

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

July 11, 2009

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, July 11, 2009. President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 June 6, 2009, were approved with minor corrections. Motion made to approve by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Blustein. All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

President: None

Vice President: None

Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read June financials as well as June bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$6,760 total disbursements were \$161,195 and total end-of-month operating funds showed a deficit of (\$154,435). Total assets of \$1,369,167. (All numbers rounded to nearest dollar.) Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

Secretary: None

Vice President???. None

III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL: None

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Action Items: None

Superintendent Berry asked the board for authorization to purchase a new truck to replace truck #48, a 1986 Chevrolet 1/2 ton. He reported that the truck had major fuel pump problems. He had hoped to keep truck running for one more year before it needed to be replaced but that is not possible. The local dealership that was the previous supplier of that Canyon model is no longer in business to service it. Mr. Berry recommended buying an extended-cab model using the purchasing procedure from Illinois Central Management Services. This will save a considerable amount of money for the district. Trustee Blustein asked about the government's "cash for clunkers" program. Superintendent Berry said he had looked at it but thinks it wouldn't bring in much money for the truck being replaced. Mr. Berry said leasing has also been discussed in the past, with savings coming from the elimination of the district mechanic. This is not a viable alternative because the mechanic does much more than just maintain the trucks. Mr. Berry recommended using State Joint Purchasing. Trustee Zbesko moved that the board authorize Superintendent Berry to purchase the recommended extended-cab truck. Trustee Blustein seconded. All Ayes.

Information Items:

The ceiling tile replacement was completed Jun 13-14. Bids are coming in for painting of the office. Although the annual roof inspection had just been completed, the ceiling tile work revealed recent roof leak stains. Roof caulking repairs were then requested which were covered by the district's three-year contract for roof repair.

The first round of larvacide control was completed June 26. Heavy rain events in June led to many standing water sites needing treatment. Off- road sites and catch basins have been given attention for larvaciding. There have been numerous complaints from areas near forest preserves. Floodwater mosquitoes (day biters) are in abundance and larval control measures have been hampered by soggy ground under foot.

Superintendent Berry reported he has asked Commissioner Suffredin about the permissibility of aerial larvaciding of forest preserves. Mr. Berry was told the county would allow aerial larvaciding in certain areas but not adultciding. The Clarke fee for aerial larvaciding would be about \$13 per acre. The district's forest preserves cover 3,000 acres. Such larvaciding is not being recommended at this time but might be considered if deemed necessary in future seasons.

V. LAB REPORT

Superintendent Berry reported that the district's land is drying up so mosquitoes have now hatched. Trustee Zbesko inquired if we have a way to keep track of rainfall in different parts of the district. Mr. Berry said there is some measurement that is done but not on a large scale.

Berry said our trigger is for adultciding is if we have evidence of WNV in area or if there are a number of complaints called in for an area. These complaints that come in are

logged in by Office Manager Zimmer. Trustee Zbesko said has received a number of complaints about the number of mosquitoes in Evanston and sked if he could see the record of actions taken. Office Manager Zimmer showed him the call in-form that initiates the appropriate type of field action. There was a discussion of how the call-record sheets are kept in the record book. Lab Supervisor Henry keeps a compilation of the prior year's activity. Trustee Zbesko asked if there was a way to computerize this information to analyze trends, repeated problems, etc. This will be discussed further. Ms. Zimmer said that because of the rains, this year has had one of heaviest call loads on record.

Superintendent Berry showed the board a graph of district traps, indicating the peaks in June that have started to decline. These mosquitoes are mostly Culex Restuans. nuisance mosquitoes. He expects Culex Pipiens (WNV carriers) to increase in numbers soon.

To date: RAMP tests number 394. One positive pool for WNV was collected 7/1 in Glenview. INHS reports a positive pool with WNV from RT-PCR test -- collected 6/22 in Northbrook. Adult mosquito control began at the start of July with spraying of parks and athletic fields for the holiday. Spraying continued the week of July 6 with operations in Glencoe, Northbrook and Winnetka, and is scheduled for the next week in Wilmette, Glenview and Morton Grove. By the end of July, the first round of spraying should be completed for the entire district.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Cesario reported that the district Christmas Party will held on Friday Dec. 11, at Via Venneto in Chicago. Also, Trustee Cesario recommended that since the government's minimum wage is rising from \$7.25 to \$8.00 the district's 2010 budget should include a raise in employees' starting salary by \$1.00 to reflects the new minimum wage increase. This would maintain the district's long-standing policy of paying \$4.00 over minimum wage as a starting salary. The new starting wage would be effective on Jan. 1 2010. The board agreed to take this action when the 2010 budget is produced.

Trustee Blustein asked if the district could send WNV information to the Northfield Township Road Commissioner's office to keep them apprised of to need to keep an eye out for problem mosquito breeding areas such as abandoned containers. Superintendent Berry and Office Manager Zimmer said they would.

Trustee Zbesko moved to adjourn, Howard seconded, all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58.

ATTESTED
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED
Secretary, Nelson Howard