

AGENDA 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, July 2, 2007. President Howard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustee Nelson Howard .....Present  
Trustee Otto Cesario .....Present  
Trustee Carol Blustein .....Present  
Trustee John Zbesko .....Present  
Trustee William Zimmer.....Present

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Superintendent Robert Berry  
Attorney Norman Rosen  
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular board meeting of June 2, 2007, were approved with minor corrections. Motion made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Zbesko. All ayes.

**II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS**

1. President: In a discussion about the annual financial statement of the NSMAD, Trustee Howard suggested including details about NSMAD's methods to combat mosquito borne illnesses.
2. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read financial as well as June bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$5,048.91 total disbursements were \$154,361.59 and total assets were \$775,096.95. Trustee Zbesko asked about the "Byerly" item on the disbursement portion of the monthly financial report. Superintendent Berry explained this is optional burial insurance. Trustee Zbesko requested the complete company's name be stated in full to avoid confusion. Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

3. Secretary: No report

### **III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL**

The district received a document from Commonwealth Edison to permit spraying on their right-of-way until to October 1, 2007.

### **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Information Items**

##### Window Replacement

The window contractor will complete work next week. Attorney Rosen stated Superintendent Berry he will need to get waivers of lien from the Galaxy Windows upon completion of the work.

##### Parades

NSMAD participated in the Winnetka/Evanston and Skokie/Morton Grove July 4<sup>th</sup> parades. The response from onlookers was positive in both communities.

##### Larviciding

Catch basin larviciding will be completed by July 1, 2007, but off-road and alley treatment is continuing. In some areas, catch basins will be treated a second time because only 30-day ingots fit into the basins as opposed to the larger, 150-day ingots. A 51-year-old woman has contracted West Nile in the NSMAD district. The entire staff was dispatched to treat the area where the victim resides.

##### North Shore Senior Center

North Shore Senior Center, Deet Education Counsel, and Cook County Public Health are co-sponsoring a meeting entitled, "Preventing West Nile Virus and other Mosquito and Tick-Borne Diseases." This program is targeted for senior citizens and the news media. The program will take place July 11, 2007, at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, Illinois, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Speakers include: Michael Vernon, Director of Infectious Disease Prevention, Cook County Department of Public Health; Barbara O'Meara, Illinois Department of Public Health; Susan Little, Deet Education Program, Washington D.C.; Robert Berry; NSMAD Superintendent; and a local WNV victim.

**Action Items: None**

### **V. LAB REPORT**

There have been 323 vectests performed with no positive pools, but 160 were sent for further testing to the Natural History Survey in Champaign, Illinois, on July 2, 2007. The crossover from Culex restuans mosquito species to Culex pipen mosquito species occurred after July 1, 2007. Recent history indicates that West Nile Virus positive pools will increase significantly in the next two weeks according to the Natural History Survey. When 10% of the traps test positive there is much higher risk to the public.

Trap surveillance indicates increasing numbers of mosquitoes in all Evanston traps. Breeding sites were found in the Evanston alleys and NSMAD may perform adultciding next week. There are questions about the causal factor(s) for the high counts in Evanston even though the area has experienced dry weather. One possible hypothesis is that Evanston has the largest infrastructure in the district with a 5-year clean-out cycle for their storm sewers. If the larviciding ingots land in the mud inside the storm sewer, they are rendered ineffective.

No positive birds have been found however there is some evidence that chipmunks are now WNV vectors.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Howard inquired about giving out literature at street fairs. Superintendent Berry stated the North Shore Senior Center have been given the street fair information.

No action has been taken on the ecologist position, but the position remains posted on the university web sites.

Superintendent Berry took five summer interns to DeKalb, Illinois, for pesticide licensing tests. Three interns passed and two just missed passing, and the cost was \$400.00 between gas, lunch, and overtime. At this point, the superintendent feels it is not cost effective to return for a second round of testing.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

In Morton Grove, Trustee Zimmer suggested the property maintenance inspectors include standing water as a nuisance. Residents might be issued a warning and fined if corrective action is not taken. The issue will be brought before the village board.

Trustees Zbesko motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Howard seconded. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

ATTESTED  
President, Nelson Howard

SUBMITTED  
Secretary, Carol Blustein