

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, Sept. 11, 2010. Vice President Blustein called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Nelson HowardPresent
Trustee Otto CesarioPresent
Trustee Carol BlusteinPresent
Trustee John ZbeskoPresent
Trustee William Zimmer.....Absent (family matter)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Robert Berry
Attorney Norman Rosen

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting Aug. 7, 2010, were approved with corrections. Motion made by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

1. President: Not in attendance.
2. Vice President: Trustee Blustein moved that an “insurance sitting committee” be established for a study of the district’s employee insurance plans. Trustee Zbesko seconded and the board agreed, appointing Trustees Howard and Blustein to the committee.
3. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read financials as well as April bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$5,013, total disbursements were \$151,945 and total reserves were \$1,486,476 (all figures rounded to nearest dollar). Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Blustein. All ayes.
4. Trustee Zbesko noted that the district is presently running ahead of budget and raised the question of when the district can expect receipts from the second tax installment. Trustee Cesario said he had heard it would be around Dec. 1.
5. Secretary: None

6. Vice Treasurer: None

III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL

Attorney Rosen said that last month he had received verbal permission from ComEd for district to access a right of way in Lincolnwood. Superintendent Berry said abatement work in the area was done after we had verbal approval. The district has now received written approval from ComEd. The 2010 season permission expires on October 1, 2010 and the district will begin the application process again next spring. The village's plans to create a bike path in that area are still pending.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Superintendent noted that each trustee has been given an application to attend the IMVCA conference in November. David Zazra is the program chairman this year. A featured speaker at the conference will be a woman from the state EPA who will speak about the new EPA rulings.
- The Superintendent mentioned recent news article about a doctor at Rush that has developed a treatment that helps diminish symptoms of WNV. He will be speaking at the IMVCA. Trustees Blustein and Howard said they plan to attend.
- Superintendent Berry handed out data on WNV for the 2010 season. Nationally, there have been 258 cases reported as of Sept. 7. Arizona has by far the highest number of cases with 77 cases and 6 deaths (the only U.S. deaths). New York has 38 and California 35. IL now has 4 cases, 2 in Cook County, 2 in Du Page County. All are women, 30 to 50 years old. Total national cases: 258.
- Superintendent Berry expects more cases before the season ends.
- Six summer staff workers are still employed. In spite of the dry August there is still standing water in forest preserves so it's good that we have extra workers.
- Staff member Lou Blankenberg had triple bypass surgery and is recovering but may be out for 6 weeks. Trustee Cesario asked if the district had sent a get well message and flowers to Lou and Superintendent Berry said that had been done.
- The staff entomologist presently under a temporary contract will continue his work until Oct. 1.

Action Items -- None

V. LAB REPORT

- Of the 1152 mosquito samples tested so far, 157 pools have been positive, one third in the last two weeks.
- Five birds were found to be positive for WNV, one each in Northbrook, Glenview, Wilmette, Skokie and Morton Grove.
- Superintendent Berry showed the board a light trap chart of floodwater mosquitoes through this summer. Heavy rains in July caused a huge rise in numbers. Office Manager Zimmer said she had received many calls.
- A gravid trap report showed a big spike in culex numbers (WNV carriers) in July caused by one trap in Glenview but the field workers were unable to locate the source. Soon after, the number of Culex mosquitoes dropped, so the source apparently disappeared. In August, Culex numbers began increasing dramatically. In the past few weeks the numbers have grown rapidly. Also, the risk of transmission has been found to be much higher in recent batches.
- Media has been informed about the higher risk levels and has been informing the public but Superintendent Berry said that even more news articles would be better.
- The Naturlar organic larvicide being tested in Perkins Woods appears to have been working better than past larvicides. Compared to other areas where Altocid larvicide is being used, the number of mosquitoes in Perkins has been considerably lower throughout the season.
- Next year, the district plans to expand the test of Naturlar to all of Evanston and Skokie.
- Naturlar costs more (a modest amount) than Altocid and seems to last longer. Clark is building a factory to produce Naturlar in Schaumburg, so local production may bring a price advantage.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

Trustee Howard motioned to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

ATTESTED
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED
Secretary, Nelson Howard