

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, Aug. 7, 2010. President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Nelson HowardPresent
Trustee Otto CesarioPresent
Trustee Carol BlusteinPresent
Trustee John ZbeskoAbsent (Family event)
Trustee William Zimmer.....Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Robert Berry
Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer
Attorney Norman Rosen
Mrs. Rosen, citizen

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting July 10, 2010, were approved with corrections. Motion made by Trustee Cesario and seconded by Trustee Blustein All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

1. President: Asked for the board's reaffirmation of their support for the district's policy that a doctor's note on a doctor's letterhead is needed must be submitted by any citizen asking for a spraying shutoff on the street-frontage or alleyway of their property. Trustee Zimmer formally made the motion, Trustee Blustein seconded. All ayes.
2. Vice President: Trustee Blustein moved that a sitting committee be established to study the district's present employee insurance program. Trustee Zimmer seconded. Board agreed and Trustees Howard and Blustein were named to the committee.

3. Treasurer: (Absent)
4. Secretary: None
5. Vice Treasurer: Trustee Cesario read financials as well as April bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$15,7540, total disbursements were \$189,742 and total reserves were \$1,664,737 (all figures rounded to nearest dollar). Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Zimmer. All ayes.

III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL

Attorney Rosen reported that the district had finally received permission from ComEd for district to access a ComEd right of way in Lincolnwood. He also noted that this permission expires on October 1, 2010 so the district must repeat action to gain access again next spring.

Attorney Rosen informed the board that there was a July court order to repay taxpayers for interest costs resulting from taxes mistakenly "sold" by the county to third party bidders. The repayment must be made by July 31 2011 and are prorated to May, 2009. In Attorney Rosen's opinion, these repayments will not significantly affect the district's income. -- He also noted a newspaper report he had seen on the districts mosquito work.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Berry mentioned that a past worker, Chris Xamples, who had worked in the lab several years ago, had applied for ecologist position that has been available for some time. He was hired as a summer worker and is doing very good job. Mr. Berry recommended that the board hire him for the ecologist job. The present consultant serving as an entomologist plans to move on to the public health field.
- Future NPDES (National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System) reporting will require more paperwork and the new ecologist can relieve that work load. The ecologist candidate is competent with Excel and general computer entry, which will help in the district's reporting.
- Trustee Zimmer moved that the board hire Mr. Xamples to fill the ecologist position. Trustee Howard seconded. All ayes.
- Superintendent Berry called attention to the district's final audit in a packet distributed to each board member.
- The citizen who visited the July board meeting, Mr. Miller, received letter from district, explaining in detail, the reasons behind the district's policies on adulticiding. The district has not heard anything further from Mr. Miller.

- The comment period for responses to the new federal Clean Water Act requirements period ended July 19. A meeting of all local Cook County MAD heads was held at the Clark offices. The superintendents spent the morning going over proposals and comments. It was decided that each district would review comments already made, then personalize their comments based on their district's unique characteristics. Each district would be submitting individual comments to the EPA. Superintendent Berry wondered if areas already covered by permits -- e.g. the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District/Deep Tunnel. He questioned if our NSMAD is already covered under that permit. The state is also developing its environmental rules. The state will be issuing a draft. The final rules will be put in December, 2010. Our district is required to acquire a permit by April 11 of next year.
- There is good news for the district's workers compensation. The past year's record will give the district an 8% reduction in premiums.
- The district's insurance carrier wants to start collecting information from the district one month earlier than usual. Superintendent Berry is providing an updated inventory.

Action Items -- None

V. LAB REPORT

- Superintendent Berry showed the board a chart of gravid traps indicating an increase in West Nile Vector (Culex) mosquitoes. 2005 was second worst WNV mosquito counts (2002 was the first year, and was the worst). 2010 is showing nearly equal counts to 2007.
- The results of the Natular Larvacide Pilot Project in Evanston's Perkins Woods look very promising.
- So far this season, there have been 819 pools collected, 36 positive; 20 of those were found in past week.
- The Glencoe Parks Department had standing water in areas. They were notified and the problem was corrected.
- Three WNV positive robins have been found in the district.
- The second round of spraying is now going on with some areas yet to be sprayed. Monday and Wednesday nights are the scheduled times for the spraying but the weather dictates the dates. Superintendent Berry said, having 6 trucks this season rather than 5 trucks as in past has helped a lot.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

Trustees Howard moved to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

ATTESTED

President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED

Secretary, Nelson Howard