

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, Sept. 8, 2007. President Howard called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**ROLL CALL**

Trustee Nelson Howard .....Present  
Trustee Otto Cesario .....Present  
Trustee Carol Blustein .....Absent  
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 Aug. 4, 2007, were approved with minor corrections. Motion made by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

**II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS**

1. **President:** No report
2. **Treasurer:** Trustee Zbesko read financial as well as August bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$6,921, total disbursements were \$184,864 and total assets were \$473,794. Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes. Superintendent Berry noted that as a result of more extensive larviciding and the unanticipated floodwater mosquito outbreak (the worst in 10 years), insecticide costs were \$60,000 over budget for the month.
3. **Secretary:** The Open Meetings Act, intended to ensure that all public business is conducted in public, has been amended with House Bill 1670 and signed by the governor. Previously, because three members constitutes a quorum of a five-member board and are therefore capable of taking official actions, it was judged that two members discussing public business was considered a quorum of that

three-member group and any conversation about NSMAD issues between those two members, wherever conducted, represented a “public meeting.” House Bill 1670 now allows two members of a five-member board to discuss public business outside the meeting without violating the Open Meetings Act. However, to “adopt any motion, resolution, or ordinance” at least three members of a five-member board must be present and must follow all established public notification procedures.

Trustee Howard noted that the amendment will give board members much more flexibility in communicating between monthly meetings, and opens the possibility, if ever needed, of using 2-person teams to study issues. The subject of communications led to a discussion of how to strengthen the ability of the NSMAD in this area. Trustee Zbesko suggested that purchase of an auxiliary laptop computer would augment the organization’s communications capabilities. Zbesko made a motion to take this action, Trustee Zimmer seconded. All ayes.

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

Counsel Rosen reported that waivers of lien had been received from the window contractor, which cleared the way for payment of the final portion of their fee. The annual Abandoned Property Report was filed with the state. There were no other legal activities to report.

### **IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

#### **Action Items**

None.

#### **Informational Items**

1. Superintendent Berry reported that the check payment for the remaining portion of the window replacement contract was delivered. His only complaint was that outside cleanup by the window workers after the installation was messy. However, the staff is very satisfied with the window replacement results. The air conditioning is running much less due to the insulating glass and sun-block coating. The frame installation warranty is for 5 years, the glass for 20 years.
2. Insurance bids will be presented at October meeting. The medical plan has changed and action will need to be taken on premiums and deductibles. The current medical plan for employees is up for renewal. Options are to be considered by Trustees next month. Insurance schedules were presented to trustees. Trustee Zbesko suggested that Superintendent Berry consult with NSMAD employees about any unique concerns. Superintendent Berry agreed to this request.
3. Superintendent Berry requested an okay for David Zazra to attend the March 2008 AMCA conference in Sparks, Nevada if Mr. Zazra’s paper on community activism is accepted by the AMCA for presentation at the international meeting. The board approved.

4. Mr. Berry presented an update on pesticide license testing. The Superintendent received a response to his Freedom of Information request for the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Data on licenses issued in 2005-6 indicate 34% are issued in Cook County and during the months of May and June the percentage increases to 50%. Next action is to inform state legislators in Cook County of the circumstance and request assistance in reopening the Des Plaines testing center.
5. Channel 7-Chicago interviewed the Superintendent on Thursday, Sept. 6 regarding floodwater mosquitoes. They also filmed Marlon Henry in the Lab as well as Amy Runde and Jim Binnall in the field.
6. The newsletter for the statewide IMVCA was given to Trustees. It included an application for the two-day conference to be held in November 2007 in Champaign, Illinois. Trustees were encouraged to attend if their personal schedules permit.

**V. LAB REPORT**

1. So far the season, 845 VecTests have been performed, 66 pools were found positive for WNV. RT-PCR tests resulted in 134 WNV positive pools. Since there is a scarcity of VecTest kits due to manufacturer short supply, we have been testing pools as high as 100 mosquitoes instead of the standard 50 per test. More kits are not to be available until the middle of September.
2. Trap surveillance indicates trap numbers began to rise the first week of August with a high percentage of WNV positive pools. There were 50 percent WNV positive pools three weeks in a row with the last week of August dropping to 34 percent. Also, in the last week, the gravid trap numbers averaged about 70 for a two-day collection.
3. Light trap collection was affected by storm related outages. Risk of WNV is down from its peak. However, WNV is still a serious threat.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS: None**

Trustees Zbesko motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Zimmer seconded. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

ATTESTED  
President, Nelson Howard

SUBMITTED  
Secretary, Bill Zimmer  
(pro tem)