here before but wasn't noted. *Aedes japonicas* can be a "bridge vector" but mostly feeds on small woodland animals, which don't usually carry WNV. Most of the mosquitoes being found right now are common floodwater mosquitoes. The traps have just started to find *Culex Pipiens*.
- Seven birds were found WNV positive in the state. Only 1 in northern Illinois. Shawneetown (far southern Illinois) has found a batch of positive mosquitoes.
- We have collected 4 dead birds. One was tested and was negative.
- Larval control operations for street storm sewers have covered Evanston, Skokie, and Wilmette. Superintendent Berry presented a map showing larviciding has been completed for the southern half of district. In past years, the entire district was usually done by July first. The district expects to be done ahead of schedule this year and then will return to earliest treated areas and check to see progress.
- The district will be working with Clark Chemical to test the effectiveness of a new organic larval control. The test will be in Perkins Woods area in Evanston.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS: None**

Trustees Zbesko moved to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

ATTESTED  
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED  
Secretary, Nelson Howard