

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 10, 2010. President Zimmer 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  
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer  
Attorney Norman Rosen  
Mr. Eric Miller, citizen

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular board meeting May 1, 2010, were approved with no corrections. Motion made by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Blustein All ayes.

**II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS**

1. President: President Zimmer welcomed Mr. Eric Miller, a local resident, to the monthly meeting. Mr. Miller presented the board with a letter explaining his concerns regarding the district's adulticiding spray shut off policy and the chemicals used. After hearing Mr. Miller's presentation, President Zimmer said the board and district staff would thoroughly look into his concerns and send him a prompt response. President Zimmer then invited Mr. Miller to feel free to stay for the rest of the board meeting and have a tour of the district's facilities after the meeting was adjourned. The President had nothing further to report.
2. Vice President: None
3. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read financial as well as June bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$4,798, total disbursements were \$184,635 and total reserves were \$1,838,946 (all figures rounded to nearest dollar). Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Blustein. All ayes. Trustee Zbesko requested that wording and information on Quarterly reports be changed to say and show an "expended budget" column rather than "remaining budget." Superintendent Berry said he would comply. Trustee Blustein asked about the low

overtime amount in the past quarter. Superintendent Berry said night spraying started later than last year. Trustee Blusetin also asked about lower insecticide expenses. Mr. Berry said that because we had a surplus left over from last year, this affected the amount spent this season.

4. Secretary: None
5. Vice Treasurer: None

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

Attorney Rosen said he is still in communication with ComEd concerning access to some of their right-of-way in Lincolnwood. He said there is a new person who is his contact at ComEd and this has slowed down communication, but things are moving forward.

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

- Superintendent Berry spoke about a draft of the audit of the district's postemployment financial risks. He said 30 year amortization of assets vs. an actuarial 16-year expense time frame gave us a "surplus" for this report.
- Superintendent Berry distributed a print-out example of the district's GPS program. He said the key to success will be having a good database and using it to identify the 60,000 catch basins in district. District trap locations have now been entered in GPS data.
- Trustee Zbesko informed Superintendent Berry that he has noticed a lot of high grass growing around Evanston's Peter Jans public golf course.
- The presence of the NSMAD in two Independence Day parades was well received.
- Mr. Berry will be meeting with other district heads on July 14 to decide on a joint letter to the EPA regarding NPDES permits effective April 2011.
- Adult mosquito control was done in the central part of the district, from Northfield to Morton Grove. The present problem is mostly nuisance mosquitoes. Some adult control has been done in parks and golf courses.
- Immediate plans are to spray in Evanston south of Dempster Street because of a large mosquito trap count. The crew will then do Skokie. The growing mosquito population is the result of previous wet weather and this month's prolonged heat. This drives the abundance of mosquitoes and the chance of West Nile appearing. By doing adult control now, the district hopes to get a head start on controlling West Nile mosquitoes that may be starting to come out.
- The district is ahead of schedule in its larval control activities. All of the district has been completed and crews are now beginning a second pass.

**Action Items -- None**

**V. LAB REPORT**

- One robin was found with WNV in Northbrook but there has been no indication that mosquitoes in the area are carriers. The robin may have picked up the virus in another location.
- The lab has tested 484 pools of mosquitoes. None were positive. Sixty samples were sent to Champaign for further testing. Other districts have reported a similar picture.
- Superintendent Berry showed a chart. From May until July, 10,000 mosquitoes were found in traps. Now, in one single week 5000 more mosquitoes were counted. One trap had 2700 mosquitoes. This represents a 166% increase in count.
- Statewide, Illinois has found 8 WNV pools.
- Superintendent Berry reported Dr. Harbison, the new consulting entomologist hired for the season is “doing great job.” He is making a significant contribution.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Blustein said that because of the passage of new government health bills, the board needs to start reviewing the district’s health insurance policies. President Zimmer suggested that at the next board meeting we should form a committee to investigate.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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

ATTESTED  
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED  
Secretary, Nelson Howard